

## פְּרָשָׁה Parashah - 12/06/03

וַיֵּצֵא/Vay`yetz`e - "And-Will-Go-Out "

**Genesis 28:** 10 ¶ Now Ya`a`qov went out from B`er Shava and went toward Haran.

11 So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep.

12 Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there *Mal`a`cke/My-messengers* of Elohim were ascending and descending on it.

13 And behold, Adonai stood above it and said: (אֲנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם אֲבִיךָ) } "I-am Adonai My-God of Avraham your-father and-my-God of Yitz`chaq; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.

14 "Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and **in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**

15 "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 spoken to you."

**16** ¶ Then Ya`a`qov awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely Adonai is in this place, and I did not know it."

17 And he was afraid and said, "מִהַּ נֹרָא/How-fearful is this place! This is none other than the house of Elohim, and this is the gate of heaven!"

18 Then Ya`a`qov rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place *Bet-el/God's house*; but the name of that city had been לֹז/Luz/Almond-Tree previously.

20 Then Ya`a`qov made a vow, saying, "If Elohim will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,

21 "so that I come back to my father's house in peace, (וְהָיָה יְיָ לִי לְאֱלֹהִים) } then~ Adonai ~exist-to-me as-Elohim...or... then Adonai shall be my Elohim.

22 "And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be Elohim's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You." (*Avraham was the first person to tithe And he tithed to Mel`cki-tzedeq/My-King of Righteousness.*)

**Genesis 29:** 1 ¶ So Ya`a`qov went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the East.

2 And he looked, and saw a well in the field; and behold, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks. A large stone was on the

well's mouth.

3 Now all the flocks would be gathered there; and they would roll the stone from the well's mouth, water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the well's mouth.

4 And Ya`a`qov said to them, "My brethren, where are you from?" And they said, "We are from Haran."

5 Then he said to them, "Do you know Lavan the son of Nachhor?" And they said, "We know him."

6 So he said to them, "Is he well?" And they said, "He is well. And look, his daughter Rachhel (*A-Young-Lamb*) is coming with אֶצְבָּר/the-flock/Sheep-and-Goats."

7 Then he said, "Look, it is still high day; it is not time for the cattle to be gathered together. Water the sheep, and go and feed them."

8 But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together, and they have rolled the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep."

9 ¶ Now while he was still speaking with them, Rachhel came with her father's sheep, for she was רְעִיָּה/a-female-shepherd.

10 And it came to pass, when Ya`a`qov saw Rachhel the daughter of Lavan his mother's brother, and the sheep of Lavan his mother's brother, that Ya`a`qov went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Lavan his mother's brother.

11 וַיִּשָּׂק לְרַחֵל } And~ Ya`a`qov ~will-meet-together with-Rachhel, and lifted up his voice and wept. [Note: וַיִּשָּׂק means 'To-Kiss/Touch/Meet-Together.']

12 And Ya`a`qov told Rachhel that he was her father's relative and that he was Riv`qah's son. So she ran and told her father.

13 Then it came to pass, when Lavan heard the report about Ya`a`qov his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. So he told Lavan all these things.

14 And Lavan said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him for a month.

Gen. 29: 15 ¶ Then Lavan said to Ya`a`qov, "Because you are my relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what should your wages be?"

16 Now Lavan had two daughters: the name of the elder was לֵאָה/Le`ah (*To-be Weary/Exhausted-from-labor*) and the name of the younger was רַחֵל/Rachhel (*Lamb*).

17 Leah's eyes were רַכּוֹת/Delicate/Tender/Soft/Dull, and Rachhel were יְפֵת

תְּאֵר/Fair/Beautiful-of-form מֵרְאֵה יְפֵת/and-beautiful in appearance.

## Questions for Kehilah:

וְיָאֵץ /To-be-Weary/Exhausted      לְאֵימָה /a-Ewe/Lamb as in וְיִחַם /To-Cherish/Be-Soft;

Gen.29: 18 Now Ya`a`qov loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter." (*Ya`a`qov is the first to see his bride before he marries her.*)

19 And Lavan said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me."

20 So Ya`a`qov served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her.

21 Then Ya`a`qov said to Lavan, "Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her."

22 And Lavan gathered together all the men of the place and made a feast.

23 Now it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to Ya`a`qov; and he went in to her.

24 And Lavan gave his maid Zil`pah (*A-Dropping*) to his daughter Leah as a servant.

25 So it came to pass in the morning, that behold, it was Leah. And he said to Lavan, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?"

26 And Lavan said, "It must not be done so in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

27 "Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another seven years."

28 Then Ya`a`qov did so and fulfilled her week. So he gave him his daughter Rachel as wife also.

29 And Lavan gave his maid Bil`ha (*Modesty*) to his daughter Rachel as a servant.

Gen.29: 30 Then Ya`a`qov also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Lavan still another seven years.

31 ¶ When Adonai saw that Leah was unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.

32 So Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name רְאוּבֵן /*R'uven* (*See-a-son*); for she said, "Adonai has surely looked on my affliction. Now therefore, my husband will love me."

33 Then she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because Adonai has heard

that I am unloved, He has therefore given me this son also." And she called his name **שִׁמְעוֹן/Shim'on** (*Hearing-with-acceptance*).

34 She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called **לֵוִי/Levi** (*To-Adhere/Crown*).

35 And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now I will praise Adonai." Therefore she called his name **יְהוּדָה/Y'hudah** (*Praised*). Then she stopped bearing.

[NOTE: Messiah is the 40<sup>th</sup> generation of Y'hudah & the 42<sup>nd</sup> generation of Avraham ... 2058 BCE. 42 Generations are seven sixes ...or... Divide 7 into 42 = 6 ...or... Six Weeks of Years ...or... 2,940 years (42-Generations x 70-Years). Therefore according to our calendar we are off by 882 years.]

**Genesis 30: 1** ¶ Now when Rachel saw that she bore Ya`a`qov no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said to Ya`a`qov, "Give me children, or else I die!"

2 And Ya`a`qov's anger burned against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of Elohim, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

3 So she said, "Here is my maid **בִּלְהָ/Bil'ha/Modesty**; go in to her, and she will bear a child on my knees, that I also may have children by her."

[NOTE: **בִּלְהָ** means 'Modesty;' From the root **לָבַד** meaning, 'Worn-out-with-use and age' or **לָבַד** meaning 'To-fear.']

4 Then she gave him Bil'hah her maid as wife, and Ya`a`qov went in to her.

5 And Bil'hah conceived and bore Ya`a`qov a son.

6 Then Rachel said, "Elohim has judged my case; and He has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name **דָּן/Dan** (*Judge*).

**Gen. 30: 7** And Rachel's maid Bil'hah conceived again and bore Ya`a`qov a second son.

8 Then Rachel said, "With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and indeed I have prevailed." So she called his name **נַפְתָּלִי/Naf-tali** (*My-strife*).

9 When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took **זִלְפָּה/Zil'pah** (*Dropping*) her servant and gave her to Ya`a`qov for-a-woman

10 And Leah's maid-servant Zil'pah bore Ya`a`qov a son.

11 (:גָּד: **וַתִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ גָּד** **בַּגְּדָא גָּד** > *Va'ti'mer le'ah bagad ba'gad vat'tiq'ra 'et-sh'mo Gad:*) And~ Leah ~she-shall-say/said, "By-fortune!" "Fortune Arrives!" And-she-called his-name **Gad** (*Fortune*). [Note: **בַּגְּדָא** can also mean 'To-Betray/Deceive.' **בַּגְּדָא** can mean 'Garment/Clothing.']

12 And Leah's maid Zil`pah bore Ya`a`qov a second son.

13 And Leah said, "B`ash`ri/In-my-happiness, for daughters will call me Happy." So she called his name **רְשֵׁוֹן/A-sheer**(Happy/Fortunate).

14 ¶ Now R`uven went in the days of wheat harvest and found/רְשֵׁוֹן/D`uda`im/mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Now/Please give me some of your son's D`uda`im/mandrakes." [Note: רְשֵׁוֹן means 'Loving/My-Love.' It's an etym. for 'A-Cooking-Pot,' or 'A-Basket' because people desire/love to eat from them. It is also a root used in oriental love potions. It looks like a carrot but it's dark in color having white and reddish flowers. It blooms from April to July. It's also called Ginseng or 'Apples of Man-dra-gora.']

15 But she said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken my man? Will you also take away my son's D`uda`im/mandrakes" And Rachel said, "Then he will lie with you tonight for your son's d`uda`im."

16 When Ya`a`qov came out of the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have surely hired you with my son's D`uda`im." And he lay with her that night.

17 And Elohim listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Ya`a`qov a fifth son.

18 Leah said, "Elohim has given me my wages, because I have given my maid to my man/husband." So she called his name **יִשָּׂשְׁכָר/Yis`sas`ckar** (He-is/brings-wages).

Gen.30: 19 Then Leah conceived again and bore Ya`a`qov a sixth son.

20 And Leah said, "Elohim has endowed me with a good endowment; now my man/husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name **זְבֻלֹן/Z`vulun**(Habitation/Residence).

21 Afterward she bore a daughter, and called her name **דִּינָה/Di`nah**(Judged).

22 Then Elohim remembered Rachel, and Elohim listened to her and opened her womb.

23 And she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Elohim has taken away my reproach."

24 So she called his name **יוֹסֵף/Yosef** (Ya/He-will-add), and said, "HaShem shall add to me another son."

25 ¶ And it was just when Rachel had borne Yosef, that Ya`a`qov said to Lavan/Whitey, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my country.

26 "Give me my women/wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go; for you know my service which I have done for you."

27 And Lavan said to him, "Please stay, if I have found favor in your eyes, for I have learned by experience that HaShem has blessed me for your sake."

28 Then he said, "Name me your wages, and I will give it."

29 So Ya`a`qov said to him, "You know how I have served you and how your livestock has been with me.

30 "For what you had before I came was little, and it has increased to a great amount; HaShem has blessed you since my coming. And now, when shall I also provide for my own house?"

31 So he said, "What shall I give you?" And Ya`a`qov said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep your flocks:

32 "Let me pass through all your flock today, removing from there all the speckled and spotted sheep, and all the brown ones among the lambs, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and these shall be my wages.

33 "So my righteousness will testify for me in time to come, when the subject of my wages comes before you: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the lambs, will be considered stolen, if it is with me."

34 And Lavan said, "OK-then, it will be as your say!"

Gen. 30: 35 So he removed that day the male goats that were speckled and spotted, all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had some white in it, and all the brown ones among the lambs, and gave them into the hand of his sons.

36 Then he put three days' journey between himself and Ya`a`qov, and Ya`a`qov fed the rest of Lavan's flocks.

37 ¶ Now Ya`a`qov took for himself (מַקְלֵי בְּנֵה לָח > *maq`qal liv`ne lach*) a-freshwhitestaff/rod...or...a-freshpoplarrod and a almond and a plane-tree, and peeled white strips on them, and exposing the white bark which was in the rods.

38 And the rods which he had peeled, he set before the flocks in the troughs, by the watering troughs where the flocks came to drink, so that when they were ready to conceive (*were in heat*) they came to drink. [Note: The root of בְּנֵה לָח/Liv`ne is meaning 'White' however the word for a Popular Tree is בְּנֵה לָח/Liv`ne .]

39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and the flocks brought forth streaked, speckled, and spotted.

40 Then Ya`a`qov separated the lambs, and made the flocks face toward the streaked

and all the brown in the flock of Lavan; but he put his own flocks by themselves and did not put them with Lavan's flock.

41 And it came to pass, whenever the stronger livestock conceived, that Ya`a`qov placed the rods before the eyes of the livestock in the troughs, that they might conceive among the rods.

42 But when the flocks were feeble, he did not put them in; so the feebler were Lavan's and the stronger Ya`a`qov's.

43 Thus the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks, female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

**Genesis 31:** 1 ¶ Now Ya`a`qov heard the words of Lavan's sons, saying, "Ya`a`qov has taken away all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has acquired all this wealth."

2 And Ya`a`qov saw the countenance of Lavan, and indeed it was not favorable toward him as before.

3 Then HaShem said to Ya`a`qov, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your family, and I will be with you."

4 So Ya`a`qov sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field, to his flock,

Gen. 31: 5 and said to them, "I see your father's countenance, that it is not favorable toward me as before; (וַאֲלֵהִי אָבִי הָיָה עִמָּדִי) > ve'lohe 'avi haya 'im`madi:} but my Elohey of my father has been with me.

6 "And you know that with all my might I have served your father.

7 "Yet your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but Elohim did not allow him to hurt me.

8 "If he said thus: 'The speckled shall be your wages,' then all the flocks bore speckled. And if he said thus: 'The streaked shall be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked.

9 "So Elohim has taken away the livestock of your father and given them to me.

10 "And it happened, at the time when the flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes and saw in a dream, and behold, the rams which leaped upon the flocks were streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted.

11 "Then מַלְאָךְ/a-messenger of the-Elohim spoke to me in a dream, saying, 'Ya`a`qov.' And I said, 'Here I am.'

12 "And He said, 'Lift your eyes now and see, all the rams which leap on the flocks are streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted; for I have seen all that Lavan is doing to you.

13 (אֲנִי הֵאֵל בֵּית אֵל) > 'Anocki ha'el bet-el}' I am the God of Bet-el/God's-house, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of

this land, and return to the land of your family.'" (?? *Is he telling the truth ??*)

14 Then Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, "Is there still any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?"

15 "Are we not considered strangers by him? For he has sold us, and also completely consumed our money.

16 "For all these riches which Elohim has taken from our father are really ours and our children's; now then, whatever Elohim has said to you, do it."

17 ¶ Then Ya`a`qov rose and set his sons and his wives on camels.

18 And he carried away all his livestock and all his possessions which he had gained, his acquired livestock which he had acquired **אֲרָם בְּפִדְן**/in-Fad`dan 'Aram (A high field/plane located Syria/Mesopotamia, west of the Euphrates), to go to his father Yitz`chaq in the land of K`na`an.

Gen. 31: 19 Now Lavan had gone to shear his sheep, (**וַתִּגְנוּב רָחֵל אֶת־הַתְּרָפִים**) > *vat`tig`nov Rachel 'et-hit`t`rafim* } and~ Rachel ~she-stolethe-domestic-gods/household-idols that were her father's. [Note: **תִּרְבֵּן** means 'To-Inquire. ']

20 And Ya`a`qov stole away, unknown to Lavan **הַאֲרָם**/the-High/Syrian, in that he did not tell him that he intended to flee.

21 So he fled with all that he had. He arose and crossed the river, and headed toward the mountains of Gilead (*Hard/Rough/Stony*).

22 And Lavan was told on the third day that Ya`a`qov had fled.

23 Then he took his brothers with him and pursued him for seven days' journey, and he overtook him in the mountains of Gilead.

24 But Elohim had come to Lavan the Syrian in a dream by night, and said to him, "Be careful that you speak to Ya`a`qov neither good nor bad."

25 ¶ So Lavan overtook Ya`a`qov. Now Ya`a`qov had pitched his tent in the mountains, and Lavan with his brethren pitched in the mountains of Gilead.

26 And Lavan said to Ya`a`qov: "What have you done, that you have stolen away unknown to me, and carried away my daughters like captives taken with the sword?"

27 "Why did you flee away secretly, and steal away from me, and not tell me; for I might have sent you away with joy and songs, with timbrel and harp?"

28 "And you did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters. Now you have done foolishly in so doing.

29 "It is in my power to do you harm, **וְאֱלֹהֵי אָבִיכֶם** /but-my-God of your-father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Be careful that you speak to Ya`a`qov neither good nor bad.'  
30 "And now you have surely gone because you greatly long for your father's house, **לָמָּה גָּנַבְתָּ אֶת־אֱלֹהָי** > *lam`ma ganav`ta 'et-'eloha* }but-why did-you-steal my god?"

31 Then Ya`a`qov answered and said to Lavan, "Because I was afraid, for I said, 'Perhaps you would take your daughters from me by force.'

32 "With whomever you find your gods, do not let him live. In the presence of our brothers, identify what I have of yours and take it with you." For Ya`a`qov did not know that **Rachel** had stolen them.

**Gen 31: 33 And Lavan went into Ya`a`qov's tent, into Leah's tent, and into the two maids' tents, but he did not find them. Then he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's tent.**

34 Now **Rachel** had taken the household idols, put them in the camel's saddle, and sat on them. And Lavan searched all about the tent but did not find them.

35 And she said to her father, "Let it not anger my lord that I cannot rise before you, for the way of women is with me." **And he searched but did not find the household idols.**

36 ¶ Then Ya`a`qov was angry and rebuked Lavan, and Ya`a`qov answered and said to Lavan: **מַה־פִּשְׁעִי** > *ma-pish`iy* } "What is my-fault/transgression? **מַה חָטָאתִי** > *ma chat`ta`ti* } What is my-err/mistake, that you have hotly pursued after me?"

37 "Although you have searched all my things, what part of your household things have you found? Set it here before my brothers and your brothers, that they may judge between us both!

38 "These twenty years I have been with you; your young-lambs and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your flock-

39 "That which was torn by beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it. You required it from my hand, whether stolen by day or stolen by night.

40 "There I was! In the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep departed from my eyes.

41 "Thus I have been in your house twenty years; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times.

42 **לוֹלִי אֱלֹהֵי אָבִי אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם וַיִּפְחַד יִצְחָק הָיָה לִי** > *Lule 'Elohe 'avi 'Elohe 'Av`raham u`fachad Yitz`chaq haya li* } "Unless my-god of my- father, my-God of Avraham and Fear of Yitz`chaq, existed/was for-me, surely now you would have

sent me away empty-handed. Elohim has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night."

43 ¶ And Lavan answered and said to Ya`a`qov, "These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and this flock is my flock; all that you see is mine. But what can I do this day to these my daughters or to their children whom they have borne?

44(וְבִינָהּ) > *V`at`ta l`cka nick`reta v`rit `a`ni va`at`ta v`haya l`ed be`ni u`ve`neka:*}"And-now, come, let-us-cut a-covenant, you-and I, and-let-it-be a-witness between-me and-between-you."

Gen 31: 45 So Ya`a`qov took a stone and set it up as a pillar.

46 Then Ya`a`qov said to his brothers, "Gather stones." And they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there on the heap.

47 Lavan called it (יָגַר שְׂהַדוּתָא) > *Y`gar Saha`du`ta* } a-hill/heap of stone witnesses but Ya`a`qov called it גַּלְעָד/*Gal`ed* "Witness-Hill/Stoney/Hard-stone").

48 And Lavan said, "This heap is a witness between you and me this day." Therefore its name was called גַּלְעָד/*Gal`ed*/Stoney,

49(וְהַמְצִפָּה) > *V`ham`mitz`pa* } also-the-watch-tower, because he said, "May Hashem watch between you and me when we are hidden/absent one from another.

50 "If you afflict my daughters, or if you take other women/wives besides my daughters, although no man is with us; See, Elohim is a witness between you and me!"

51 Then Lavan said to Ya`a`qov, "Look at this heap and behold the pillar, which I have placed between you and me.

52 "This heap is a witness, and this pillar is a witness, that I will not pass beyond this heap to you, and you will not pass beyond this heap and this pillar to me, for harm.

53(אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם) > *E`lohe `Av`raham ve`lohe Nachor yish`petu vene`nu `Elohe `a`vi`hem* } "My-God of Avraham, and-my-God of Nachor (Snore), and my-God of their father judge between us." And

**Ya`a`qov swore by the Fear of his father Yitz`chaq.** [Note: Nachor was the father of Terah, who was the father of Avraham (Ge 11:22-25 & Lu 3:34) Also: Nachor was a son of Terah, and elder brother of Abraham (Ge 11:26-27 & Jos 24:2) ]

54 Then Ya`a`qov offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his brothers to eat bread. And they ate bread and stayed all night on the mountain.

**Genesis 32-Hebrew:** 1/55 And early in the morning Lavan arose, and kissed his sons and daughters and blessed them. Then Lavan departed and returned to his place.

Gen 32/English:Heb-2/1 ¶ So Ya`a`qov went on his way, and the מְלֶאכֶי/*Mal`a`cke*/My-

two- Messengers of Elohim met him.

3/2 When Ya`a`qov saw them, he said, "This is God's camp." And he called the name of that place **מַחֲנַיִם** /*Mach`a`nayim/Two-Camps.* **ב**

### **END of Parasha**

This Parasha ends at B`re`shet 32:3 and the next *Para`shab* begins at B`re`shet 32:4.

**Hosea 12:12-14:-10** {*Shabbat Haftarah*}

**John 1:19-51** {*Shabbat Brit HaDashaw*}

**Hosea 12:** 12 Ya`a`qov fled to the country of Syria; Yis`ra`el served for a spouse, And for a wife he tended sheep.

13 By a prophet HaShem brought Yis`ra`el out of Mitz`rayim, And by a prophet he was preserved.

14 Ef`raim provoked Him to anger most bitterly; Therefore his Lord will leave the guilt of his bloodshed upon him, And return his reproach upon him.

1 ¶ When Ef`raim spoke, trembling, He exalted himself in Yis`ra`el; But when he offended through Baal worship, he died.

2 Now they sin more and more, And have made for themselves molded images, Idols of their silver, according to their skill; All of it is the work of craftsmen. They say of them, "Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves!"

3 Therefore they shall be like the morning cloud And like the early dew that passes away, Like chaff blown off from a threshing floor And like smoke from a chimney.

4 "Yet I am HaShem your Elohim Ever since the land of Mitz`rayim, And you shall know no Elohim but Me; For there is no Savior besides Me.

5 ¶ I knew you in the wilderness, In the land of great drought.

6 When they had pasture, they were filled; They were filled and their heart was exalted; Therefore they forgot Me.

7 "So I will be to them like a lion; Like a leopard by the road I will lurk;

8 I will meet them like a bear deprived of her cubs; I will tear open their rib cage, And there I will devour them like a lion. The wild beast shall tear them.

9 ¶ "O Yis`ra`el, you are destroyed, But your help is from Me.

10 I will be your King; Where is any other, That he may save you in all your cities? And your judges to whom you said, `Give me a king and princes'?

11 I gave you a king in My anger, And took him away in My wrath.

12 "The iniquity of Efra`im is bound up; His sin is stored up.

Hosea 12: 13 The sorrows of a woman in childbirth shall come upon him. He is an unwise son, For he should not stay long where children are born.

14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes.

15 Though he is fruitful among his brethren, An east wind shall come; The wind of HaShem shall come up from the wilderness. Then his spring shall become dry, And his fountain shall be dried up. He shall plunder the treasury of every desirable prize.

16 Samaria is held guilty, For she has rebelled against her Elohim. They shall fall by the sword, Their infants shall be dashed in pieces, And their women with child ripped open.

**Hosea 14**: 1 ¶ O Yis`ra`el, return to HaShem your Elohim, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity;

2 Take words with you, And return to HaShem. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; Receive us graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips.

3 Assyria shall not save us, We will not ride on horses, Nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, `You are our gods.' For in You the fatherless finds mercy."

4 ¶ "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from him.

5 I will be like the dew to Yis`ra`el; He shall grow like the lily, And lengthen his roots like Lebanon.

6 His branches shall spread; His beauty shall be like an olive tree, And his fragrance like Lebanon.

7 Those who dwell under his shadow shall return; They shall be revived like grain, And grow like a vine. Their scent shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

8 ¶ "Efra`im shall say, `What have I to do anymore with idols?' I have heard and observed him. I am like a green cypress tree; Your fruit is found in Me."

9 Who is wise? Let him understand these things. Who is prudent? Let him know them. For the ways of HaShem are right; The righteous walk in them, But transgressors stumble in them.

**John 1**:19 ¶ Now this is the testimony of Yochanan, when the Y`hudim sent kohanim and L`vi`im from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah."

21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you E`li`yahu?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Navi?" And he answered, "No."

22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

23 He said: "I am `The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of HaShem," as the prophet Y`sha`yahu said."

24 Now those who were sent were from the P`rushim.

25 And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you wash/cleans if you are not the Messiah, nor E`li`yahu, nor the Navi?"

26 Yochanan answered them, saying, "I wash with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know.

27 "It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

28 These things were done in Bet-An`yah beyond the Yarden, where Yochanan was baptizing.

29 ¶ The next day Yochanan saw Y`hoshua coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world!

30 "This is He of whom I said, `After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'

31 "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Yis`ra`el, therefore I came baptizing with water."

32 And Yochanan bore witness, saying, "I saw the Ruach descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

33 "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, `Upon whom you see the Ruach descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who washes with the Ruach Kodeah.'

34 "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of Elohim."

35 Again, the next day, Yochanan stood with two of his talmidim.

36 And looking at Y`hoshua as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of Elohim!"

37 ¶ The two talmidim heard him speak, and they followed Y`hoshua.

John 1: 38 Then Y`hoshua turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"

39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour, 4 PM).

40 One of the two who heard Yochanan speak, and followed Him, was Gavriel/*Andrew*, Shim`on Kefa's brother.

41 He first found his own brother Shim`on, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Anointed).

42 And he brought him to Y`hoshua. Now when Y`hoshua looked at him, He said, "You are Shim`on Bar-Yochanan. You shall be called Kefas" (which is translated, A Stone).

43 ¶ The following day Y`hoshua wanted to go to Ga`lil, and He found P`resh/*Philip/horse-lover* and said to him, "Follow Me."

44 Now P`resh/*Philip* was from Bet-Tzai`dah, the city of Gavriel/*Andrew* and Kefa.

45 P`resh/*Philip* found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moshe in the Torah, and also the nav`im, wrote----Y`hoshua of Na`tze`ret, the son of Yoseph."

46 And Na`tan`el said to him, "Can anything good come out of Na`tze`ret?"

P`resh/*Philip* said to him, "Come and see."

47 Y`hoshua saw Na`tan`el coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, a true son of Yis`ra`el, in whom is no deceit!"

48 Na`tan`el said to Him, "How do You know me?" Y`hoshua answered and said to him, "Before P`resh/*Philip* called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

49 Na`tan`el answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of Elohim! You are the King of Yis`ra`el!"

50 Y`hoshua answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the messengers of Elohim ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."