



Message 11-24-18
VaYishlach-And He Sent
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Introduction

Jacob prepares to face his brother at Seir. Fearing violence, Jacob divides his camp into two parts. We see the future of Israel and what will come upon them after the death of Solomon.

Genesis 32:4-7

4 And he commanded them, saying, "Speak thus to my lord Esau, 'Thus your servant Jacob says: "I have dwelt with Laban and stayed there until now. ⁵ "I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight.'"⁶ Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he also is coming to meet you, and four hundred men *are* with him."⁷ So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that *were* with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies. (NKJ)

As Jacob prepared for his encounter with his brother Esau, he did not know what to expect. First, he sent servants to give gifts to Esau to try to pave the road between them. Apparently, Esau knew Jacob was coming, and Jacob servants told him that Esau was coming to meet him with four hundred men. There was no way Jacob thought Esau was coming to greet him and to welcome him back home after all these years. Jacob was afraid and concerned, so he decided to divide the family into two parts in case one was wiped out, hopefully the other would survive to continue the family line.

Setting aside the scene before us, a closer look at the part of the Scripture reading for this week focuses on a detail we should be paying attention to: The dividing of the family into two parts. If this action on Jacob's part should teach us anything, it is this is a prophetic picture of what would happen in the future when Israel was divided by the Almighty into two kingdoms, Judah and Ephraim, because of Solomon's sin. The unification of Israel by David that continued under his son Solomon came to an end with Solomon's son Rehoboam and his actions that caused the ten northern tribes to leave. Israel's future would be one of exiles, a loss of identity, and a blindness to the covenant The Holy One made with Israel. The separation of the United Kingdom into two parts was a prophecy that would continue on down through history to our day and under the misunderstanding on the part of the Messianic Jewish community who believe the

unification has already taken place. They are the only ones because among the traditional Orthodox community, there is a belief that Ephraim is out there and is coming back a little bit at a time.

We know that unification of the nation of Israel will occur by the hand of the Almighty, possibly through His Son Yeshua. Not only is Israel separated today, but so is the rest of the world. Throughout the Bible, we see man divided against his fellow man, and it is reflected in mankind today. We have so many reasons to be separated instead of coming together made into one people, one nation, united by the hand of God.

Obadiah 1:15-21

15 For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head. ¹⁶ For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so all the nations shall drink continually; they shall drink and swallow and shall be as though they had never been. ¹⁷ But in Mount Zion there shall be those who escape, and it shall be holy, and the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions. ¹⁸ The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau stubble; they shall burn them and consume them, and there shall be no survivor for the house of Esau, for the LORD has spoken. ¹⁹ Those of the Negeb shall possess Mount Esau, and those of the Shephelah shall possess the land of the Philistines; they shall possess the land of Ephraim and the land of Samaria, and Benjamin shall possess Gilead. ²⁰ The exiles of this host of the people of Israel shall possess the land of the Canaanites as far as Zarephath, and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the Negeb. ²¹ Saviors shall go up to Mount Zion to rule Mount Esau, and the kingdom shall be the LORD's. (ESV)

The day of the Lord is coming. It is almost upon us, but only the Creator knows when that will be. His Son, Yeshua, stands by His right hand waiting to do the will of His Father. Judah shall be a fire, Joseph a flame, and Esau, as represented in the Arab nations shall be the fuel for the fire and be consumed. The exiles of Israel shall be spread all over the world having been seeded by God into all the nations of the earth. Many have lost their identify and do not know who they are any longer, but the day is coming when they will be awakened to take their rightful place in Israel.

Ezekiel 30:3 For the day *is* near, even the day of the LORD *is* near; It will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles. (NKJ)

Into Israel shall come those from among the Goyim, the nations, who have been called by Yeshua to come and stand with Israel as a part of her forever. The Day of the Lord is a time when the Day of Reckoning is upon us.

Amos 9:8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the surface of the ground, except that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob," declares the LORD. (ESV)

The Holy One of Israel will destroy the sinful kingdom, but He will spare the house of Jacob, though punishment will come upon her as well, but it will not bring Israel to be destroyed. This will stand as the time when the Creator looked upon mankind as He did in the days of Noah and a decision was made to punish man for what he had done to his fellow man and all of God's creation. Adam was given dominion over the earth. He was to tend to the Almighty's garden, but instead he destroyed it. The Garden of Eden was the picture of a covenant God made with man and man broke. It would seem to be that we are unable to walk the path we have been called to by the Holy One. We would go our own way messing up the covenant between God and man and not admit how wrong we have been since the beginning and down through the ages.

James 5:19-20

19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. (ESV)

We are to walk with Messiah Yeshua. If a brother or sister wanders from the truth, it is our responsibility to try to bring him back. Sin causes us to wander from the truth. Helping someone find the truth and end his wandering is the greatest service one can do in the name of his Creator.

Torah Man says: "If you will be all God wants you to be, then you can do all God wants you to do."

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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