

YAAKOV AS FRONTRUNNER OF THE MESSIAH

Three Vital Themes in Parashah Vayetse (Gen 28:10 – 32:2)

1. The Encounters of Yaakov: Encounter with Yahweh
 Encounter with his uncle, Laban
 Encounter with the sisters, Rachel and Leah

Gen 28:16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said: Truly, Yahweh is in this place, and I did not know it.

Gen 29:20 So Jacob served Laban seven years for Rachel; and they seemed to him but a few days, because he loved her.

2. The shadow of Esau: Esau's name is absent in Vayetse
 Last verse before Vayetse (4 times in 28)
 First verse after Vayetse (9 times in 32)

Gen 32:11 Rescue me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him, that he will come and kill me.

Gen 14:4 For twelve years they served Kedorlaomer ("troubled about the omer"), but the 13th year they rebelled (cf. Judas and Rev 13).

3. The Births of the Sons: 4 mothers: Leah; Bilhah; Zilpah; Rachel
 1 daughter: Dinah (Leah)
 6 years later: Benjamin (Rachel)

Gen 30:24 And she named him Joseph and said: May Yahweh add another son to me there! (or: Yahweh will add another son).

Gen 49:28 These (the twelve sons of Jacob) are the twelve tribes of Israel, and Jacob blessed each one of them individually.

The Three Vital Themes Applied to the Messiah

1. Yaakov and the Messiah

Gen 28:14 You will expand and in you and your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed (7 words in a text of 7's).

John 1:51 From now on ("ap arti") you will see the heaven opened and the messengers of Elohiem ascending and descending towards the Son of Man (Stephen).

2. Esau and the Messiah

Heb 12:16-17 Let no one be a "bebelos" (or a profane one) like Esau, who was rejected because he found no place for repentance.

Heb 12:2-3 Let us fix our eyes on Y'shua, the Leader and Perfecter of the faith... focus on Him so that you do not grow weary and lose heart in your souls.

3. The 12 Tribes and the Messiah

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from the 12 tribes of the children of Yisraél.

Rev 7:9 I saw a great multitude that no one could count, from all nations and tribes and peoples and languages, clothed in white robes and with palm branches in their hands.

2 Cor 1:21-22 He who has set us up and anointed us in the Messiah, is Elohiem, who has also sealed us and given the Spirit as a guarantee in our hearts.

2 Tim 2:19 The foundation of Elohiem stands firm with this seal: Yahweh knows those who are His; and: Let everyone who names the Name of the Messiah turn away from unrighteousness.