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*Vayishlach “And He Sent”*

Genesis 32:4-36-43 Hosea 11:7-12:12  
Obadiah 1:1-21  
Matthew 2:13-23



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**TORAH PORTION**

**Genesis 32:1,2** And Jacob went on his way, and the **angels** of God met him. And Jacob said when he saw them: This is God's camp. And he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

**Genesis 32:3** And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother to the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

**Genesis 32:4,5** And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye say unto my lord Esau: Thus saith **thy servant** Jacob, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now: and I have oxen, and asses, and flocks, and men- servants, and maid-servants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in thy sight.

**Genesis 32:6** And the **messengers** returned to Jacob, saying, We came to your brother Esau, and also he comes to meet you, and four hundred men with him.

**Genesis 32:7** Then Jacob was **greatly afraid and distressed**: and **he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands**;

**Genesis 28:15,16** Behold, I am with you, and will keep you, wherever you go, and will bring you again into this land. For I will not leave you, until I have done that which I have spoken of to you."

**Genesis 32:11,12** Deliver me, I pray you, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children. And you said, I will surely do you good, and make your seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

**Genesis 32:17-21** And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meets you, and asks you, saying, Whose are you? And where go you? And whose are these before you? Then you shall say, They be your servant Jacob's; it is a present sent to **my lord Esau**: and, behold, also he is behind us. And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall you speak to Esau, when you find him. And say you moreover, Behold, your servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, **I will appease him** with

the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me. So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company.

**Genesis 32:22-25** And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women servants, and his **eleven sons**, and passed over the ford Jabbok. And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had. **And Jacob was left alone**; and there **wrestled a man** with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

**Hosea 12:2-4a** The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him. He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and **by his strength he had power with God**. Yes, he wept and cried to Him, and he had **power over the Angel** and **overcame**.

**Genesis 32:26-30** And He said, Let me go, for the day breaks. And he said, I will not let You go except You bless me. And He said to him, What is your name? And he said, Jacob. And He said, Your name shall be called no more Jacob, **but Israel**; for as a prince have you **power with God** and with men, and have prevailed. And Jacob asked him and said, Tell me, I pray You, Your name. And He said, Why is it that you do ask after My name? And He blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel; for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

**Genesis 33:1** Then Jacob, lifting up his eyes, saw Esau coming with his four hundred men.

**Genesis 36:1** Now these are the generations of Esau, that is to say, Edom.

**Obadiah 1:1-3** The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Lord has said about Edom: We have had word from the Lord, and a representative has been sent among the nations, saying, Up! and let us make war against her. See, I have made you small among the nations: you are much looked down on. You have been tricked by the pride of your heart, O you whose living-place is in the cracks of the rock, whose house is high up; who has said in his heart, Who will make me come down to earth?

**Obadiah 1:10,11** Because you were the cause of violent death and because of your cruel behaviour to your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame and will be cut off forever. Because you were there watching when men from other lands took away his goods, and strange men came into his doors, and put the fate of Jerusalem to the decision of chance; you were like one of them.

**Obadiah 1:14,15** And do not take your place at the cross-roads, cutting off those of his people who get away; and do not give up to their haters those who are still there in the day of trouble. For the day of the Lord is coming quickly on all nations: as you have done it will be done to you; the reward of your acts will come on your head.

**Obadiah 1:17,18a** 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. The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau to **stubble**;

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**Genesis 33:4** And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and **kissed him**: and they wept.

**Genesis 33:9,10** But Esau said, I have enough; keep what is yours, my brother, for yourself. And Jacob said, Not so; but if I have grace in your eyes, take them as a sign of my love, for I have seen your face as one may see the face of God, and you have been pleased with me.

**Genesis 33:11** Take, I pray thee, **my gift** that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough.' And he urged him, and he took it.

**Genesis 33:11** Take, I pray thee, **my blessing** that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

**Genesis 33:13,14** And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that **the children are tender**, and the flocks and herds with young are with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the

flock will die. Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir.

**Genesis 33:16-18** So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir. And Jacob journeyed **to Succoth**, and built him a house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth. And Jacob came in peace to the **city of Shechem**, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Paddan-aram; and encamped before the city.

**Genesis 33:19,20** And for a **hundred bits of money he got from the children of Hamor**, the builder of Shechem, **the field in which he had put up his tents**. And there he put up an altar, naming it El, the God of Israel.

**Genesis 34:1,2** Now Dinah, the daughter whom Leah had by Jacob, went out to see the women of that country. And when Shechem, the son of **Hamor the Hivite** who was the chief of that land, saw her, he **took her by force** and had connection with her.

**Genesis 34:5** Now **Jacob had word** of what Shechem had done to **his daughter**; but his sons were in the fields with the cattle, and **Jacob said nothing till they came**.

**Genesis 34:11-16** And Shechem said to her father and her brothers, If you will give ear to my request, whatever you say I will give to you. However great you make the bride-price and payment, I will give it; only let me have the girl for my wife. But the sons of Jacob gave a false answer to Shechem and Hamor his father, because of what had been done to Dinah their sister. And they said, It is not possible for us to give our sister to one who is without circumcision, for that would be a cause of shame to us: But on this condition only will we come to an agreement with you: **if every male among you becomes like us and undergoes circumcision**; Then we will give our daughters to you and take your daughters to us and go on living with you as one people.

**Genesis 34:18-22** And their words were pleasing to Hamor and his son Shechem. And without loss of time the young man did as they said, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter, and he was the noblest of his father's house. Then Hamor and

Shechem, his son, went to the meeting-place of their town, and said to the men of the town, It is the desire of these men to be at peace with us; let them then go on living in this country and doing trade here, for the country is wide open before them; let us take their daughters as wives and let us give them our daughters. Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised.

**Genesis 34:23** Then will not their cattle and their goods and all their beasts be ours? so let us come to an agreement with them so that they may go on living with us.

**Genesis 34:24** Then all the men of the town gave ear to the words of Hamor and Shechem his son; and every male in the town underwent circumcision.

**Genesis 34:30,31** And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi: Ye have troubled me, to make me odious unto the inhabitants of the land, even unto the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and, I being few in number, they will gather themselves together against me and smite me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house. And they said: Should one deal with **our sister** as with a harlot?

**Genesis 35:1** And God said to Jacob, Arise, **go up to Bethel**, and dwell there: and **make there an altar to God**, that appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother.

**Genesis 35:2-5** Then Jacob said to his household, and to all that were with him, **Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments.** And let us arise and go up to Bethel, and I will make there an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. And they gave to Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears. And Jacob hid them under the **oak which was by Shechem.** And they journeyed. And the terror of God was on the cities that were round about them, **and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.**

**Genesis 35:10-15** And **God said** to him, Your name is Jacob: your name shall not be called any more Jacob, but **Israel** shall be your name: and **He called his name Israel.** And God said to him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and

a company of nations shall be of you, and kings shall come out of your loins; And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to you I will give it, and to your seed after you will I give the land. And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him. And Jacob **set up a pillar** in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

**Genesis 35:16-18** And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name **Benoni**: but his father called him **Benjamin**.

**Genesis 35:19-21** And **Rachel died** and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. And Jacob set a pillar on her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day. And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the **tower of Eder**.

**Genesis 35:22** And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:

**Genesis 35:29** And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons **Esau and Jacob** buried him.

## DECODING EZEKIEL

**Ezekiel 33:1-4** Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

**Ezekiel 33:6** But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

**Ezekiel 33:7-9** So you, son of man, I have made you a watchman for the children of Israel; and you are to give ear to the word of my mouth and give them news from me of their danger. When I say to the evil-doer, Death will certainly overtake you; and you say nothing to make clear to the evil-doer the danger of his way; death will overtake that evil man in his evil-doing, but I will make you responsible for his blood. But if you make clear to the evil-doer the danger of his way for the purpose of turning him from it, and he is not turned from his way, death will overtake him in his evil-doing, but your life will be safe.

**Psalm 91:15,16** He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: **I will be with him in trouble**; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

**Ezekiel 3:15-17** Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days. And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, **I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel**: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and **give them warning from me**.

**Ezekiel 3:24-27** Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, **Go, shut thyself within thine house**. But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them: And **I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb**, and shalt not be to them a reprover: for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **He that heareth, let him hear**; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

**Ezekiel 33:10,11** And you, son of man, say to the children of Israel, You say, Our wrongdoing and our sins are on us and we

are wasting away in them; how then may we have life? Say to them, By my life, says the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of the evil-doer; it is more pleasing to me if he is turned from his way and has life: be turned, be turned from your evil ways; why are you looking for death, O children of Israel?

**Ezekiel 33:12** And you, son of man, say to the children of your people, The **righteousness of the upright man will not make him safe in the day when he does wrong; and the evil-doing of the evil man will not be the cause of his fall in the day when he is turned from his evil-doing;** and the upright man will not have life because of his righteousness in the day when he does evil.

**Ezekiel 33:13-16** When I say to the upright that life will certainly be his; if he puts **his faith in his righteousness** and does evil, **not one of his upright acts will be kept in memory;** but in the evil he has done, death will overtake him. And when I say to the evil-doer, Death will certainly be your fate; if he is turned from his sin and does what is ordered and right; If the evil-doer lets one who is in his debt have back what is his, and gives back what he had taken by force, and is guided by the rules of life, doing no evil; life will certainly be his, death will not overtake him. Not one of the sins which he has done will be kept in mind against him: he has done what is ordered and right, life will certainly be his.

**Ezekiel 33:17-20** But the children of your people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: when it is they whose way is not equal. When the upright man, turning away from his righteousness, does evil, death will overtake him in it. And when the evil man, turning away from his evil-doing, does what is ordered and right, he will get life by it. And still you say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O children of Israel, I will be your judge, giving to everyone the reward of his ways.

**Ezekiel 33:21,22** Now in the **twelfth year** after we had been taken away prisoners, in the **tenth month**, on the fifth day of the month, one who had got away in flight from Jerusalem came to me, saying, The town has been taken. Now the hand of the Lord had been on me in the evening, before the man who had got away came to me; and he made my mouth open, ready for his coming to me in the morning; and my mouth was open and I was no longer without voice.

**Ezekiel 33:27** This is what you are to say to them: The Lord has said, By my life, truly, those who are in the waste places will be put to the sword, and him who is in the open field I will give to the beasts for their food, and those who are in the strong places and in holes in the rocks will come to their death by disease.

**Ezekiel 33:29,30** Then they will be certain that I am the Lord, when I have made the land a waste and a cause of wonder, because of all the disgusting things which they have done, And as for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking together about you by the walls and in the doorways of the houses, saying to one another, Come now, give ear to the word which comes from the Lord.

**Ezekiel 33:31-33** And they come to you as my people come, and are seated before you as my people, **hearing your words but doing them not:** for deceit is in their mouth and their heart goes after profit for themselves. And truly **you are to them like a love song by one who has a very pleasing voice and is an expert player on an instrument: for they give ear to your words but do them not.** And when this comes about (see, it is coming), then it will be clear to them that a prophet has been among them.

**Ezekiel 34:1-3** And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, be a prophet against the keepers of the flock of Israel, and say to them, O keepers of the sheep! this is the word of the Lord: A curse is on the keepers of the flock of Israel who take the food for themselves! is it not right for the keepers to give the food to the sheep? You take the milk and are clothed with the wool, you put the fat beasts to death, but you give the sheep no food.

**Ezekiel 34:4,5** You have not made the diseased ones strong or made well that which was ill; you have not put bands on the broken or got back that which had been sent away or made search for the wandering ones; and the strong you have been ruling cruelly. And they were wandering in every direction because there was no keeper: and they became food for all the beasts of the field.

**Ezekiel 34:6-8** And my sheep went out of the way, wandering through all the mountains and on every high hill: my sheep went here and there over all the face of the earth; and no one

was troubled about them or went in search of them. For this cause, O keepers of the flock, give ear to the word of the Lord: By my life, says the Lord, truly, because **my sheep** have been taken away, and **my sheep** became food for all the beasts of the field, because there was no keeper, and **my keepers** did not go in search of the sheep, but the keepers took food for themselves and gave my sheep no food;

**Ezekiel 34:9-11** For this reason, O you keepers of the flock, give ear to the word of the Lord; This is what the Lord has said: See I am against the keepers of the flock, and I will make search and see what they have done with my sheep, and will let them be keepers of my sheep no longer; and the keepers will no longer get food for themselves; I will take **my sheep out of their mouths** so that they may not be food for them. For this is what the Lord has said: Truly, **I, even I, will go searching and looking for my sheep.**

**Ezekiel 34:12,13** As the keeper goes looking for his flock when he is among his wandering sheep, so **I will go looking for my sheep**, and will get them safely out of all the places where they have been sent wandering in the day of clouds and black night. And I will take them out from among the peoples, and get them together from the countries, and will take them into their land; and I will give them food on the mountains of Israel by the water-streams and wherever men are living in the country.

**Genesis 48:15** And he blessed Joseph, and said: The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God who hath been my shepherd all my life long unto this day...

**Psalms 80:1** For the Leader; upon Shoshannim. A testimony. A Psalm of Asaph. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; Thou that art enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**Matthew 9:36** But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

**John 10:11,12** I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

**Ezekiel 34:14-17** I will give them good grass-land for their food, and their safe place will be the mountains of the high place of Israel: there they will take their rest in a good place, and on fat grass-land they will take their food on the mountains of Israel. **I myself will give food to my flock, and I will give them rest**, says the Lord. I will go in search of that which had gone wandering from the way, and will get back that which had been sent in flight, and will put bands on that which was broken, and give strength to that which was ill: but the fat and the strong I will give up to destruction; I will give them for their food the punishment which is theirs by right. And as for you, O my flock, says the Lord, truly, **I will be judge between sheep and sheep, the he-sheep and the he-goats.**

**1 Peter 5:2-4** Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

**Ezekiel 34:18-20** Does it seem a small thing to you to have taken your food on good grass-land while the rest of your grass-land is stamped down under your feet? and that after drinking from clear waters you make the rest of the waters dirty with your feet? And as for my sheep, their food is the grass which has been stamped on by your feet, and their drink the water which has been made dirty by your feet. For this reason the Lord has said to them, Truly, **I, even I, will be judge between the fat sheep and the thin sheep.**

**Matthew 25:32,33** And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

**Ezekiel 34:22-24** I will make my flock safe, and they will no longer be taken away, and I will be judge between sheep and sheep. And I will put over them one keeper, and he will give them food, even my servant David; he will give them food and be their keeper. And I the Lord will be their God and my servant David their ruler; I the Lord have said it.

**Ezekiel 34:25-27** And I will make with them an agreement of peace, and will put an end to evil beasts through all the land: and they will be living safely in the waste land, sleeping in the woods. And I will give the rain at the right time, and I will make the shower come down at the right time; there will be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field will give its fruit and the earth will give its increase, and they will be safe in their land; and they will be certain that I am the Lord, when I have had their yoke broken and have given them salvation from the hands of those who made them servants.

**Ezekiel 34:28-31** And their goods will no longer be taken by the nations, and they will not again be food for the beasts of the earth; but they will be living safely and no one will be a cause of fear to them. And I will give them planting-places of peace, and they will no longer be wasted from need of food or put to shame by the nations. And they will be certain that I the Lord their God am with them, and that they, the children of Israel, are my people, says the Lord. And you are my sheep, the sheep of my grass-lands, and I am your God, says the Lord.

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