

VaYetze – And He Went Out

Genesis 28:10-32:3 (2)

This parashah is part of a chiastic structure that runs from Genesis 28:5-37:1; it covers Jacob's entire exile from the time he leaves his parents in Canaan for Paddan Aram, and returns to the land of Canaan.

The central axis is when YHVH enables Jacob to leave Laban and head for Canaan [Genesis 31:1-55 (31:1-32:1)]. This is approximately the midpoint of our parashah.

Instead of comparing and contrasting both halves of this chiasm, we'll compare with other texts.

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Jacob	Joseph	Yeshua	Comments
Exile, salvation, and marriage			
<p>Jacob left for Paddan Aram; he was sent off by his father to find a wife among his wife's people.</p> <p>His mother wanted to send him away to save him from death at the hand of his brother Esau.</p> <p>Esau married Mahalath, Ishmael's daughter who was a distant relative.</p>	<p>Joseph was sent off by his father to check on his brothers. Through a series of events he ended up in Egypt.</p> <p>Years later, Pharaoh gave Joseph Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Perah priest of On as a wife. <i>(This is also a picture of the Father giving Yeshua His bride.)</i></p> <p>After a series of events, Joseph sent his brothers back to Canaan to bring his extended family to Egypt to save them from death by famine.</p> <p>All the persons of the house of Jacob who went to Egypt were 70 (Gen 46:27; Ex. 1:5).</p>	<p>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:17).</p> <p>But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24).</p> <p>Yeshua was sent to His own people.</p> <p>His goal was to save these sheep by bringing them back to the marriage covenant.</p>	<p>Esau's marriage to Mahalath was likely an attempt to appease his parents for previously marrying outside the extended family.</p> <p>Joseph married outside the family. At this stage in his life, it would not have been possible to marry within his extended family.</p> <p>Joseph's wife seems to represent the Gentiles who eventually enter the covenant.</p> <p>Any thoughts?</p> <p>See also: John 10:16; Acts 14:27; Galatians 3:8; Ephesians 3:6; Romans 15:10-13</p>
Jacob	Moses	Yeshua	Comments
God appeared; covenant; wages/redemption; deliverance & blessing			
<p>Jacob came to a certain place and lay down to sleep. God appeared to Jacob in a dream; there were angels of God</p>	<p>So God heard the groaning of the Hebrews, and God remembered His covenant with</p>	<p>YHVH God of Israel raised up Yeshua to be a horn of salvation to save the Jews from their enemies; perform</p>	<p>To be delivered from this present world, is to be delivered from sin, cursing, and death.</p>

<p>ascending and descending on a ladder that reached to the heavens. He was afraid; he believed he was at the gate of heaven.</p> <p>He called the place Bet-El.</p> <p>YHVH stood above Jacob and said, "I am YHVH Elohim of Abraham and Isaac;" YHVH gave a covenant promise to Jacob—of land, numerous descendants, and that through his seed all families of the earth would be blessed.</p> <p>YHVH Elohim promised Jacob to be with him and keep him; to keep him wherever he went; to bring him back to this land; and to be with Jacob until He did what He promised.</p> <p><i>We are not told at this point how God would bring Jacob back to the land of his father.</i></p>	<p>Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob (Exodus 2:24-4:17).</p> <p>The Angel of YHVH appeared to Moses in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush.</p> <p>God called to him from the bush (Exodus 3:7-8).</p> <p>And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the Lord (YHVH). 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name Lord (YHVH) I was not known to them. 4 I have also established (וְהִקְמַתִּי) My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. 5 And I have also heard (שָׁמַעְתִּי) the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered (וָאֶזְכֹּר) My covenant. 6 Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the Lord (YHVH); I will bring you out (וְהוֹצֵאתִי) from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you (וְהוֹצֵלְתִּי) from their bondage, and I will redeem you (וְגִאֲלְתִּי) with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. 7</p>	<p>the mercy promised to their fathers; and to remember the covenant sworn to the patriarchs; and deliver them from their enemies so they could serve Him (Luke 1:68-79; prophecy of Zacharias).</p> <p>Yeshua told Nathanael he would see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man (John 1:51).</p> <p><i>Yeshua is equating himself with the ladder Jacob saw ~ the gate of heaven.</i></p> <p>Yeshua is the door of the sheepfold (John 10:7).</p> <p>"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word (John 17:6).</p> <p><i>...not just to His disciples, but to all He met.</i></p> <p><i>...who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father (Galatians 1:4).</i></p>	<p>This brings life and blessing.</p> <p>Hosea 3:1-3 Then the Lord said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery (in other words, remember the covenant, and bring her back to the terms of the covenant), just like the love of the Lord for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans." So I bought her (וָאֶכְרִיתָ) for myself for fifteen shekels of silver, and one and one-half homers of barley. 3 And I said to her, "You shall stay with me many days; you shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man — so, too, will I be toward you."</p> <p>Hosea 6:1-2 Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. 2 After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.</p> <p><i>The book of Hosea demonstrates the</i></p>
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	<p>I will take (וְלִקְחָתִי) you as My people, and I will be your God (וְהָיִיתִי לָכֶם (לְאֱלֹהִים). Then you shall know that I am the Lord (YHVH) your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring (וְהִבֵּאתִי) you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give (וְנָתַתִּי) it to you as a heritage: I am the Lord (YHVH).'" 9 So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage (Exodus 6:2-9).</p> <p><i>We know God's intention but still don't know exactly how it will come to pass.</i></p>	<p>Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith (Galatians 3:13-14).</p> <p><i>That promise is the covenant.</i></p> <p>But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons (Gal 4:4-5).</p> <p>who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works (Titus 2:14).</p> <p>knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot (1</p>	<p><i>process that God had in mind for Israel.</i></p> <p>(See also Hosea 10:12; 11:10-11)</p>
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		<p>Peter 1:18-19).</p> <p><i>There is a cost for redemption.</i></p> <p>(See also: Numbers 3:46-51; Psalm 49:8-9, 111:9; Revelation. 5:9; 14:3-4 - Yeshua is our Go'el)</p>	
My people			
<p>Jacob departed from Canaan and arrived at Paddan Aram.</p> <p>Laban said to Jacob "you are my bone and my flesh."</p> <p>Jacob loved Rachel, and was willing to pay any price to have her.</p> <p>Laban deceived Jacob and gave him Leah instead of Rachel.</p> <p>Laban gave Leah and Rachel as wives to Jacob.</p> <p>Jacob's family becomes large: 12 sons + one daughter.</p> <p><i>Even though Jacob had family where he was living, God still planned a reunion in the future.</i></p>	<p>All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph was in Egypt already). 6 And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation. 7 But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them (Exodus 1:5-7).</p> <p>YHVH had repeatedly referred to the Hebrews as "My people." He chose them.</p> <p><i>Even though Joseph was separated from his family, God had a plan for them to be reunited.</i></p>	<p>For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12:50)</p> <p><i>God's people are also chosen. (See Ephesians 1:4-5; 2 Thess. 2:13)</i></p> <p>Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." (Matthew 26:42)</p> <p><i>Yeshua was willing to submit to the Father's will and pay the price of death for His people.</i></p> <p>Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." 9 So then those who are of faith</p>	<p>Adam said of Eve: This is now bone of my bones (Gen 2:23).</p> <p>What does this mean? How/Does it relate to what Laban said to Jacob?</p> <p>See Hosea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorced ("Not My people") because of idolatry • You will be called "sons of the living God" • "My Husband" instead of "My Master" • Betrothed to YHVH forever • This will be accomplished through repentance/returning to YHVH. <p><i>Their/Our behavior caused that familial relationship to be severed but God had a plan to correct this problem so they could be reunited.</i></p>

		<p>are blessed with believing Abraham (Galatians 3:7-9).</p> <p>Is the giving of Leah and Rachel to Jacob a picture of Jews and Gentiles being the Bride of Messiah?</p>	
Wages; redemption; plunder			
<p>Thus I have been in your house twenty years; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. 42 Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night." (Gen 31:41-42)</p> <p>Without Jacob's knowledge, Rachel had taken the household gods.</p> <p><i>Why would she have done this?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As an inheritance? • Spiritual power? • Idolatry? • Value of what they were made from? 	<p>He redeemed His people with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. They left after plundering the Egyptians.</p> <p>Moses led the mixed multitude out of Egypt.</p>	<p>For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross (Col 1:19-20).</p> <p><i>Yeshua's blood was the bride price of the New Covenant.</i></p> <p>Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." (Matthew 27:35)</p> <p><i>They sought to take what was not originally theirs.</i></p>	<p>And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (1 Peter 1:17-19).</p> <p>When YHVH comes, the wealth of the nations will be gathered together (Zech 14:1-14)</p> <p>One day after the war with Gog and his armies, God's people will plunder and pillage those who pillaged them (Ezek 39:10).</p> <p><i>The pattern of taking/pillaging will continue in the future.</i></p>
Position; speckles and spots; covenant; witnesses			

<p>Jacob chose the spotted and speckled sheep and goats as his wages.</p> <p>Jacob positioned the flocks to maximize the reproduction of spotted and speckled sheep and goats.</p> <p>YHVH enabled Jacob to escape and depart for home. On the way, Laban stopped them and claimed “these daughters, children, and flock” were his.</p> <p>Laban suggested they make a covenant and set up a stone pillar that would remain between them as a witness.</p> <p>Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha (Aramaic for Heap of Witness) and Jacob called it Galeed (Hebrew for Heap of Witness).</p> <p>It was also called Mizpah (<i>Witness</i>). God would witness what they did when they were away from each other. They would not pass beyond that point to do harm to each other.</p> <p>Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain and called his brethren to eat bread. In the morning they departed.</p> <p>Jacob sent word to Esau</p>	<p>Moses positioned the mixed multitude at the Red Sea/Sea of Reeds (יָם סוּף);</p> <p>The pillar of fire and cloud came between them to prevent Pharaoh’s army from doing harm to the mixed multitude.</p> <p>YHVH enabled everyone to cross over safely to the other side. All of the mixed multitude lived.</p> <p>Moses brought them to Mount Sinai.</p> <p>They were required to consecrate themselves and wash their clothes before they entered into a suzerain-vassal treaty (which was also a marriage covenant) that contained blessings and curses (Exodus 19:12-15).</p> <p>After they agreed to the terms of the covenant, Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and 70 elders of Israel went up on the mountain, saw the God of Israel, and ate and drank (Exodus 24:3-11).</p> <p>The people remained at the base of the mountain for safety.</p> <p>Before Moses’ death, he spoke to the second generation coming out</p>	<p>Yeshua’s arms were in the outstretched position during the crucifixion.</p> <p>Yeshua showed himself to people during the 40 days after His resurrection (Acts 1:3).</p> <p>Over 500 people saw Yeshua after His resurrection (1 Corinthians 3-8)</p> <p>He visited with people after His resurrection; He also ate bread, honeycomb, and fish. (Luke 24:40-43; John 21:9-14).</p> <p>Yeshua is the Mediator of the new covenant (Hebrews 9:15).</p> <p>The new covenant was inaugurated with Yeshua’s blood during the Last Supper (Luke 22:19-20; Hebrews 9:18; 10:20).</p> <p>The bread and wine represented Yeshua’s body and blood; it is to be consumed in remembrance of Yeshua to proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).</p> <p>For if sprinkling ceremonially unclean persons with the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer</p>	<p>Notice how Jacob chose what was speckled and spotted as his wages.</p> <p>In a way we are speckled and spotted [like a leper with spots] with sin yet God chose us to be His own.</p> <p>This is in contrast to God’s son, Yeshua who was without blemish or sin.</p> <p>Offerings that were found to be blemished (a parallel of sorts to speckled and spotted animals) could not be slaughtered.</p> <p>Animals that were purchased for slaughter were living sacrifices until they were slaughtered. In a similar way, we have been bought with a price; we are living sacrifices and we have been cleansed of our sins.</p> <p>Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless (2 Peter 3:14).</p> <p>Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil,</p>
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<p>that he was coming. When he heard Esau was coming with 400 men, he was afraid and divided his people and flocks, herds, and camels into 2 companies (positioned his people to maximize safety [life]).</p>	<p>of Egypt. He called heaven and earth to be witnesses when he set life and death before them, blessing and cursing. They were to choose life and to love YHVH and cling to Him (Deut 30).</p> <p>Those of the 2nd generation that remained faithful (those who chose life by obeying God's commandments) crossed the Jordan to possess the Promised Land (Canaan); the exception was Reuben, Gad, and half tribe of Manasseh (Numbers 32)</p>	<p>restores their outward purity; 14 then how much more the blood of the Messiah, who, through the eternal Spirit, offered himself to God as a sacrifice without blemish (spots), will purify our conscience from works (spots) that lead to death, so that we can serve the living God! (Hebrews 9:13-14 CJB)</p> <p>Once Yeshua had finished what He came to do, He returned to heaven and sat down at the right hand of the Father (His current position).</p>	<p>that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (Hebrews 10:19-23)</p> <p>See also Deut 17:1; Malachi 1:14; Hebrews 9:14</p>
<p>We seem to have a chiasm of sorts here at this stage in the Scriptures. God has been revealing His plan all along.</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position • Covenant accompanied by a meal and witnesses (God and a pillar of stones) • Position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside the Promised Land • Crossing the Reed Sea • The mixed multitude lived • Covenant; they saw YHVH; they ate a meal with God. • Covenant renewal • Encouraged to choose life • Crossing over the Jordan • Inside the Promised Land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yeshua was crucified on the cross/tree. • Yeshua's death was witnessed by many. • Covenant Meal with bread and wine. • New Covenant inaugurated with Yeshua's blood. • Yeshua was seen by over 500 people after His resurrection; the disciples gave testimony to (were witnesses of) this truth. • Yeshua is at the right hand of the Father. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Father and Yeshua are in heaven; they are separated from humans living on earth by a gap that people cannot physically cross. • Two witnesses are expected to come in the future clothed in sackcloth (a sign of mourning and/or repentance). • They are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. • Perhaps they represent the Bride

			<p><i>[kingdom of priests/holy nation] and Groom [King of kings] of the Covenant.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two witnesses will prophesy for 1260 days; following this, they will be killed and resurrected after 3 days. (Rev 11:1-13; Zech 4:11-14 [originally, the anointed ones were the king and high priest]). • At some point afterwards, Yeshua is expected to return to earth and make war with the Beast and his armies (Rev 19:11-21).
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