

Parashah 08 Tidbit
Genesis 32:3 – 36:43
VayiShlach: וַיִּשְׁלַח, And He Sent
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VayiShlach: וַיִּשְׁלַח, is from the word Shalak, which means, to send, and with the letters Vav and Yod as prefixes, it means: **And He sent**

In this Torah portion, we are told that Ya'aqov has decided to send messengers to give gifts to his brother Esav in order to negotiate a treaty of peace between them. Ya'aqov, who is Yisrael, is negotiating with Esav, his brother, who has sworn to kill him, once their father, Yitzchaq is dead. The same situation that we see happening here in *Genesis 32* is prevalent in the world today. Yisrael is still negotiating with the Edomites for peace, while today's Edomites have **NOT** changed one bit. Their anger is like the anger of Esav, and that kind of destructive anger, is from the seed of the serpent, which is filled with Lies, and therefore, this evil spirit, pretends to look for peace treaties, while secretly and sometimes, especially in today's political climate, maybe not so secretly, expressing their desire **to kill and or annihilate ALL** the people of Yisrael. That is why we are told in Scripture, that there is nothing new under the sun.

Next, we see that Esav is coming to greet his brother Ya'aqov with **four** hundred soldiers at his side. That kind of army does not lead one to believe, that Esav was actually looking for peace, **BUT** that maybe, he was prepared for war, and maybe even hoping for it, so that he could destroy his brother.

The number four in Scripture is overwhelmingly seen, in the material creation and the expression of Elohim's purpose in the world or on earth. First of all, we see that the fourth word in the beginning *verse* of Genesis, is the Hebrew word, Et, אֶת, spelled with the letters, *Aleph and Tav*, and it is **NOT** translated in our English Scriptures; however, in the Hebrew language, they are the first and last letters of the Hebrew Alephbet, and it represents our Messiah, the First and the Last, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End.

The first Command to the creation was to go forth and multiply or increase. Here we begin to see the root meaning of the Hebrew word for *four*, Arba'ah, אַרְבָּעָה. Its root, is the word RabeH, רָבָה, which means, to **breed or increase**. So, from the very beginning of time, we see Yahweh's instructions, buried in the word for the number **four**, *Arba'ah*, in the first of His Commandments to His creation. The Hebrew letter that is represented by the number four, is the letter Dalet, ד, and its pictographic means is, a **door**, and a **door** is how we either enter or exit a place. In other words, a door represents a time to make a decision.

In Scripture, our Messiah, who is the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, **IS** the only Way or the only Doorway, by which we can enter into the presence of our heavenly Father. He **IS** the **DOOR OR DOORWAY** to eternal Life, in the Father's kingdom, which of course is here on earth, and **NOT** in heaven as many people falsely believe.

There are many examples in Scripture as to how the number **four** is important; There are **four** Gospels,

which represent our heavenly Father's eternal **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life that we are Commanded to preach to the **four** corners of the world;

There is the fact that Yisrael were camped around the tabernacle in **four** camps;
In the book of Daniel, there are **four** Kingdoms mentioned,
There are also **four** outer coverings to the tabernacle, and
There are **four** rows of stones in the breast plate.

Why do I mention all of this? It is because the enemy, is involved in deception, in counterfeiting the Word of Yahweh, in using partial **Truths**, attached to all kinds of lies, and therefore, we are told that Esav comes with **FOUR** hundred men. We have to understand that the enemy will use whatever Yahweh has created for **GOOD**, Tov, and use it in an evil manner, to suit their purposes, to further their evil causes. And, unless, we, you and I, are well versed in the Words of our heavenly Father's **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life, from Genesis to Revelations, we are setting ourselves up to be **deceived**, and that is why, Yahweh wants us to learn His Word, for He does **NOT** want anyone to be deceived and be lost forever, because of their ignorance.

*Deuteronomy 8:20 As the nations which Yahweh destroys before your face, so shall **YOU** perish; because **YOU** would **NOT** be obedient unto the Voice of Yahweh your Elohim.*

*Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for **LACK OF KNOWLEDGE**: because **YOU HAVE REJECTED KNOWLEDGE, I WILL ALSO REJECT YOU, that YOU shall be no priest to Me: seeing YOU have forgotten the Torah of YOUR Elohim, I will also forget YOUR children.***

But as always, the choice is ours, we can choose to educate ourselves by reading the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life and seeking out good teachers that actually believe, follow, **AND** obey the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, and not just pay lip service to it, or we can choose to listen to man made religious and or secular doctrines, or we can choose to not listen to anyone but ourselves, and accept, whatever consequences those choices bring our way.

It appears to me, that from *verse 1 to verse 23*, Ya'aqov **is leaning on his own understanding**, as he plans to give his brother Esav gifts, **BUT**, he is not convinced that that will work, so, he divides his family up into **two** camps, one camp has the two handmaids and their children and the second camp has Leah, Rachel and their children. Ya'aqov also sends 200 she goats, 20 he goats, 200 ewes, 20 rams, 30 milch camels with their colts, 40 kine, 10 bulls, 20 she asses and 10 foals.

As you know, I believe that numbers, in Scripture, are very important, for in my opinion, they always contain a hidden messages, and I believe that this is no exception

- 2 speaks of witnesses
- 20 speaks of redemption (sons of Yisrael are redeemed in their 20th year for half a shekel)
- 30 represents the beginning of Messiah's ministry, also He was betrayed for 30 pieces of silver
- 40 speaks of a time of testing or trial
- 10 speaks of the Commandments and Yahweh's Ways

So in this part of Scripture, I believe that Yahweh is **witnessing** to us through these numbers, that He has **redeemed** Yisrael and that our **Redeemer** is Messiah, and that Messiah's ministry began when He was

thirty years of age, and He, as the Living Word of our heavenly Father made flesh, His **Ten Commandments**, His incarnate Torah, **IS** the manifest image of our heavenly Father here on earth, and, as our loving Father, He **Tests** us on a daily basis, so that our belief in Him, will grow stronger daily, because, His goal, is to lead each and every surrendered contrite obedient heart, into His eternal kingdom, where we will experience His eternal **Rest**.

Verse 22 says that he, Ya'aqov, rose up that night and took his **two** wives, **his** two women servants, his **eleven** sons and crossed over the Ford Jabbok. The word *ford* is the Hebrew word, MaAvar מַעְבָּר, and the words *and crossed over* is the Hebrew word, VayaAvar, וַיַּעְבֹּר, and as you can see, the last three letters of each of these words, spells the word Avar, which means to **Cross Over** and they are the letters that make up the name Abraham, אַבְרָהָם, for he was the first Hebrew, the first Ivri, עִבְרִי, to **cross over**. The only difference in the spelling of Abraham's name, is that, his name, is spelled with the prefix letter Aleph, instead of the prefix letter, Ayin. However, while they are different letters, they do have the same sound, and therefore, they are related, and the letter Aleph always represents our Messiah/Yahweh, the First and the Last, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Therefore, to me, the fact that Abraham's name is spelled with an Aleph instead of an Ayin, and since the letter Ayin has a pictographic meaning of an *eye*, it means that Elohim will have **HIS EYE** on Abraham and influence his life, for Yahweh knew, in His foreknowledge, that Abram, would follow the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and one day, become Abraham, which means, father of many nations.

There is a stand alone Aleph Tav in *verse 22* between the word *Ford* and the word *cross over*; וַיַּעְבֹּר אֶת מַעְבָּר. VayaAvar Et MaAvar. I believe that there is a very beautiful message hidden in this phrase, and that message is, anytime that someone makes the personal choice to **cross over** to the Ways of our heavenly Father, they will **ALWAYS** encounter the **Aleph Tav**, our Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, there, waiting to greet them with loving open arms.

We have just been given a picture in the previous *verses* of Messiah, the Living Word of our heavenly Father, the Ten Commandments, made flesh, in the process of redeeming Ya'aqov/Yisrael. Now I believe that Messiah is showing us, that Ya'aqov, like Messiah, is rising from the dead, being resurrected in a sense, and the number **two** being used **twice** is an indication that we are to pay very close attention to this passage, for it will be a **witness** onto us, about the Messianic picture or role that Ya'aqov is playing as Yisrael. It says that Ya'aqov took his eleven sons and **crossed over**. The number **eleven** in Scripture, speaks of being, or falling short of Yahweh's perfect way of governing His kingdom, represented by the number twelve, and or being rebellious and adding to Yahweh's Words, His Ten Commandments, which is strictly forbidden. The Disciples seemed to know this, for when Judas hung himself, they quickly chose a replacement so that the apostles would be a complete group of **Twelve**.

So, although Ya'aqov had **NOT** achieved the maturity of being fully dependent and completely trusting in Yahweh, he was well on his way to becoming mature. What is the event that made him mature, so that Yahweh could now call him Yisrael? It is when he **crossed over** the Ford Jabbok. When anyone willingly chooses to **Cross Over** and start the process of surrendering their lives to our heavenly Father, they **WILL** certainly have some and maybe even many challenges, they too, **WILL** wrestle with many things that they used to do, and thought nothing of it; **BUT NOW**, that they have chosen to **CROSS OVER**, to the Ways of Yahweh, He **WILL** convict all who do so, to change their lifestyle, and that my friends, **becomes our daily struggle**. Should I follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, as Messiah did, and taught us to do, **OR**, should I give in

to my fleshly desires and follow that path. If you decide to surrender your will to our heavenly Father, **THEN** your life **WILL** change, your walk **WILL** be different than that of the people's of the world's walk, as Ya'aqov's walk was different **AFTER** he struggled with the messenger of Yahweh and prevailed.

The reason Ya'aqov prevailed is because he made the conscious decision to surrender his heart, mind, soul and strength to our heavenly Father. How do I know that Ya'aqov actually surrendered his heart to our heavenly Father? It is because Ya'aqov, insisted on knowing the messenger's name. Why would you want to know someone's name, unless you were determined to get to know them better? Ya'aqov insisted that the messenger of Yahweh bless him. The blessing that Ya'aqov received, **IS**, he became **Yisrael** and the Scripture tells us, that Yisrael **IS** Yahweh's firstborn. The word Jabbok, means to *pour out, to empty*. Therefore, this tells us that Ya'aqov emptied himself, of self, he put all his imperfections before Yahweh, and Yahweh helped him, as He will help each and every one of us, to have a different walk. He will help us to have a walk that is set apart from the rest of the world and easily recognizable.

As we read on, we will learn, that a **twelfth** son was born to Ya'aqov, the number **twelve** in Scripture is overwhelmingly expressed as governing order and authority. Therefore, Yisrael, who was formerly called Ya'aqov, and who is now, a shadow picture of Messiah, will rule over Elohim's people; it is as if Ya'aqov is saying: *It is no longer I that live, **BUT** Messiah lives in me.* The son that was born to Ya'aqov on the journey, was named, Benjamin, by Ya'aqov, and his name means, Son of the Right Hand, and metaphorically, it represents the Son of the Right Hand of Elohim, our Messiah, which is a picture of Messiah or the Spirit of Messiah being birthed in Ya'aqov or Yisrael.

Verse 31 is very beautiful. It says that Ya'aqov *crossed over* Peniel (which means face of Elohim) and the sun, S.U.N. which is a metaphor the Son, S.O.N; rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

When it says that the Sun, S.U.N. which metaphorically represents the **SON** of Elohim, rose upon Ya'aqov, I believe that Yahweh is telling us, that, that is when the Son of Elohim became one with Ya'aqov, and from that moment on, Ya'aqov's walk was different, he was set apart for the purposes of Yahweh. **From that point on**, the whole world would be able to see, that Ya'aqov's walk, **IS** now much different than it was before. That, my friends, **IS** our destiny also, **BUT ONLY IF** we willingly choose to lovingly surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, and commit to believe, follow, obey, keep and **DO** the Commandments of our heavenly Father, the Words of His marvellous and everlasting Life Giving Torah, for **THEN**, our walk will be identical to Messiah's walk, and we will be set apart for His purposes.

Galatians 2:20 *I am crucified with Messiah: nevertheless I live; **YET, NOT I, but Messiah lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live BY THE BELIEF OF THE SON OF ELOHIM, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.***

Now I ask you, is Messiah's belief, a perfect belief? If you answered yes to that question, which you should have, **THEN**, please understand what *Galatians 2:20* is telling you; it says that **IF** you have surrendered your heart and your will to our heavenly Father, **IT IS NOW NO LONGER YOU THAT LIVES, BUT MESSIAH LIVES IN YOU, AND YOU NOW LIVE BY MESSIAH'S BELIEFS,** which you have just agreed **IS A PERFECT BELIEF.**

That my friends is the power of a true surrendered life to our heavenly Father, and the Words of His Torah

of Life made flesh, our Messiah, for when we truly and wholly surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, He then fills us with His Holy Spirit who in turn is tasked with **CAUSING** every surrendered contrite obedient heart, that allows Him, to live **BY** the **BELIEFS** of the Son of Elohim. Amein

After reading this, I think we should take a moment and bow our heads and pray. Heavenly Father, may You, by Your Grace and Mercy, **FILL US**, all the people that are present here today, with your Holy Spirit, and **CAUSE** every willing heart, to have the very same desire to please You, as Messiah has, so that we too can be set apart from the people of the world, to serve You and Your purposes. Amein

In this Parashah, in Genesis, we are told that Ya'aqov sees Esav coming with 400 hundred, men and he is worried, so he prepares himself for the worst. We are told that he divides his camp into **two** camps; the handmaids and their children, which he sends first, and then, Leah and Rachel and their children. Notice that the camp of Leah and Rachel is set up so that Leah and her children are up front or first and pregnant Rachel and her child are at the back. This is a prophetic picture to me, that Yehudah (Judah), Leah's son, would enter the land before Ephraim, Rachel's grandson.

In *verse 3* we see that Ya'aqov, who is a shadow picture of Messiah, goes ahead of the whole camp to protect them and to plead for their lives. You could say that Ya'aqov's role, when he was speaking to his brother, who had sworn to kill him, once Yitzchaq, their father, died, was the role of an intercessor, pleading before the ruler of the land to spare their lives. As I said above, I believe it is a picture of Messiah, our Redeemer, being our intercessor and pleading our case before our heavenly Father. We can also see a picture of Messiah's first coming, as the suffering servant. We see Ya'aqov bowing before Esav, (*who, in this instance, IS a shadow picture of His Jewish brothers, who for the most part, rejected Him*), as a servant, and he bows down seven times, a picture of Messiah's spiritual perfection and completeness, and Yahweh's perfect plan of eternal salvation.

The Scriptures are quite capable of teaching more than one lesson out of every *verse*. While we can see the spiritual picture of Messiah as our intercessor here in these *verses*, we can also see Ya'aqov in the physical, trying to appease his brother Esav, with gifts, and promised servitude, in order that they can dwell peacefully together and co-exist. Is that not what we have seen between Yisrael and the Arab/Muslim world, ever since the inception or the founding of the state of Yisrael in 1948?

Like Laban, the Arab world dealt deceitfully with the new founded nation of Yisrael and sold the worst of the land to the returning Jews, and when our Jewish brothers and sisters took this forsaken arid, and or, in some cases, swamp infested land, and turned it into an oasis by the Hand and favour of Yahweh, there is Laban, or Esav, or the Arab world, claiming it as their own, and accusing Yisrael of stealing it. According to Scripture, that scenario will never change, and we see the evidence of that today. Yisrael negotiates in good faith for peace, and the Arab world deals ever more treacherously with them.

Verse 4 says that Esav ran to meet Ya'aqov, and fell on his neck and kissed him. To show us that Esau's kiss was not necessarily, a kiss of love, but, that it could have been, a kiss of deception, the Hebraic Scriptures do something unusual. Above, and in some cases below the word for kiss, VayiShaqehu, וַיִּשָּׁקֵהוּ, there are six dots placed on top of this word, and as you know, the number six in Scripture, represents man, and his wicked heart. The sages tell us that theses dots, found either under or above the word VayiShaqehu, represent teeth, as in devouring teeth. In the Hebrew Script, that I have on my computer, it shows the six markings under the Hebrew letters rather than above, but the message is still

the same; the kiss of Esav, could quite easily have been a kiss of deception, hinting at the fact, that at the first opportunity that Esav had, he would kill Ya'aqov. Therefore the Word of Yahweh is telling us to watch out for the treachery of the spirit of Esav, who is Edom, and represents the ways of man, and since Esav is Ya'aqov's brother, we are also to watch for treachery and betrayal **from within our own house**.

Then Esav asks Ya'aqov, why did you give me all these gifts? Ya'aqov said, it is to find Grace in your sight. In other words, it is to appease your anger at me. Esav says, I have enough, keep your gifts! Now I have to believe that most of the people of the world, if they were confronted with this situation would say, OK then, I will keep my gifts that I intended to give you, since you, Esav have said no to them. Not so with Ya'aqov; he has the integrity of Abraham, and once he has given his word, he will do everything he can, to make it come to pass. This is a witness onto all the people of the world, that Esav has accepted my gifts, therefore, if it turns out that we do not have peace between us, **IT IS because** of his choosing, his deception and **NOT** mine.

Then Esav offers to escort Ya'aqov and his family, and Ya'aqov respectfully refuses. Esav then says, at least let me leave some of my men behind to help you. Again, Ya'aqov says, there is no need for that. What do you think has just transpired here? What message is Yahweh conveying to us in these *verses*? I believe, that by Yahweh telling us that Ya'aqov chose **NOT** to accept Esav's men, as an escort, that He is teaching us, **NOT** to rely on man for anything, but that we are to **TRUST** Yahweh completely (Psalm 118:8), for all of our provision and protection comes from Him. By not allowing even a few of Esav's men to stay behind to help Ya'aqov, I believe that Yahweh is telling us **NOT** to allow any of the Sinful ways of the world into our camp, for it will eventually destroy us.

We are told that Esav returns to Seir, which represents the **ways of the world**, **BUT** Ya'aqov journeys to Succoth, which means, Tabernacle. Therefore the message that I believe Yahweh is conveying to us here, is that Ya'aqov went **to tabernacle with Yahweh**, while Esau returned to **the ways of the world**.

Now it is up to us to choose what example we want to follow. Will we be like Ya'aqov and choose **to tabernacle with Yahweh**, or will we be like Esav, and choose **the ways of the world**? It is up to each and every individual to make up their own mind, as to what Path they will follow. Amein

There are no stand-alone Aleph Tavs in these *verses*, however there are **eleven** Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef, and there are **eight** words that have both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number **eleven** in Scripture speaks of falling short of Yahweh's perfect way of governing His kingdom, represented by the number **twelve**, and it also represents rebellion, in the sense that it is adding to the Ways of Yahweh, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, represented by His Ten Commandments, which is strictly forbidden in the Torah. Therefore, I believe that Yahweh is telling us, through the use of these Aleph Tavs, that **IF** we will turn away from our rebellious ways, and choose instead, to willingly and lovingly turn to Him and allow the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instruction to govern our lives, we will be regenerated, we will have a new beginning that will lead us to eternal life at His side for eternity.

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again, Shalom Alechem. Amein!*