

וַיֵּצֵא

Va-Yetzeh

Genesis 28:10-32:3

Haftarah: Hosea 12:13–14:10 (11:7-13:5)¹

Yaakov went *va-yetzeh* וַיֵּצֵא out from Beer-Sheva and travelled toward Haran. Genesis 28:10

We are back with *Yaakov*, running away from his brother's wrath toward exile where he will stay over 20 years. The *Parasha* ends with his coming back to the Promised Land.

As he started to flee, the L-rd reveals Himself to him and announces him some very important facts about his mission. First, *Yaakov* reaches or encounters a place, *makom*:

Yaakov went out from *Beer-Sheva* and travelled toward *Haran*. He came to a certain place *makom* מָקוֹם and stayed the night there, because the sun had set. He took a stone from the place, put it under his head and lay down there to sleep. Genesis 28:10-11

The root of this word *makom* comes from the word *kiyum*, קיום, which means: existence, life. This place is the source of existence which meets *Yaakov*. This place is supposed to be, up to the *Midrash*², the place of the Temple, mount *Moriyah*.

Yaakov is looking for rest as he is heading to *Galut*, exile, and without yet realizing, he is going to lay his head on a stone: the cornerstone of Salvation: *Yeshua*.

Centuries later, another *Talmid* (disciple) of *Yeshua* will lay his head in the bosom of the Provider of peace and rest that his ancestor, *Yaakov*, had once perceived but without knowing Him yet:

¹ Sephardic rite

² Rabbinic commentary of the Bible using parables or tales to enlighten facts.

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Sefer Bereshit

One of his talmidim, the one *Yeshua* particularly loved, was reclining close beside him. John 13:23

The *Ruach Hakodesh (Spirit)* was already unveiling the way to the Father, through the Gate to Heaven:

He dreamt that there before him was a ladder resting on the ground with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of Adonai were going up and down on it. Genesis 28:12

Those verses will take their full revelation with the coming of the *Mashiach*:

Natan'el said, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Yeshua answered him, "you believe all this just because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than that!"

Then he said to him, "Yes indeed! I tell you that you will see heaven opened and the angels of God going up and coming down on the Son of Man!" John 1:49-51

I am the gate; if someone enters through me, he will be safe and will go in and out and find pasture. John 10:9

Once again, G-d confirms His blessings on *Yaakov* and his descendants and gives him the promise to bring him back to his land, a glance of the future end time ingathering of the Jewish people back to their land.

Look, I am with you. I will guard you wherever you go, and I will bring you back into this land, because I won't leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Genesis 28:15

Like his grand father *Avraham*, *Yaakov* receives a blessing at his departure from his birth country. We find here a Biblical principle and *Yeshua* will enhance it later through His words:

Yeshua said, "Yes! I tell you that there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, who will not receive a hundred times over, now, in the '*olam hazeh*, homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and lands! – with persecutions – and in the '*olam haba*, eternal life.

Mark 10:29-30

We must keep in mind that the lives of the Patriarchs are a model and a living teaching for us. The Patriarchs were three men with three destinies but a common purpose: to glorify the name of the One G-d on earth and to give birth to the Jewish nation whose vocation would be to become a holy nation and a kingdom of *cohanim* (priests) along with the spiritual descendants of *Avraham*:

- *Avraham* and the new start to proclaim the name of G-d on earth.
- *Yitzchak*, image of the consecrated sacrifice: salvation comes from the Jews. *Yeshua* came and will come back in *Eretz Yisra-El* (*the Land of Israel*). The full revelation of His work goes through the understanding of G-d's plan through *Yisra-El*.
- *Yaakov's* descendants expanded to the West and the East, North and South with the promise that all families of the earth would be blessed in him (Genesis 28:14). Gentiles are invited to join the House of Israel whose transformation from *Yaakov* to *Yisra-El* will bring a tremendous blessing with His return.

However, while waiting for the promise and the end of exile, *Yaakov* must raise a family to give birth to descendants. He sets up a stone as a pillar at this place. Up to the *Midrash*, this place is the *Kodesh Hakodashim*, the heart of the L-rd, His flesh that would be torn later to allow the true worshippers of G-d to come in His redemption plan. (Hebrews 10:20)

Exile is necessary because *Yaakov* is not yet ready for the revelation. He is afraid, he gives conditions and makes a vow that he did not fulfill when he came back. This would be the source of many problems like the rape of his daughter and the death of his beloved wife *Rachel*.

He called this fearsome place *Beth El*, the House of G-d:

בֵּית-אֵל

Later he gave it another name, after his fight and encounter with G-d, as we shall see later.

For the moment, *Yaakov* heads towards exile; he is the first "wandering Jew". But G-d is watching and *Yaakov* will meet his future

wife near a well; one more time the well plays a role in the Patriarch's lives. G-d still watches over the purity of the inspiration source and the Jewish people is its keeper (see *Parashot VaYerah* and *Toldot*).

The twelve tribes are given life, the Jewish nation begins:

Reuven, see a son! רְאוּבֵן

Shimon, (G-d) has heard שִׁמְעוֹן

Levy, joining לֵוִי

Yehuda, give thanks, praise, יְהוּדָה, in his name the four sacred letters of G-d's name are visible. The *Mashiach* will come out of *Yehuda's* tribe.

Dan, judged, דָּן

Naftali, my wrestling, נַפְתָּלִי

Gad, good fortune, גָּד

Asher, happy, אֲשֵׁר

Yissachar, reward, יִשָּׂשכָר

Z'vulun, a gift, living together זְבֻלֹן

Yossef, may He had, יוֹסֵף

The last son, *Binyamin* (son of my right) בְּנִימִין would be born in the Promised Land. Time to return to the Land of the Promise had come.

A big step now waits for *Yaakov*. He ran away and was saved from *Lavan's* witchcraft, but he has now to confront his brother *Esav* before returning to Israel. Facing the more likely extermination of his all family and consequently of the messianic mission, *Yaakov* cried out to G-d.

In the secret of the exile night, a phenomenal prophetic transformation occurred in his soul and *Yaakov* was transformed into a prince of G-d giving us the beautiful picture of the future restoration of Israel which will bring the blessing we are waiting for.

“This is why I will deal with you in this way, Israel; and because I will deal with you in this way, prepare to meet your God, Israel.” Amos 4:12

הַפּוֹן לְקִרְאָת-אֱלֹהֵיךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל

The *Haftarah* also speaks of this painful birth and of the awaited renewal.



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