

Parashah 8: Vayishlach (He sent) 32:4-36:43

(Gen 32:3 CJB) (32:4) Ya`akov sent messengers ahead of him to `Esav his brother toward the land of Se`ir, the country of Edom,

(Gen 32:4 CJB) (32:5) with these instructions: "Here is what you are to say to my lord `Esav: 'Your servant Ya`akov says, "I have been living with Lavan and have stayed until now.

(Gen 32:5 CJB) (32:6) I have cattle, donkeys and flocks, and male and female servants. I am sending to tell this news to my lord, in order to win your favor." ' "

(Gen 32:6 CJB) (32:7) The messengers returned to Ya`akov saying, "We went to your brother `Esav, and he is coming to meet you; with him are four hundred men."

(Gen 32:7 CJB) (32:8) Ya`akov became greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people, flocks, cattle and camels with him into two camps,

(Gen 32:8 CJB) (32:9) saying, "If `Esav comes to the one camp and attacks it, at least the camp that is left will escape."

(Gen 32:9 CJB) (32:10) Then Ya`akov said, "God of my father Avraham and God of my father Yitz'chak, Adonai, who told me, 'Return to your country and your kinsmen, and I will do you good':

(Gen 32:10 CJB) (32:11) I'm not worthy of all the love and faithfulness you have shown your servant, since I crossed the Yarden with only my staff. But now I have become two camps.

(Gen 32:11 CJB) (32:12) Please! Rescue me from my brother `Esav! I'm afraid of him, afraid he'll come and attack me, without regard for mothers or children.

(Gen 32:12 CJB) (32:13) You said, 'I will certainly do you good and make your descendants as numerous as the grains of sand by the sea, which are so many they can't be counted.' "

(Gen 32:13 CJB) (32:14) He stayed there that night; then he chose from among his possessions the following as a present for `Esav his brother:

(Gen 32:14 CJB) (32:15) two hundred female goats and twenty males, two hundred female sheep and twenty males,

(Gen 32:15 CJB) (32:16) thirty milk-camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten colts.

(Gen 32:16 CJB) (32:17) He turned them over to his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Cross over in front of me, and keep a space between each drove and the next one."

(Gen 32:17 CJB) (32:18) He instructed the servant in front, "When `Esav my brother meets you and asks you, 'Whose servant are you? Where are you going? And whose animals are these?'

(Gen 32:18 CJB) (32:19) then you are to say, 'They belong to your servant Ya`akov, and they are a present he has sent to my lord `Esav; and Ya`akov himself is just behind us.' "

(Gen 32:19 CJB) (32:20) He also instructed the second servant, and the third, and all that followed the droves, "When you encounter `Esav, you are to speak to him in the same way,

(Gen 32:20 CJB) (32:21) and you are to add, 'And there, just behind us, is your servant Ya`akov.' " For he said, "I will appease him first with the present that goes ahead of me; then, after that, I will see him myself — and maybe he will be friendly toward me."

(Gen 32:21 CJB) (32:22) So the present crossed over ahead of him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp.

(Gen 32:22 CJB) (32:23) He got up that night, took his two wives, his two slave-girls, and his eleven children, and forded the Yabok.

(Gen 32:23 CJB) (32:24) He took them and sent them across the stream, then sent his possessions across;

(Gen 32:24 CJB) (32:25) and Ya`akov was left alone. Then some man wrestled with him until daybreak.

(Gen 32:25 CJB) (32:26) When he saw that he did not defeat Ya`akov, he struck Ya`akov's hip socket, so that his hip was dislocated while wrestling with him.

(Gen 32:26 CJB) (32:27) The man said, "Let me go, because it's daybreak." But Ya`akov replied, "I won't let you go unless you bless me."

(Gen 32:27 CJB) (32:28) The man asked, "What is your name?" and he answered, "Ya`akov."

(Gen 32:28 CJB) (32:29) Then the man said, "From now on, you will no longer be called Ya`akov, but Isra'el; because you have shown your strength to both God and men and have prevailed."

(Gen 32:29 CJB) (32:30) Ya`akov asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he answered, "Why are you asking about my name?" and blessed him there.

(Gen 32:30 CJB) (32:31) Ya`akov called the place P'ni-El [*face of God*], "Because I have seen God face to face, yet my life is spared."

(Gen 32:31 CJB) (32:32) As the sun rose upon him he went on past P'ni-El, limping at the hip.

(Gen 32:32 CJB) (32:33) This is why, to this day, the people of Isra'el do not eat the thigh muscle that passes along the hip socket — because the man struck Ya`akov's hip at its socket.

(Gen 33:1 CJB) Ya`akov raised his eyes and looked out; and there was `Esav coming, and four hundred men with him. So Ya`akov divided the children between Le'ah, Rachel and the two slave-girls,

(Gen 33:2 CJB) putting the slave-girls and their children first, Le'ah and her children second, and Rachel and Yosef last.

(Gen 33:3 CJB) Then he himself passed on ahead of them and prostrated himself on the ground seven times before approaching his brother.

(Gen 33:4 CJB) `Esav ran to meet him, hugged him, threw his arms around his neck and kissed him; and they wept.

(Gen 33:5 CJB) Esav looked up; on seeing the women and children, he asked, "Who are these with you?" Ya`akov answered, "The children God has graciously given to your servant."

(Gen 33:6 CJB) Then the slave-girls approached with their children, and they prostrated themselves;

(Gen 33:7 CJB) Le'ah too and her children approached and prostrated themselves; and last came Yosef and Rachel; and they prostrated themselves.

(Gen 33:8 CJB) `Esav asked, "What was the meaning of this procession of droves I encountered?" and he answered, "It was to win my lord's favor."

(Gen 33:9 CJB) `Esav replied, "I have plenty already; my brother, keep your possessions for yourself."

(Gen 33:10 CJB) Ya`akov said, "No, please! If now I have won your favor, then accept my gift. Just seeing your face has been like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me.

(Gen 33:11 CJB) So please accept the gift I have brought you, for God has dealt kindly with me and I have enough." Thus he urged him, until he accepted it.

(Gen 33:12 CJB) `Esav said, "Let's break camp and get going. I'll go first."

(Gen 33:13 CJB) Ya`akov said to him, "My lord knows that the children are small, and the sheep and cattle suckling their young concern me, because if they overdrive them even one day, all the flocks will die.

(Gen 33:14 CJB) Instead, please, let my lord go on ahead of his servant. I will travel more slowly, at the pace of the cattle ahead of me and at the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Se`ir."

(Gen 33:15 CJB) `Esav replied, "Then let me leave with you some of the people I have with me." But Ya`akov said, "There's no need for my lord to be so kind to me."

(Gen 33:16 CJB) So `Esav left that day to return to Se`ir.

(Gen 33:17 CJB) Ya`akov went on to Sukkot, where he built himself a house and put up shelters for his cattle. This is why the place is called Sukkot [*shelters*].

(Gen 33:18 CJB) Having traveled from Paddan-Aram, Ya`akov arrived safely at the city of Sh'khem, in Kena`an, and set up camp near the city.

(Gen 33:19 CJB) From the sons of Hamor Sh'khem's father he bought for one hundred pieces of silver the parcel of land where he had pitched his tent.

(Gen 33:20 CJB) There he put up an altar, which he called El-Elohei-Yisra'el [*God, the God of Isra'el*].

(Gen 34:1 CJB) One time Dinah the daughter of Le'ah, whom she had borne to Ya`akov, went out to visit the local girls;

(Gen 34:2 CJB) and Sh'khem the son of Hamor the Hivi, the local ruler, saw her, grabbed her, raped her and humiliated her.

(Gen 34:3 CJB) But actually he was strongly attracted to Dinah the daughter of Ya`akov; he fell in love with the girl and tried to win her affection.

(Gen 34:4 CJB) Sh'khem spoke with his father Hamor and said, "Get this girl for me; I want her to be my wife."

(Gen 34:5 CJB) When Ya`akov heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter, his sons were with his livestock in the field; so Ya`akov restrained himself until they came.

(Gen 34:6 CJB) Hamor the father of Sh'khem went out to Ya`akov to speak with him

(Gen 34:7 CJB) just as Ya`akov's sons were coming in from the field. When they heard what had happened, the men were saddened and were very angry at the outrage this man had committed against Isra'el by raping Ya`akov's daughter, something that is simply not done.

(Gen 34:8 CJB) But Hamor said to them, "My son Sh'khem's heart is set on your daughter. Please give her to him as his wife;

(Gen 34:9 CJB) and intermarry with us: give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves.

(Gen 34:10 CJB) You will live with us, and the land will be available to you — you'll live, do business and acquire possessions here."

(Gen 34:11 CJB) Then Sh'khem said to her father and brothers, "Only accept me, and I will give whatever you tell me.

(Gen 34:12 CJB) Ask as large a bride-price as you like, I'll pay whatever you tell me. Just let me marry the girl."

(Gen 34:13 CJB) The sons of Ya`akov answered Sh'khem and Hamor his father deceitfully, because he had defiled Dinah their sister.

(Gen 34:14 CJB) They said to them, "We can't do it, because it would be a disgrace to give our sister to someone who hasn't been circumcised.

(Gen 34:15 CJB) Only on this condition will we consent to what you are asking: that you become like us by having every male among you get circumcised.

(Gen 34:16 CJB) Then we'll give our daughters to you, and we'll take your daughters for ourselves, and we'll live with you and become one people.

(Gen 34:17 CJB) But if you won't do as we say and get circumcised, then we'll take our daughter and go away."

(Gen 34:18 CJB) What they said seemed fair to Hamor and Sh'khem the son of Hamor,

(Gen 34:19 CJB) and the young man did not put off doing what was asked of him, even though he was the most respected member of his father's family, because he so much wanted Ya`akov' s daughter.

(Gen 34:20 CJB) Hamor and Sh'khem his son came to the entrance of their city and spoke with its leading men:

(Gen 34:21 CJB) "These people are peaceful toward us; therefore let them live in the land and do business in it; for, as you can see, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters as wives for ourselves, and we'll give them our daughters.

(Gen 34:22 CJB) But the people will consent to live with us and become one people only on this condition: that every male among us gets circumcised, as they themselves are circumcised.

(Gen 34:23 CJB) Won't their cattle, their possessions and all their animals be ours? Only let's consent to do what they ask, and then they will live with us."

(Gen 34:24 CJB) Everyone going out the city's gate listened to Hamor and Sh'khem his son; so every male was circumcised, every one that went out the gate of the city.

(Gen 34:25 CJB) On the third day after the circumcision, when they were in pain, two of Ya`akov's sons, Shim`on and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took their swords, boldly descended on the city and slaughtered all the males.

(Gen 34:26 CJB) They killed Hamor and Sh'khem his son with their swords, took Dinah out of Sh'khem's house, and left.

(Gen 34:27 CJB) Then the sons of Ya`akov entered over the dead bodies of those who had been slaughtered and plundered the city in reprisal for defiling their sister.

(Gen 34:28 CJB) They took their flocks, cattle and donkeys, and everything else, whether in the city or in the field,

(Gen 34:29 CJB) everything they owned. Their children and wives they took captive, and they looted whatever was in the houses.

(Gen 34:30 CJB) But Ya`akov said to Shim`on and Levi, "You have caused me trouble by making me stink in the opinion of the local inhabitants, the Kena`ani and the P'rizi. Since I don't have many people, they'll align themselves together against me and attack me; and I will be destroyed, I and my household."

(Gen 34:31 CJB) They replied, "Should we let our sister be treated like a whore?"

(Gen 35:1 CJB) God said to Ya`akov, "Get up, go up to Beit-El and live there, and make there an altar to God, who appeared to you when you fled `Esav your brother."

(Gen 35:2 CJB) Then Ya`akov said to his household and all the others with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods that you have with you, purify yourselves, and put on fresh clothes.

(Gen 35:3 CJB) We're going to move on and go up to Beit-El. There I will build an altar to God, who answered me when I was in such distress and stayed with me wherever I went."

(Gen 35:4 CJB) They gave Ya`akov all the foreign gods in their possession and the earrings they were wearing, and Ya`akov buried them under the pistachio tree near Sh'khem.

(Gen 35:5 CJB) While they were traveling, a terror from God fell upon the cities around them, so that none of them pursued the sons of Ya`akov.

(Gen 35:6 CJB) Ya`akov and all the people with him arrived at Luz (that is, Beit-El) in the land of Kena`an.

(Gen 35:7 CJB) He built there an altar and called the place El-Beit-El [*God of Beit-El*], because it was there that God was revealed to him, at the time when he was fleeing from his brother.

(Gen 35:8 CJB) Then D'vorah, Rivkah's nurse, died. She was buried below Beit-El under the oak, which was given the name Alon-Bakhut [*oak of weeping*].

(Gen 35:9 CJB) After Ya`akov arrived from Paddan-Aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him.

(Gen 35:10 CJB) God said to him, "Your name is Ya`akov, but you will be called Ya`akov no longer; your name will be Isra'el." Thus he named him Isra'el.

(Gen 35:11 CJB) God further said to him, "I am El Shaddai. Be fruitful and multiply. A nation, indeed a group of nations, will come from you; kings will be descended from you.

(Gen 35:12 CJB) Moreover, the land which I gave to Avraham and Yitz'chak I will give to you, and I will give the land to your descendants after you."

(Gen 35:13 CJB) Then God went up from him there where he had spoken with him.

(Gen 35:14 CJB) Ya`akov set up a standing-stone in the place where he had spoken with him, a stone pillar. Then he poured out a drink offering on it and poured oil on it.

(Gen 35:15 CJB) Ya`akov called the place where God spoke with him Beit-El.

(Gen 35:16 CJB) Then they traveled on from Beit-El, and while there was still some distance to go before arriving in Efrat, Rachel went into labor, and she had great difficulty with it.

(Gen 35:17 CJB) While she was undergoing this hard labor, the midwife said to her, "Don't worry, this is also a son for you."

(Gen 35:18 CJB) But she died in childbirth. As she was dying she named her son Ben-Oni [*son of my grief*], but his father called him Binyamin [*son of the right hand, son of the south*].

(Gen 35:19 CJB) So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Efrat (that is, Beit-Lechem).

(Gen 35:20 CJB) Ya`akov set up a standing-stone on her grave; it is the standing-stone of Rachel's grave to this day.

(Gen 35:21 CJB) Isra'el continued his travels and pitched his tent on the other side of Migdal-`Eder.

(Gen 35:22 CJB) It was while Isra'el was living in that land that Re'uven went and slept with Bilhah his father's concubine, and Isra'el heard about it. Ya`akov had twelve sons.

(Gen 35:23 CJB) The sons of Le'ah were Re'uven Ya`akov's firstborn, Shim`on, Levi, Y'hudah, Yissakhar and Z'vulun.

(Gen 35:24 CJB) The sons of Rachel were Yosef and Binyamin.

(Gen 35:25 CJB) The sons of Bilhah Rachel's slave-girl were Dan and Naftali.

(Gen 35:26 CJB) And the sons of Zilpah Le'ah's slave-girl were Gad and Asher. These were Ya`akov's sons, born to him in Paddan-Aram.

(Gen 35:27 CJB) Ya`akov came home to his father Yitz'chak at Mamre, near Kiryat-Arba (also known as Hevron), where Avraham and Yitz'chak had lived as foreigners.

(Gen 35:28 CJB) Yitz'chak lived to be 180 years old.

(Gen 35:29 CJB) Then he breathed his last, died and was gathered to his people, an old man full of years; and his sons `Esav and Ya`akov buried him.

(Gen 36:1 CJB) This is the genealogy of `Esav (that is, Edom).

(Gen 36:2 CJB) `Esav chose Kena`ani women as his wives: `Adah the daughter of Eilon the Hitti; Oholivamah the daughter of `Anah the daughter of Tziv`on the Hivi;

(Gen 36:3 CJB) and Basmat Yishma`el's daughter, sister of N'vayot.

(Gen 36:4 CJB) `Adah bore to `Esav Elifaz, Basmat bore Re`u'el,

(Gen 36:5 CJB) and Oholivamah bore Ye`ush, Ya`lam and Korach. These were the sons of `Esav born to him in the land of Kena`an.

(Gen 36:6 CJB) `Esav took his wives, his sons and daughters, the others in his household, his cattle and other animals and everything else he owned, which he had acquired in the land of Kena`an, and went off to a country distant from his brother Ya`akov.

(Gen 36:7 CJB) For their possessions had become too great for them to live together, and the countryside through which they were traveling couldn't support so much livestock.

(Gen 36:8 CJB) So `Esav lived in the hill-country of Se`ir. (`Esav is Edom.)

(Gen 36:9 CJB) This is the genealogy of `Esav the father of Edom in the hill-country of Se`ir.

(Gen 36:10 CJB) The names of `Esav's sons were Elifaz, son of `Adah the wife of `Esav, and Re`u'el the son of Basmat the wife of `Esav.

(Gen 36:11 CJB) The sons of Elifaz were Teman, Omar, Tzefo, Ga`tam and K'naz.

(Gen 36:12 CJB) Timnah was the concubine of Elifaz `Esav's son, and she bore to Elifaz `Amalek. These were the descendants of `Adah `Esav's wife.

(Gen 36:13 CJB) The sons of Re`u'el were Nachat, Zerach, Shammah and Mizah. These were the sons of Basmat `Esav's wife.

(Gen 36:14 CJB) These were the sons of Oholivamah, the daughter of `Anah the daughter of Tziv`on, `Esav's wife: she bore to `Esav Ye`ush, Ya`lam and Korach.

(Gen 36:15 CJB) The chieftains of the sons of `Esav were the sons of Elifaz the firstborn of `Esav and the chieftains of Teman, Omar, Tzefo, K'naz,

(Gen 36:16 CJB) Korach, Ga`tam and `Amalek. These were the chieftains descended from Elifaz in Edom and from `Adah.

(Gen 36:17 CJB) The sons of Re`u'el `Esav's son were the chieftains of Nachat, Zerach, Shammah and Mizah. These were the chieftains descended from Re`u'el in the land of Edom and from Basmat `Esav's wife.

(Gen 36:18 CJB) The sons of Oholivamah `Esav's wife were the chieftains of Ye`ush, Ya`lam and Korach. These were the chieftains descended from Oholivamah the daughter of `Anah, `Esav's wife.

(Gen 36:19 CJB) These were the descendants of `Esav (that is, Edom), and these were their chieftains.

(Gen 36:20 CJB) These were the descendants of Se`ir the Hori, the local inhabitants: Lotan, Shoal, Tziv`on, `Anah,

(Gen 36:21 CJB) Dishon, Etzer and Dishan. They were the chieftains descended from the Hori, the people of Se`ir in the land of Edom.

(Gen 36:22 CJB) The sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; Lotan's sister was Timnah.

(Gen 36:23 CJB) The sons of Shoal were `Alvan, Manachat, `Eival, Sh'fo and Onam.

(Gen 36:24 CJB) The sons of Tziv`on were Ayah and `Anah. This is the `Anah who found the hot springs in the desert while pasturing his father Tziv`on's donkeys.

(Gen 36:25 CJB) The children of `Anah were Dishon and Oholivamah the daughter of `Anah.

(Gen 36:26 CJB) The sons of Dishon were Hemdan, Eshban, Yitran and K'ran.

(Gen 36:27 CJB) The sons of Etzer were Bilhan, Za`avan and `Akan.

(Gen 36:28 CJB) The sons of Dishan were `Utz and Aran.

(Gen 36:29 CJB) These were the chieftains descended from the Hori: the chieftains of Lotan, Shoal, Tziv`on, `Anah,

(Gen 36:30 CJB) Dishon, Etzer and Dishan. They were the chieftains descended from the Hori by their clans in Se`ir.

(Gen 36:31 CJB) Following are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king had reigned over the people of Isra'el.

(Gen 36:32 CJB) Bela the son of B`or reigned in Edom; the name of his city was Dinhavah.

(Gen 36:33 CJB) When Bela died, Yovav the son of Zerach from Botzrah reigned in his place.

(Gen 36:34 CJB) When Yovav died, Husham from the land of the Temani reigned in his place.

(Gen 36:35 CJB) When Husham died, Hadad the son of B'dad, who killed Midyan in the field of Mo'av, reigned in his place; the name of his city was `Avit.

(Gen 36:36 CJB) When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place.

(Gen 36:37 CJB) When Samlah died, Sha'ul of Rechovot-by-the-River reigned in his place.

(Gen 36:38 CJB) When Sha'ul died, Ba`al-Chanan the son of `Akhbor reigned in his place.

(Gen 36:39 CJB) When Ba`al-Chanan died, Hadar reigned in his place; the name of his city was Pa'u; and his wife's name was M'heitav'el the daughter of Matred the daughter of Mei-Zahav.

(Gen 36:40 CJB) These are the names of the chieftains descended from `Esav, according to their clans, places and names: the chieftains of Timna, `Alvah, Y'tet,

(Gen 36:41 CJB) Oholivamah, Elah, Pinon,

(Gen 36:42 CJB) Kenaz, Teman, Mivtzar,

(Gen 36:43 CJB) Magdi'el and `Iram. These were the chieftains of Edom according to their settlements in the land they owned. This is `Esav the father of Edom.

**Haftarah Vayishlach: Hoshea (Hosea) 11:7-12:12 (A);
'Avadyah (Obadiah) 1-21 (S)**

(Hos 11:7 CJB) My people are hanging in suspense about returning to me; and though they call them upwards, nobody makes a move.

(Hos 11:8 CJB) Efrayim, how can I give you up, or surrender you, Isra'el? How could I treat you like Admah or make you like Tzvoyim? My heart recoils at the idea, as compassion warms within me.

(Hos 11:9 CJB) I will not give vent to the fierceness of my rage, I will not return to destroy Efrayim; for I am God, not a human being, the Holy One among you; so I will not come in fury.

(Hos 11:10 CJB) They will go after Adonai, who will roar like a lion; for he will roar, and the children will come trembling from the west.

(Hos 11:11 CJB) They will tremble like a bird as they come from Egypt, like a dove as they come from the land of Ashur; and I will resettle them in their own houses, says Adonai.

(Hos 11:12 CJB) (12:1) "Efrayim surrounds me with lies and the house of Isra'el with deceit. Y'hudah still rules with God and is faithful with holy ones.

(Hos 12:1 CJB) (12:2) Efrayim is chasing the wind, pursuing the wind from the east. All day he piles up lies and desolation — they make a covenant with Ashur, while sending olive oil to Egypt.

(Hos 12:2 CJB) (12:3) Adonai also has a grievance against Y'hudah; he will punish Ya`akov according to his ways and pay him back for his misdeeds.

(Hos 12:3 CJB) (12:4) In the womb he took his brother by the heel; in the strength of his manhood he fought with God.

(Hos 12:4 CJB) (12:5) Yes, he fought with an angel and won; he wept and pleaded with him. Then at Beit-El he found him, and there he would *[later]* speak with us —

(Hos 12:5 CJB) (12:6) Adonai Elohei-Tzva'ot; Adonai is his name!

(Hos 12:6 CJB) (12:7) So you, return to your God; hold fast to grace and justice; and always put your hope in your God.

(Hos 12:7 CJB) (12:8) "A huckster keeps false scales, and he loves to cheat.

(Hos 12:8 CJB) (12:9) Efrayim says, 'I have gotten so rich! I have made me a fortune! And in all my profits no one will find anything wrong or sinful.'

(Hos 12:9 CJB) (12:10) "But I am Adonai your God, from the land of Egypt. Again I will make you live in tents, as in the days of the established festival.

(Hos 12:10 CJB) (12:11) I have spoken to the prophets; it was I who gave vision after vision; through the prophets I gave examples to show what it would all be like.

(Hos 12:11 CJB) (12:12) Is Gil`ad given to iniquity? Yes, they have become worthless. In Gilgal they sacrifice to bulls; therefore their altars are like piles of stones in a plowed field."

(Oba 1:1 CJB) This is the vision of `Ovadyah. Here is what Adonai Elohim says about Edom. As a messenger was being sent among the nations saying, "Come on, let's attack her," we heard a message from Adonai:

(Oba 1:2 CJB) "I am making you the least of all nations, you will be beneath contempt.

(Oba 1:3 CJB) Your proud heart has deceived you, you whose homes are caves in the cliffs, who live on the heights and say to yourselves, 'Who can bring me down to the ground?'

(Oba 1:4 CJB) If you make your nest as high as an eagle's, even if you place it among the stars, I will bring you down from there." says Adonai.

(Oba 1:5 CJB) If thieves were to come to you, or if robbers by night (Oh, how destroyed you are!), wouldn't they stop when they'd stolen enough? If grape-pickers came to you, Wouldn't they leave some grapes for gleaning?

(Oba 1:6 CJB) But see how `Esav has been looted, their secret treasures searched out!

(Oba 1:7 CJB) Your allies went with you only to the border, those at peace with you deceived and defeated you, those who ate your food set a trap for you, and you couldn't discern it.

(Oba 1:8 CJB) "When that Day comes," says Adonai, "won't I destroy all the wise men of Edom and leave no discernment on Mount `Esav?

(Oba 1:9 CJB) Your warriors, Teman, will be so distraught that everyone on Mount `Esav will be slaughtered.

(Oba 1:10 CJB) For the violence done to your kinsman Ya`akov, shame will cover you; and you will be forever cut off.

(Oba 1:11 CJB) On that day you stood aside, while strangers carried off his treasure, and foreigners entered his gates to cast lots for Yerushalayim — you were no different from them.

(Oba 1:12 CJB) You shouldn't have gloated over your kinsman on their day of disaster or rejoiced over the people of Y'hudah on their day of destruction. You shouldn't have spoken arrogantly on a day of trouble

(Oba 1:13 CJB) or entered the gate of my people on their day of calamity — no, you shouldn't have gloated over their suffering on their day of calamity or laid hands on their treasure on their day of calamity.

(Oba 1:14 CJB) You shouldn't have stood at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives or handed over their survivors on a day of trouble."

(Oba 1:15 CJB) For the Day of Adonai is near for all nations; as you did, it will be done to you; your dealings will come back on your own head.

(Oba 1:16 CJB) For just as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so will all the nations drink in turn; yes, they will drink and gulp it down and be as if they had never existed.

(Oba 1:17 CJB) But on Mount Tziyon there will be a holy remnant who will escape, and the house of Ya`akov will repossess their rightful inheritance.

(Oba 1:18 CJB) The house of Ya`akov will be a fire and the house of Yosef a flame, setting aflame and consuming the stubble which is the house of `Esav. None of the house of `Esav will remain, for Adonai has spoken.

(Oba 1:19 CJB) Those in the Negev will repossess the mountain of `Esav, and those in the Sh'felah the land of the P'lishtim; they will repossess the field of Efrayim and the field of Shomron, and Binyamin will occupy Gil`ad.

(Oba 1:20 CJB) Those from this army of the people of Isra'el exiled among the Kena`anim as far away as Tzarfat, and the exiles from Yerushalayim in S'farad, will repossess the cities in the Negev.

(Oba 1:21 CJB) Then the victorious will ascend Mount Tziyon to rule over Mount `Esav, but the kingship will belong to Adonai.

**B'rit Hadashah suggested readings for Parashah Vayishlach:
1 Corinthians 5:1-13; Revelation 7:1-12**

(1Co 5:1 CJB) It is actually being reported that there is sexual sin among you, and it is sexual sin of a kind that is condemned even by pagans — a man is living with his stepmother!

(1Co 5:2 CJB) And you stay proud? Shouldn't you rather have felt some sadness that would have led you to remove from your company the man who has done this thing?

(1Co 5:3 CJB) For I myself, even though I am absent physically, am with you spiritually; and I have already judged the man who has done this as if I were present.

(1Co 5:4 CJB) In the name of the Lord Yeshua, when you are assembled, with me present spiritually and the power of our Lord Yeshua among us,

(1Co 5:5 CJB) hand over such a person to the Adversary for his old nature to be destroyed, so that his spirit may be saved in the Day of the Lord.

(1Co 5:6 CJB) Your boasting is not good. Don't you know the saying, "It takes only a little hametz to leaven a whole batch of dough?"

(1Co 5:7 CJB) Get rid of the old hametz, so that you can be a new batch of dough, because in reality you are unleavened. For our Pesach lamb, the Messiah, has been sacrificed.

(1Co 5:8 CJB) So let us celebrate the Seder not with leftover hametz, the hametz of wickedness and evil, but with the matzah of purity and truth.

(1Co 5:9 CJB) In my earlier letter I wrote you not to associate with people who engage in sexual immorality.

(1Co 5:10 CJB) I didn't mean the sexually immoral people outside your community, or the greedy, or the thieves or the idol-worshippers — for then you would have to leave the world altogether!

(1Co 5:11 CJB) No, what I wrote you was not to associate with anyone who is supposedly a brother but who also engages in sexual immorality, is greedy, worships idols, is abusive, gets drunk or steals. With such a person you shouldn't even eat!

(1Co 5:12 CJB) For what business is it of mine to judge outsiders? Isn't it those who are part of the community that you should be judging?

(1Co 5:13 CJB) God will judge those who are outside. Just expel the evildoer from among yourselves.

(Rev 7:1 CJB) After this, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the land, on the sea or on any tree.

(Rev 7:2 CJB) I saw another angel coming up from the east with a seal from the living God, and he shouted to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea,

(Rev 7:3 CJB) "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads!"

(Rev 7:4 CJB) I heard how many were sealed — 144,000 from every tribe of the people of Isra'el:

(Rev 7:5 CJB) From the tribe of Y'udah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Re'uven 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000,

(Rev 7:6 CJB) from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naftali 12,000, from the tribe of M'nasheh 12,000,

(Rev 7:7 CJB) from the tribe of Shim'on 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Yissakhar 12,000,

(Rev 7:8 CJB) from the tribe of Z'vulun 12,000, from the tribe of Yosef 12,000, from the tribe of Binyamin 12,000.

(Rev 7:9 CJB) After this, I looked; and there before me was a huge crowd, too large for anyone to count, from every nation, tribe, people and language. They were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches in their hands;

(Rev 7:10 CJB) and they shouted, "Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

(Rev 7:11 CJB) All the angels stood around the throne, the elders and the four living beings; they fell face down before the throne and worshipped God, saying,

(Rev 7:12 CJB) "Amen! "Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength belong to our God forever and ever! "Amen!"