



**#6 Toldot Genesis 25:19-28:9  
Torah Study  
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**Names**

Esav – Esau  
 Hevron – Hebron  
 Jasher – ancient book quoted in the Bible  
 Ya'akov – Jacob  
 Kefa – Peter  
 Messiah – English for Mashiach; anointed one; Christ in the Greek means to be smudged – anointed  
 Moshe – Moses  
 Rivkah – Rebecca  
 Shaul – Paul  
 Yeshua – Jesus' real name  
 Yĕhōvâh – God's real name forever (Exodus 3:15)

Yitz'chak – Isaac  
 Yochanan – John

**Terms**

Toldot – 6<sup>th</sup> Torah portion  
 Cohen – priest  
 Haftarah – reading from the prophets  
 Tanakh – Old Testament portion of Bible  
 Torah – 1st 5 books of the Bible  
 Torah portion – there are 54 portions of the Torah

Toldot means, “generations.” The Torah portion for Toldot is Genesis 25:19 to 28:9. This parashah begins by telling us that Yitz'chak got married at 40 years old to Rivkah and that they were having trouble conceiving so Yitz'chak prayed, and Rivkah conceived.

First, I would like to begin by talking about being at peace and being refreshed.

We need to be peace with God though God's commandments. We are to apply God's commandments in all of life. Have you ever met someone who seems detached from their spirituality. They put in their one hour each week and they are done with anything spiritual for the rest of the week.

They have a relationship with God and others on their own terms instead of God being part of their entire life. Those who keep God's commandments in all they do bring peace. Psalms 37:37 NKJV says, "Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; for the future of that man is peace." God wants us to have a successful and satisfying life. He has given us His commandments to help us with life.

Psalms 85:8-11 NKJV says,

I will hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

God wants His people, His saints, His holy ones, to have a good life and a life of blessing. You do what is right by avoiding mistaken ideas. God's deliverance will be with those who deeply respect God. Why is that? It is because they have accepted God's goodness and truth. Living right according to God's commandments brings peace. Those who follow God's commandments do what is right; our all-knowing God has given mankind the right way to live

from His holy habitation, from heaven. Isn't that wonderful?

Keeping God's commandments puts us in right relationship with God because we are listening to Him and doing what He tells us to do. Keeping God's commandments helps us in all of life because they are given to us by a holy God who knows what is best for mankind.

In this Messianic age, the Holy Spirit also helps us to be at peace with God and others. At peace through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will not tell us to disobey God's commandments but is a helper for life. John 14:15-17 NKJV says, Keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth." God's commandments help us to do what is right and the Holy Spirit can remind us to do what is right, lead us in the right direction in life, inspire us, help us to act in good ways, and so much more. Just like God's commandments are to lead us in life and are truth, the Holy Spirit will help lead us. John 16:13 NKJV says, "When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth."

Knowing what is right gives us confidence and mental rest in all of life so that we have the strength and joy to move forward. Psalms 16:11 NKJV says, "You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy." When we do God's will, life will go better. Psalms 28:7 NKJV says, "The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices." Trusting in and doing God's commandments helps in life and we have reason to rejoice.

There are many ways that we need to connect with God.

We said that God needs to be part of our whole life through His commandments and through the Holy Spirit. We are to do what is right and good at home, with our family, both immediate and extended family, with our friends, with those we have spiritual fellowship with, at our job, and with those we come in contact with.

Do we have the best interests of others at heart? This does not mean we encourage people to continue in sin. That is not caring about others. People will listen to us if we care about them. How do we relate with others at our job, with family, with friends, with those in our spiritual fellowship, and any and all those we interact with?

Last week, we talked about Rebecca and how she responded to Abraham's servant. She seemed naturally attentive and caring towards others. She was willing to take the time and energy to be good to others. Genesis 24:18-19 NKJV says, "So she said, "Drink, my lord." Then she quickly let her pitcher down to her hand, and gave him a drink. And when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking." I think camels can drink a lot of water, so she was willing to be especially kind even though this person was a stranger.

Do we use restraint for the benefit of others?

Do our words bring peace and show kindness? What are we demonstrating through our actions and speech? Do we find out how we can help others? Are we open to leading people to God if the opportunity arises?

If someone is open to God, our words need to be kind and considerate. Take a moment to focus your thinking pattern to be kind and caring. We may need to allow the other person to think about what we have said. They may need time to process some of the things you presented.

Be kind to people who are willing to seek truth. Allow people time to grow and be encouraging towards them. Be honest and share the truths of the Bible from the Bible. Break down barriers to others by having a friendly and congenial relationship, but always a holy relationship. God is holy and does what is right and good and we are to also be holy. Deuteronomy 28:9 NKJV says, "The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways." Holy people are people who keep God's commandments.

God's truths help us to live a better life, they lead us in the right direction for life and with our relationship with God, and they make a tangible difference in our lives.

We are to treasure God's commandments and keep them in mind for life. They are worth it just as much as the precious things we have.

Proverbs 2:1-5 NKJV says,

Treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

When you value God's commandments you will then fear God. Often you will see positive results by keeping His commandments and understand that God is good. I used to do missions trips to the jungle. It was through keeping God's commandments that the people there began to have better lives. I experienced that for myself as well in my life. When I began to keep God's commandments years ago my life got better. I had better reasoning, more peace and satisfaction, and I was more successful in life.

We are to trust God and not rely on our own ways and ideas. Then we will know and understand that His ways are good. Since God's ways are best, they keep us from evil and they will make a big difference in our life.

Then in Proverbs 3:5-7 it says,

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil.

It is possible to know God's goodness simply by keeping His commands. Psalms 34:8 NKJV says, "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!" It says taste and see that God is good. Won't you give God a try.

Why those who teach false doctrine want you to listen to them.

We talked last week a little about **false teachers** who do not teach people keep God's commandments. They may say, all you need to do is have faith or just love God and others. Why do we need to talk about this? It should be obvious; they are keeping people away from a true relationship with God. The psalmist said to taste and see that God is good. 2 Kings 23:25 NKJV says about King Josiah, "Now before him there was no king like him, who turned

to the LORD with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did any arise like him." How do we turn to God with our whole heart? We keep the law, the Torah, the law of Moshe. When we keep God's commandments whether from the Old Testament or New Testament portions, we receive blessings because we are living right and also, God can put blessings on our lives supernaturally.

People will say that they believe in God and love God, but they often mean they love God on their terms, so they then make up what it means to love God. We turn to God with our whole heart and we love God by keeping His commandments. Deuteronomy 11:1 NKJV says, "Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always."

Some have developed a man-made religious system, and they think their man-made doctrine is right. They follow their own ideas instead of following what God teaches. Subsequently, they think that anything that detracts from their ability to save others by their man-made ideas is wrong. Are they really saving people. They actually believe they are leading people to God with their false beliefs. They self-justify themselves instead of accepting what God says is right.

What should we do? On our Web site, I suggest starting your own study group. Surely you can find one person to fellowship with weekly either in person or on the phone, or by video conferencing. A lot of people use Zoom. Going to a building does not mean you will hear truth. They are often too invested in keeping people coming to their building because they need the money than to teach the truth. Some pastors become guardians of the people to keep them believing in what the pastor believes.

There are some Messianic congregations that keep God's commandments but it difficult for some Messianic congregations to give up their old beliefs for biblical truth. Many people meet in buildings of stone and have a heart of stone, and do not want to give up their false religious system. Ezekiel 11:19-20 NKJV says, "Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God." Like I have said many times, one of the things the gift of the Holy Spirit does is to help us keep God's commandments. If you are hearing something else from your pastor, that is not the Holy Spirit speaking. The Bible says we become God's people by doing what He says and keeping His commandments.

### **Torah Study.**

The Torah portion for this week is Toldot and it means, "generations." The Torah portion for Toldot is Genesis 25:19 to 28:9. We learn more about Isaac in this portion. This parashah begins by telling us that Yitz'chak got married at 40 years old to Rivkah and that they were having trouble conceiving. According to the Book of Jasher, Abraham first prayed for them and then Rivkah asks Yitz'chak to also pray.

The Book of Jasher is an ancient book that was quoted in the Bible. It is not considered inspired by God, but sometimes explains some of the details of what happened. Jasher 25:6

says, "And Rebecca said unto him, but arise now thou also and pray, that the Lord may hear thy prayer and grant me children, and Isaac hearkened to the words of his wife."<sup>1</sup> So Yitz'chak prayed and Rivkah conceived. Why did he wait to pray? Some people are indifferent to prayer, but Yitz'chak was a believer. Perhaps he trusted that God would do what He said without taking any action, but that is not a good reason not to pray. Yeshua Messiah tells us to pray over and over in the story of the unjust judge (see Luke 18:1-8).

Shaul encourages us to pray much to God. Ephesians 6:18 NKJV says, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints." Saints refers to God's holy ones who keep His commandments. Deuteronomy 28:9 NKJV says, "The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways." They are not dead people. Shaul said we are to pray always; we are to be diligent to pray.

While Rivkah's twins were in her womb, they were very active, so Rivkah asked God what was going on. She asked Abraham, Shem the son of Noah, and Noah's son Eber according to the Book of Jasher and they inquired of the Lord. The Lord told her there were two rival nations in her womb and that the older would serve the younger. So, either from our understanding of the Bible or from Jasher, she had received by revelation that Ya'akov was to receive the blessing of the first born and not Esav.

Yitzchak liked Esav because he was a hunter and seemingly disregarded the word that Rivkah received from God. This caused a lot of trouble when it came time to pass on the blessing. There seems to be some favoritism going on. When the twins were born Esav came first and was reddish and Ya'akov came out holding Esav's heel. Yitz'chak was 60 at the time. Ya'akov was a quiet child and Rivkah favored him probably because of the word given her.

One day Esav came home exhausted and asked Ya'akov for some food. Ya'akov said he would give him food if he would give him the rights of the firstborn; so, Esav gave his firstborn rights for some food. As we can see, God had already given Ya'akov the rights of the firstborn. Esav actually gave away what he did not have and what he did not care about anyway. God gave the birthright to Jacob by revelation and also, the Bible says that Esav "despised" his birthright and gave it away; see Genesis 25:34. Strong's Dictionary says that the word despised can also mean to disdain. In other word Esau had contempt for his birthright. Then there is a famine and God tells Yitz'chak to stay in the land instead of going to Egypt and God reiterates the promise to Yitz'chak that He gave to Avraham.

We see God communicating with His people and helping them. I find it remarkable that people resist the leading of the Holy Spirit and do not want the associated gifts of the Holy Spirit. God knows everything! Isn't it to our advantage to have the help of God in life in addition to His commandments. Also, it seems some do not want God's commandments either. God knows what is best for life.

It says about Abraham in Genesis 26:5 NKJV, "Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://sacred-texts.com/chr/apo/jasher/26.htm>

My commandments, My statutes, and My laws." Believers keep God's commandments. There are some people who teach that Abraham and other ancient believers did not know God's commandments, but as we can see, that is not true. God had Israel write down God's commandments after they left Egypt for future generations to have. That was the reason for writing down God's commandments at Mount Sinai. It was not because they did not know them.

Israel knew God's commandments. Why would Moshe have his sons circumcised when he went back to Egypt if they did not know God's commandments? They also had the means to write them down. Archeology has found Hebrew writing dating back to around 1650 BC. Modern archeology shows that Israel escaped their slavery in Egypt around 1450 BC instead of 1305 BC. They have now found Hebrew writing in Canaan that they date to the time Israel entered the land. Israel passed on their alphabet to the Canaanites and subsequently to the Phoenicians. So, our alphabet has its roots in the Hebrew alphabet.

While Yitz'chak is in G'rar, he is afraid, so he tells the people there that Rivkah is his sister, but he was found out. Rivkah was given protection by Avimelekh. Perhaps Yitz'chak did not need to be concerned, but he was afraid anyway. The ancient writings suggest that people not only lived longer but did not age the way people look now when they are older. Also, pagan kings were known to make women part of their concubines.

Yitz'chak produced a hundred-fold on his crops, and he prospered, and the P'lishtim became jealous and asked him to leave. So, he left and opened up a well that Avraham had dug and the P'lishtim claimed it was their water. They should have instead learned to dig their own wells. Sometimes people become jealous and want to take what others have instead of learning how to do things for themselves.

He ended up digging several wells before they stopped bothering him. He then went up to Be'er-Sheva where God, יהוה (Yĕhōvāh)<sup>2</sup>, appeared to him and promised him the land for his decedents as God had promised Abraham. God appeared to all the patriarchs. It is not true that God cannot appear as a man as some say. Some people are blinded by false teaching. God can do what He wants and if He wants to appear as man or come as a man, He can. When Avraham meets God, God says in Genesis 18:14 NKJV, "Is anything too hard for the LORD?"

Then Avimelekh comes and makes a pact of peace with Yitz'chak because he saw that God had showed favor on Yitz'chak. The portion then talks about Esav. When Esav was 40, he took two Hittite wives, and they caused trouble for the family. Yitz'chak wanted to bless Esav despite what God told Rivkah and he sent him out to hunt and then receive the blessing. Rivkah heard what Yitz'chak was about to do, and she sent Ya'akov in disguise to get the blessing that as we said earlier, was supposed to go to Ya'akov both through a word from God and Esav also gave it away. Yitz'chak's eyes were failing, and he thought that he was blessing Esav, but the text suggests he might have known otherwise. Yitz'chak blessed Ya'akov with abundance, lordship, and protective favor. These were all things that a worldly person like

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<sup>2</sup> Exodus 3:15 says that Yĕhōvāh will be God's name forever as seen pointed in 2,363 manuscripts. Once as Yĕhōvāh; never as Yahweh.

Esav would have liked.

Ya'akov had just left when Esav came in and Yitz'chak tells him that he had already given his blessing and that it could not be revoked. Perhaps Yitz'chak was pretending to not know he blessed who he was supposed to bless.

When Yitz'chak dies, the Book of Jasher says that Ya'akov gives Esav the choice to choose the land of Canaan that God had promised to the line of Abraham or Yitz'chak's belongings and cattle and Esav chose Yitz'chak's belongings and cattle. Apparently Ya'akov understood that Esav would pick what is worldly. Ya'akov looked forward to God's promise and the land of Canaan. May we seek God's eternal kingdom and be worthy of God's promise to come.

After some coaxing, Yitz'chak gave a blessing to Esav. Yitz'chak blesses Esav, but Esav does not receive the blessing of the first born. Esav obviously pretends that he deserves the blessing of the first born. It is kind of a twist in fate. Ya'akov pretends to be Esau and gets the blessing he was supposed to get, and Esau pretends that he deserves the blessing and does not get it.

In this case, Rivkah, a woman, stands up for what is right. She is an example of someone who stood up for what is right. Often, good people do not want to cause trouble so they do not stand up for what is right when they should. Evil people seem to be more ambitious to get their way.

Esav was planning to kill Ya'akov and Rivkah heard of it. Yitz'chak and Rivkah send Ya'akov away to Rivkah's brother Lavan and told him to pick a wife from his family. This was done in the hope that Jacob would find a believing wife there. Esav saw that his wives did not please his parents, so he also took a daughter of Ishmael as his wife.

What differences do you see in the lives of Ya'akov and Esav?

Ya'akov was willing to follow what his mother knew to be right.

Ya'akov was more spiritually minded.

Esav had the heart of a murderer. Revelation 21:8 NKJV says, "Murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters ... shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone."

Ya'akov fled in order to avoid a conflict; perhaps saving his brother's life.

Esav was thick headed and only did what he wanted to do. He could have joined the blessings of his brother, but he only wanted to do things his way.

Esav passed on his cursed life to his descendants.

The Haftarah for Toldot is Malachi 1:1-2:7. In this Haftarah portion, Malachi gives a prophecy to Israel. He says that God loves them and the descendants of Jacob and gives them favor but does not favor the wicked descendants of Esau. He says that Israel is not honoring their Father God by their polluted offerings of imperfect animals and imperfect food offerings. If they do not change, God will take away His favor. The priests were making up their own rules about the sacrifices. God says, the Cohens should be guarding His commandments. We too should guard God's commandments.

We must always remember that what God promises He is able to do and will accomplish even if we oppose God. Not following God the way we should can bring dire consequences to our lives. God wants to give us His blessings. God has plans for us, but if we reject them, God will give away our blessing to someone else just like God gave the blessing to Ya'akov instead of Esau. Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

*God has good plans for us!*

We are all imperfect people; the kingdom has not yet been restored. We must remember to repent and try to rectify our sins and the problems we have caused. Yeshua taught that we not only are to ask God for forgiveness, but also work out our problems. Do not be an Esav who wanted to kill Ya'akov instead of working things out. Esav relied on himself instead of God; his life and progeny came to amount to very little compared to Ya'akov's life. All he cared about was himself and a plate of beans. Yeshua said in Matthew 5:23-24 NKJV, "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." If we know that we have done something wrong, try to work it out and then also ask God for forgiveness. Be a spiritually minded person like Ya'akov.

Our Torah teaching this week was a little shorter than usual, so I'd like to share a few important biblical truths. Man-made concepts can detract from God's truths at times. Remember, like man-made theology, idols are also man-made. We need to define our understanding of the Bible by what it originally meant. Theology is a man-made construct of what the Bible teaches. They will replace what the Bible says with terms like we are in the process of sanctification instead of using biblical truth. The proper understanding of the Bible is that we are to be a holy people who keep God's commandments.

### **Holy and Set Apart.**

We are to be God's set apart holy people. Deuteronomy 28:9 NKKJKV says, "The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways." We are to keep God's commandments and continue to learn and grow spiritually in life. Theology teaches sanctification which tends to replace the truth of the Bible by substituting holiness with a man-made idea. We are to strive to do what is "right and good." Doing good in biblical and Jewish thought is to keep God's commandments. Deuteronomy 6:17-18 NKJV says, "You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you. And you shall **do what is right and good** in the sight of the LORD."

We are to separate our lives from doing evil by doing what is "right and good." When we do not keep God's commandments, we separate ourselves from God. Isaiah 59:2 NKJV, "But your iniquities have separated you from your God." Holiness carries with it the idea that we separate ourselves from sin. Leviticus 20:26 NKJV says, "And you shall be holy to Me, for I



the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine." We are separated to God by keeping His commandments. Sometimes the Bible uses the word saints for God's holy people. Most of the time, the word translated saint is translated as holy (hagios in the New Testament). People lived as saints in the Old Testament if they kept God's commandments and continued to learn and grow spiritually. Those in the New Testament are saints, holy ones, if they are also living holy lives and are growing spiritually.

Therefore, those who have been separated by God are holy if they are living holy lives. Shaul talks about us not being separated from God (in Romans Chapter 8) because we live holy separate lives, namely not worldly sinful lives. If we are living holy lives, we will not be separated from God. Psalms 118:6 NKJV says, "The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

If we do not live holy lives, we have turned our back on God. Then we must repent and turn towards God and keep His commandments if we want to be God's holy ones. This also involves receiving and using the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Yeshua said in John 14:15-17 NKJV, "If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — the Spirit of truth." Our first helper is God's commandments. The Messiah came to give us another helper to be God's holy people, the Holy Spirit.

Some people do not like the Holy Spirit because some people who have the Holy Spirit misuse the Holy Spirit and continue to live in sin. Those that misuse the Holy Spirit or are living in sin are not living as holy people and they are separated from God. Remember, Isaiah 59:2 NKJV says, "But your iniquities have separated you from your God."

Also, Shaul says in 1 Corinthians 14:37 NKJV, "The things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord." In the same context in 1 Corinthians 14:40 NKJV Shaul says, "Let all things be done decently and in order." We are not to misuse the Holy Spirit. He also writes in 1 Corinthians 14:1 NKJV, "Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts." We are to desire the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those who are not using the Holy Spirit in an honoring fashion or not pursuing the gifts of the Holy Spirit are therefore sinning.

The Holy Spirit is our helper just like God's written word is our helper. Also, some people say they are holy without actually behaving like God's holy people. They are delusional. We are to be holy as God is holy the Bible says. Leviticus 11:44 NKJV says, "For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy." You must live a holy life, or you will be in the lake of fire for eternity (see Revelation 21:8).

### **The word Apostle.**

First of all, the word apostle means a sent one. There were many sent ones in the Old Testament portion for example, Isaiah and Jeremiah. Most of the prophets in the Old Testament acted as sent ones at times. All the gifts of the Holy Spirit were present to some extent in the Old Testament except for speaking in tongues. Noah heard from God, Abraham heard from, and many others. We see many ordinary people prophesying. Elizabeth prophesied in Luke 1:41-45, Zacharius in Luke 1 67-79, and Anna in Luke 2:36-38. In the

New Testament portion, there are perhaps thousands of sent ones. Shaul says that **a sent one is a common ministry** in Ephesians 4:11 NKJV: "And He Himself gave some to be **apostles**, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers." So, it is a lie that there are only 12 apostles. Again, being an apostle is a common ministry according to the Bible. Yeshua had 12 apostles that were closest to him but there were many more. The congregations and people that use the word apostle are doing so to control others.

Also, it is now improper to use the word apostle at this time because of the improper stigma that has been attached to this word. Shaul says in Romans 16:7 NKJV. "Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles." Junia is a woman's name. If God sends you to do something, use literal terms instead of the word "apostle." For example, God wanted me to serve in the Amazon Jungle for a short time. In that way you avoid the deceitful pride of some denominations or people.

We should also note, that since there were apostles and prophets in the Old Testament portion, the community of believers was based on the apostles and prophets of the Old Testament that were sent by God (apostles), and who called people back to God and told them to stop sinning. This would have been the understanding of the people back then. There was no New Testament portion at the time. We need to understand the scriptures how the people back then would have understood them.

### **We are Called.**

We are called to do something. I thought I was called to be a Christian. The Bible explains being called in an active sense. Ephesians 4:1 NKJV says, "Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called." The Old Testament believers were supposed to follow God's commandments and walk in them and so are the New Testament believers. New Testament believers also believe on the Messiah Yeshua and receive the Holy Spirit and walk by God's commandments and the Holy Spirit. That is how we become part of the family; we do what our Father God wants us to do and behave like His children. That is what we are called to do, so live out what you have been called to do.

Some people are also called to do specific things. Shaul was called to be a messenger (apostle), others are called to be teachers, etcetera. God may call us to do specific things during different stages of our life. For example, I was also called to do inner city ministry for a number of years.

### **Finally.**

In this portion, God healed Rivkah and she was able to conceive two children. Yitzchak did not listen to his wife about Ya'akov being the child of promise so Rivkah took matters in her own hands and fooled Yitzchak so he would give the blessing to Ya'akov. Ya'akov chooses to leave rather than confront Esav. Esav is a worldly person and wants to kill Ya'akov. We will see that God worked everything out despite Yitz'chak's shortcomings.

Esav is an example of someone who is worldly minded and Ya'akov is an example of someone who is spiritually minded and wants what God wants. Ya'akov continued to be faithful to God and God blessed Ya'akov tremendously for his faithfulness to God. God has also blessed the

world through Ya'akov even to this day.

The worldly like Esav bring a curse on their families and the world and they will end up in the lake of fire (see Revelation 21:8). Join the forces of good and continue the legacy of blessing through Ya'akov and our Messiah Yeshua and be part of God's future glorious eternal kingdom.

**Commandments and Implied Commandments in this Portion.  
(We can understand commandments are being implied from other scriptures in the Bible.)**

We are to pray for God's help with life and family. Genesis 25:21.

The man of the house should take initiative in prayer. This also suggests that men should take spiritual responsibility in their home. Genesis 25:21.

According to the Book of Jasher, Yitz'chak listened to his wife. Men should be kind and caring towards their wives and give them a voice. Jasher 25:6 says, "And Rebecca said unto him, but arise now thou also and pray, that the Lord may hear thy prayer and grant me children, and Isaac hearkened to the words of his wife."<sup>3</sup> Ephesians 5:28 NKJV says, "So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies."

We are to ask God for understanding in certain situations and He may inform us. If God tells us something to do, we need to do it. God gave the right of the first born to Ya'akov. Also, God told Isaac to stay in Canaan and he did. Genesis 25:22, 26:2-5.

Sometimes it is better to appease others to keep peace. The wells belonged to Yitz'chak, but he pursued peace knowing that God would provide. He was a man of peace. Genesis 26:18-22; also see Romans 12:18.

We see God speaking to believers in our portions. God spoke to believers in the past and He still does. Genesis 26:23-24; Acts 2:17-18 NKJV says, "That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy."

We may need to use sensible means when dealing with others. Especially fear those who may lead you to eternal damnation. Genesis 27:43-44; Matthew 10:28.

Fathers should pass on blessings to their children. Genesis 28:3-4.

**In closing, let us say the Aaronic Blessing from Numbers 6:24-26:**

Yě-hō-váh bless you and keep you.

Yě-hō-váh make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://sacred-texts.com/chr/apo/jasher/26.htm>

Yě-hō-váh lift up His face upon you, and give to you peace. Amen.

Thank you for being with us today.