

Shabbat Shalom!

Torah Portion VaYishlach - וַיִּשְׁלַח And He Sent

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Genesis 32:4-36:43; Obadiah 1-21 Matthew 2:13-23

***Genesis 32:1-3** And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's camp: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim: And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

***Genesis 32:3-6** Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom. He instructed them, You are to say to my master Esau, Your servant Jacob says: I have been staying with Laban and have remained there until now. I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, menservants, and maidservants. I have sent this message to inform my master, so that I may find favor in your sight.

***Genesis 32:5** 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.

***Genesis 32:6-8** 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. So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed (vayeetzare); and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies.

***Genesis 32:7, 8** So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed (vayeetzare); and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps. And he said, If Esau comes to the one company and attacks it, then the other company which is left will escape.

***Genesis 32:9-12** Then Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to me, Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you: I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan

with my staff, and now I have become two camps. Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children. For You said, I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

***Genesis 32:13-15** So he lodged there that same night, and took what came to his hand as a present for Esau his brother: two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals

***Genesis 32:20** And also say, 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; perhaps he will accept me.

***Genesis 32:24-30** Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, Let Me go, for the day breaks. But he said, I will not let You go unless You bless me! So he said to him, What is your name? He said, Jacob. And He said, Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel for you have struggled with God and with Men, and have prevailed. Then Jacob asked saying, Tell me Your name, I pray. And He said, Why is it that you ask about my name? And He blessed him there. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

***Genesis 18:23,24** And Abraham came close and said, Will You destroy the righteous (those upright and in right standing with God) together with the wicked? Suppose there are in the city fifty righteous; will You destroy the place and not spare it for [the sake of] the fifty righteous in it?

***Jonah1:1-3** The Word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Get up and go to the large city of Nineveh, and preach against it. For their sin has come up before Me. But Jonah ran away from the Lord going toward Tarshish. He went down to Joppa and found a ship which was going to Tarshish. Jonah paid money, and got on the ship to go with them, to get away from the Lord.

***Job 13:3; 23-24** But I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to argue my case with God....How many are my iniquities and my sins? Make me know my transgression and my sin. Why do you hide your face, and count me as your enemy?"

***Acts 22:6-8** I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads. And I said, Who are you Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.

***Genesis 33:1** Now Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and there, Esau was coming, and with him were four hundred men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two maidservants.

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

***Genesis 33:5** And he (Esau) lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, Who are these with you? So he said, The children whom God has graciously given your servant.

***Genesis 33:8** Then Esau said, What do you mean by all this company which I met? And he said, These are to find favor in the sight of my lord. But Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself. And Jacob said, No, please, I if I have now found favor in your sight then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me. Please take my blessing.....and he took it.

***Genesis 33:15-17** Then Esau said, Let me assign to you some of the men who are with me. But he said, Oh no, my lord is too kind to me!
So Esau started back that day on his way to Seir. But Jacob journeyed on to Succoth, and built a house for himself and made stalls for his cattle; that is why the place was called Succoth.

***Obadiah 1:1-4** The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom: We have heard a rumor from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise you, and let us rise up against her in battle. Behold, I have made you small among the heathen: you are greatly despised. The pride of your heart has deceived you, you that dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that says in his heart, who shall bring me down to the ground? Though you

exalt thyself as the eagle, and though you set thy nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down, says the LORD.

***Obadiah 1:9-11,17a,18c** Then your mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that everyone from the mountains of Esau may be cut off by slaughter. For violence against your brother Jacob, Shame shall cover you and you shall be cut off forever. In the day that you stood on the other side - In the day that strangers carried captive his forces; When foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem - even you were as one of them. But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, And there shall be holiness; And no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau, For the LORD has spoken.

***Obadiah 1:15** For the day of the LORD upon all nations is near; As you have done it shall be done to you;

***Isaiah 13:9-11** Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it.

For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises And the moon will not shed its light. Thus I will punish the world for its evil And the wicked for their iniquity; I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud And abase the haughtiness of the ruthless.