

SYCHRONIZING THE HOLY BIBLE (KJV&NAS) and JASHER

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Jacob's story continues, Part 7

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Introduction: Where the Dead Sea Scrolls are the same as the Bible, I have, for the most part, used the Dead Sea Scrolls for this story. The Bible version, of course, you can read from the Bible. My comments are in brackets. The Holy Bible will be in black normal writing and the scrolls will be in Italics. Remember, the scrolls are not divine scripture, but they appear to be very accurate as far as history is concerned; they give more details which are very interesting. Various interpreters could have changed things a bit over the years.

Genesis 28-30:24; Jasher 30: (continued):

And in those days Adah the wife of Esau conceived and bare him a son, and Esau called the name of the son that was born unto him Eliphaz, and Esau was sixty-five years old when she bare him. And Ishmael the son of Abraham died in those days, in the sixty-fourth year of the life of Jacob, and all the days of Ishmael lived were one hundred and thirty-seven years and he died.

And when Isaac heard that Ishmael was dead he mourned for him, and Isaac lamented over him many days.

And at the end of fourteen years of Jacob's residing in the house of Eber, Jacob desired to see his father and mother, and Jacob came to the house of his father and mother to Hebron, and Esau had in those days forgotten what Jacob had done to him in having taken the blessing from him in those days.

And when Esau saw Jacob coming to his father and mother he remembered what Jacob had done to him, and he was greatly incensed against him and he sought to slay him.

And Isaac the son of Abraham was old and advanced in days, and Esau said, "Now my father's time is drawing nigh that he must die, and when he shall die I will slay my brother Jacob.

So Isaac called Jacob and blessed and charged him, and said to him, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and from there take to yourself a wife from the daughter of Laban your mother's brother. And may God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. May he also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham.

Therefore take heed lest thou shouldst forget the Lord thy God and all his ways in the land to which thou goest, and shouldst get connected with the people of the land and pursue vanity and forsake the Lord thy God.

But when thou comest to the land serve there the Lord, do not turn to the right or to the left from the way which I commanded thee and which thou didst learn.

And may the almighty God grant thee favor in the sight of the people of the earth, that thou mayest take there a wife according to thy choice; one who is good and upright in the ways of the Lord.

And may God give unto thee and thy seed the blessing of thy father Abraham, and make thee fruitful and multiply thee, and mayset thou become a multitude of people in the land whither thou goest, and may God cause thee to return to this land, the land of thy father's dwelling, with children and with great riches, with joy and pleasure.

And Isaac finished commanding Jacob and blessing him, and he gave him many gifts, together with silver an gold, and he sent him away; and Jacob hearkened to his father and mother; he kissed them and arose and went to Padan-aram; and Jacob was seventy-seven years old when he went out from the land of Canaan from Beersheba.

And this was told to Rebecca, and she hastened and sent and called for Jacob her son, and she said to him, "Arise, go and flee to Haran to my brother Laban, and remain there for some time, until thy brother's anger be turned from thee and then shalt thou come back.

And when Jacob went away to go to Haran Esau called unto his son Eliphaz, and secretly spoke unto him, saying, Now hasten, take thy sword in thy hand and pursue Jacob and pass before him in the road, and lurk for him, and slay him with thy sword in one of the mountains, and take all belonging to him and come back.

And Eliphaz the son of Esau was an active man and expert with the bow as his father had taught him, and he was a noted hunter in the field and a valiant man.

And Eliphaz did as his father had commanded him, and Eliphaz was at that time thirteen years old, and Eliphaz rose up and went and took ten of his mother's brothers with him and pursued Jacob.

An he closely followed Jacob, and he lurked for him in the border of the land of Canaan opposite to the city of Shechem.

And Jacob saw Eliphaz and his men pursuing him, and Jacob stood still in the place in which he was going, in order to know what this was, for he did not know the thing: and Eliphaz drew his

sword and he went on advancing, he and his men, towards Jacob; and Jacob said unto them, What is to do with you that you have come hither, and what meaneth it that you pursue with your swords.

And Eliphaz came near to Jacob and he answered and said unto him, Thus did my father command me, and now therefore I will not deviate from the orders which my father gave me; and when Jacob saw that Esau had spoken to Eliphaz to employ force, Jacob then approached and supplicated Eliphaz and his men, saying to him,

Behold all that I have and which my father and mother gave unto me, that take unto thee and go from me, and do not slay me, and may this thing be accounted unto thee a righteousness.

And the Lord caused Jacob to find favor in the sight of Eliphaz the son of Esau, and his men, and they hearkened to the voice of Jacob, and they did not put him to death, and Eliphaz and his men took all belonging to Jacob together with the silver and gold that he had brought with him from Beersheba; they left him nothing.

And Eliphaz and his men went away from him and they returned to Esau to Beersheba, and they told him all that had occurred to them with Jacob, and they gave him all that they had taken from Jacob.

And Esau was indignant at Eliphaz his son, and at his men that were with him, because they had not put Jacob to death.

And they answered and said unto Esau, Because Jacob supplicated us in this matter not to slay him, our pity was excited toward him, and we took all belonging to him and brought it unto thee and Esau took all the silver and gold which Eliphaz had taken from Jacob and he put them by in his house.

At that time when Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and had commanded him, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife from amongst the daughters of Canaan, and that the daughters of Canaan were bad in the sight of Isaac and Rebekah.

Then he went to the house of Ishmael his uncle, and in addition to his older wives he took Machlath the daughter of Ishmael, the sister of Nebayoth, for a wife.

Jacob came to a certain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it under his head, and lay down in that place. And he had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth with its top reaching to heaven: and

Behold, the angels of God were asending and descending on it. And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham, and the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.

Your descendants shall also be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

And behold, I am with you, and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."

And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on its top.

And he called the name of that place Bethel; however, previously the name of the city had been Luz.

Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me on this journey that I take, and will give me food to eat and garments to wear, and I return to my father's house in safety, then the Lord will be my God. And this stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will be God's house; and of all that God gives me I will surely give a tenth to Thee."

And Jacob rose up from that place quite rejoiced, and when he walked his feet felt light to him for joy, and he went from there to the land of the children of the East, and he sat by the shepherd's well.

And he found some men going from Haran to feed their flocks, and Jacob made inquiries of them, and they said, We are from Haran.

And he said unto them, Do you know Laban, the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him, and behold his daughter Rachel is coming along to feed her father's flock.

Whilst he was yet speaking with them, Rachel the daughter of Laban came to feed her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

And when Jacob saw Rachel that he told her that he was the son of Rebecca, her father's sister, and Rachel ran and told her father, and Jacob continued to cry because he had nothing with him to bring to the house of Laban.

And when Laban heard that his sister's son Jacob had come, he ran and kissed him and embraced him and brought him into the house and gave him bread, and he ate.

And Jacob related to Laban what his brother Esau ha done to him, and what his son Eliphaz had done to him in the road.

And Jacob resided in Laban's house for one month, and Jacob ate and drank in the house of Laban, and afterward Laban said unto Jacob, Tell me what shall be thy wages, for how canst thou serve me for nought?

And Laban had no sons but only daughters, and his other wives and handmaids were still barren in those days; and these are the names of Laban's daughters which his wife Adinah had borne unto him; the name of the elder was Leah and the name of the younger was Rachel; and Leah was tender-eyed, but Rachel was beautiful and well favored, and Jacob loved her.

And Jacob said unto Laban, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter; and Laban consented to this and Jacob served Laban seven years for his daughter Rachel.

And in the second year of Jacob's dwelling in Haran, that is in the seventy-ninth year of the life of Jacob, in that year died Eber the son of Shem, he was four hundred and sixty-four years old at his death.

And when Jacob heard that Eber was dead he grieved exceedingly, and he lamented and mourned over him many days.

And in the third year of Jacob's dwelling in Haran, Bosmath, the daughter of Ishmael, the wife of Esau, bare unto him a son, and Esau called his name Reuel.

And in the fourth year of Jacob's residence in the house of Laban, the Lord visited Laban and remembered him on account of Jacob, and sons were born unto him, and his first born was Beor, his second was Alib, and the third was Chorash.

And the Lord gave Laban riches and honor, sons and daughters, and the man increased greatly on account of Jacob.

And Jacob in those days served Laban in all manner of work, in the house and in the field, and the blessing of the Lord was in all that belonged to Laban in the house and in the field.

And in the fifth year died Jehudith, he daughter of Beeeri, the wife of Esau, in the land of Canaan, and she had no sons but daughters only.

And these are the names of her daughters which she bare to Esau, the name of the elder was Marzith, and the name of the younger was Puith.

And when Jehudith died, Esau rose up and went to Seir to hunt in the field, as usual, and Esau dwelt in the land of Seir for a long time.

And in the sixth year Esau took for a wife, in addition to his other wives, Ahlibamah, the daughter of Zebeon the Hivite, and Esau brought her to the land of Canaan.

And Ahlibamah conceived and bare unto Esau three sons, Yeush, Yaalan, and Korah.

And in those days, in the land of Canaan, there was a quarrel between the herdsmen of Esau and the herdsmen of the inhabitants of the land of Canaan, for Esau's cattle and goods were too abundant for him to remain in the land of Canaan, in his father's house, and the land of Canaan could not bear him on account of his cattle.

And when Esau saw that this quarreling increased with the inhabitants of the land of Canaan, he rose up and took his wives and his sons and his daughters, and all belonging to him, and the cattle which he possessed and all his property that he had acquired in the land of Canaan, and he went away from the inhabitants of the land to the land of Seir, and Esau and all belonging to him dwelt in the land of Seir.

But from time to time Esau would go and see his father and mother in the land of Canaan, and Esau intermarried with the Horites, and he gave his daughters to the sons of Seir, the Horite.

And he gave his elder daughter Marzith to Anah, the son of Zebeon, his wife's brother, and Piuth he gave to Azar, the son of Bilhand the Horite; and Esau dwelt in the mountain, he and his children, and they were fruitful and multiplied.

And in the seventh year, Jacob's service which he served Laban was completed and Jacob said unto Laban, give me my wife for the days of my service are fulfilled; and Laban did so, and Laban and Jacob assembled all the people of that place and they made a feast.

And in the evening Laban came to the house, and afterward Jaob came there with the people of the feast, and Laban extinguished all the lights that were there in the house.

And Jacob said unto Laban, Wherefore dost thou do this thing unto us? And Laban answered, Such is our custom to act in this land.

And afterward Laban took his daughter Leah, and he bought her to Jacob, and he came to her and Jacob did not know that she was Leah.

And Laban gave his daughter Leah his maid Zilpah for a handmaid.

And all the people at the feast knew what Laban had done to Jacob, but they did not tell the thing to Jacob.

And all the neighbors came that night to Jacob's house, and they ate and drank and rejoiced, and played before Leah upon timbrels, and with dances, and they responded before Jacob Heleah, Heleah.

And Jacob heard their words but did not understand their meaning, but he thought such might be their custom in this land.

And the neighbors spoke these words before Jacob during the night, and all the lights that were in the house Laban had that night extinguished.

And in the morning, when daylight appeared, Jacob turned to his wife and he saw, and behold it was Leah that had been lying in his bosom, and Jacob said, Behold, now I know what the neighbors said last night, Heleah, they said, and I knew it not.

And Jacob called unto Laban, and said unto him, what is this that thou didst unto me? Surely I served thee for Rachel, and why didst thou deceive me and didst give me Leah?

And Laban answered Jacob, saying, Not so is it done in our place to give the younger before the elder; now therefore if thou desirest to take her sister likewise, take her unto thee for the service which thou wilt serve me for another seven years.

And Jacob did so, and he also took Rachel for a wife, and he served Laban seven years more, and Jacob also came to Rachel, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and Laban gave her his maid Bilhah for a handmaid.

And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated, the Lord opered her womb, and she conceived and bare Jacob four sons in those days.

And these are their names, Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, and she afterward left bearing.

And at that time Rachel was barren, and she had no offspring, and Rachel envied her sister Leah, and when Rachel saw that she bare no children to Jacob, she took her handmaid Bilhah, and she bare Jacob two sons, Dan and Naphtali.

When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she also took her handmaid Zilpah, and she gave her to Jacob for a wife, and Jacob also came to Zilpah, and she also bare Jacob two sons, Gad and Asher.

Now in the days of wheat harvest Reuen went and found mandrakes in he field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Please give me some of your son's mandrakes.

But she said to her, "Is it a small matter to you to take my husband? And would you take my son's mandrakes also? So Rachel said, Therefore he may lie with you tonight in return for your son's mandrakes. When Jacob came in from the field in the evening, then Leah went out to meet him and said, You must come in to me for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes. So he laid with her that night.

Leah again conceived and bare Jacob in those days two sons and one daughter, and these are their names, Issachar, Zebulon, and their sister Dinah.

And Rachel was still barren in those days, and Rachel prayed unto the Lord at that time, and she said O Lord God remember me and visit me, I beseech thee, for now my husband will cast me off, for I have borne him no children.

Now O Lord God, hear my supplication before thee, and see my affliction, and give me chidren like one of the handmaids, that I may no more bear my reproach.

And God heard her and opened her womb, and Rachel conceived and bare a son, and she said, The Lord has taken away my reproach, and she called his name Joseph, saying, May the Lord add to me another son; and Jacob was ninety-one years old when she bare him.

(Continued in the next article.)

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