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Ya'akov and the Aleph Tav

Last week's Parshah concludes with Ya'akov's departure from his home and family, sent off by his father Yitz'chak to his kinsmen.

Gen 28:1 So Yitz'chak called Ya`akov, and, after blessing him, charged him: "You are not to choose a wife from the Hitti women.

Gen 28:2 Go now to the home of B'tu'el your mother's father, and choose a wife there from the daughters of Lavan your mother's brother.

Gen 28:3 May El Shaddai bless you, make you fruitful and increase your descendants, until they become a whole assembly of peoples.

Gen 28:4 And may he give you the blessing which he gave Avraham, you and your descendants with you, so that you will possess the land you will travel through, the land God gave to Avraham."

Gen 28:5 So Yitz'chak sent Ya`akov away; and he went to Paddan-Aram, to Lavan, son of B'tu'el the Arami, the brother of Rivkah Ya`akov's and `Esav's mother.

On Ya'akov's journey he would come to what Scripture identifies only as "a certain place" and because it is dark, pauses from his journey.

Though it appears when we are on a journey we are alone, Ya'akov was most certainly not alone. True, there were no other men or women who would take this journey with him, yet Ya'akov was anything but alone. I state this now, because I want this to be your focus for today when Yeshua's parting words to his talmidim and ultimately to us were...

Mat 28:18 Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Mat 28:19 Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh,

Mat 28:20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. **And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."**

What about the beginning of the age so to speak. The time of the patriarchs?

Since Genesis 1:1 and then the time of Avraham and Yitz'chak, Adonai has always been with them. We have also seen the presence of the Aleph Tav being present

as well. Though hidden from our human site, the presence of the Aleph Tav remains with us as was promised through Yeshua.

Thus, no matter what you are experiencing, you are truly not alone. Today, as believers, we have the promise of the Ruach Ha Kodesh residing in us and thus being with us where ever we go and in what ever we experience.

You know of his presence when you experience what Sha'ul conveys to believers in Phillipi...

Php 4:6 Don't worry about anything; on the contrary, make your requests known to God by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving.

Php 4:7 Then God's shalom, passing all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with the Messiah Yeshua.

Ya'akov wasn't there yet, when it came to truly understanding and embracing as he would put it...

Gen 31:5 He said to them, "I see by the way your father looks that he feels differently toward me than before; but the God of my father has been with me.

The God of my Father, not My God were Ya'akov's words to Lavan sons. He knew His presence was with him yet he had not truly embraced Adonai as His God too.

It is in this passage where two of the Aleph Tavs appears.

Gen 31:1 But then he heard what Lavan's sons were saying: "Ya`akov has taken away everything that our father once had. It's from what used to belong to our father that he has gotten so rich."

In the previous chapter we read how Adonai had prospered Ya'akov with many cattle and goats. Even Lavan recognized this...

Gen 30:27 Lavan answered him, "If you regard me favorably, then please listen: I have observed the signs that Adonai has blessed me on account of you.

Thus when Ya'akov heard Lavan's sons and their belief that Ya'akov had taken from their father, we see the presence of the Aleph Tav convey that it was not Ya'akov but Adonai who caused Ya'akov to prosper.

יִשְׁמַע אֶת דְּבַר בְּנֵי-לָבָן לֵאמֹר לָקַח יַעֲקֹב אֶת-
כָּל-אֲשֶׁר לְאֲבִינוּ וּמֵאֲשֶׁר לְאֲבִינוּ עָשָׂה אֶת-כָּל-

Gen 31:1 But then he heard (Aleph Tav) what Lavan's sons were saying:
"Ya`akov (Aleph Tav) has taken away everything that our father once had. It's
from what used to belong to our father that he has gotten (Aleph Tav) so rich."

Does this not affirm D'varim 8:18...

Deu 8:18 No, you are to remember Adonai your God, because it is he who is
giving you the power to get wealth, in order to confirm his covenant, which he
swore to your ancestors, as is happening even today.

That it is Adonai who caused Ya'akov to prosper. That he was blessed by Adonai.

For we read of a second verse in this passage where the Aleph Tav is present. It
is now time for Ya'akov to leave the presence of Lavan as Adonai instructs...

Gen 31:2 He also saw that Lavan regarded him differently than before.

Gen 31:3 Adonai said to Ya`akov, "Return to the land of your ancestors, to your
kinsmen; I will be with you."

Gen 31:4 So Ya`akov sent for Rachel and Le'ah and had them come to the field
where his flock was.

Gen 31:5 He said to them, "I see by the way your father looks that he feels
differently toward me than before; but the God of my father has been with me.

Gen 31:6 You know that I have served your father with all my strength,

Gen 31:7 and that your father has belittled me and has changed my wages ten
times; but God did not allow him to do me any damage.

Gen 31:8 If he said, 'The speckled will be your wages,' then all the animals gave
birth to speckled young; and if he said, 'The streaked will be your wages,' then all
the animals gave birth to streaked young.

Adonai is a God of justice and fairness. He rights the wrongs other commit
against those whom He has chosen. Know He is with you, yet don't expect
resolution in your terms but in His.

Gen 31:9 This is how God has taken away your father's animals and given them
to me.

Gen 31:10 Once, when the animals were mating, I had a dream: I looked up and there in front of me the male goats which mated with the females were streaked, speckled and mottled.

Gen 31:11 Then, in the dream, the angel of God said to me, 'Ya`akov!' and I replied, 'Here I am.'

Gen 31:12 He continued, 'Raise your eyes now, and look: all the male goats mating with the females are streaked, speckled and mottled; for I have seen everything Lavan has been doing to you.

Gen 31:13 I am the God of Beit-El, where you anointed a standing-stone with oil, where you vowed your vow to me. Now get up, get out of this land, and return to the land where you were born.' "

It is in this passage where we see the occurrence of the Aleph Tav., specifically verse 12...

וַיֹּאמֶר שָׂא- נָא עֵינֶיךָ וּרְאֵה כָּל- הָעֲתָדִים
הָעֲלִים עַל- הַצֹּאן עֲקָדִים נִקְדָּים וּבְרָדִים כִּי
רָאִיתִי אֶת- כָּל- אֲשֶׁר לָבֹן עֹשֶׂה לָּךְ

Gen 31:12 He continued, 'Raise your eyes now, and look: all the male goats mating with the females are streaked, speckled and mottled; for I have seen (Aleph Tav) everything Lavan has been doing to you.

There is nothing outside of the view of the Aleph Tav. If you have been wronged, He knows. If you have wronged someone, He knows. Nothing, absolutely nothing is missed by the presence of the Aleph Tav in your life. As you know, the Aleph Tav I speak of is who we know as Yeshua.

Rev 22:12 "Pay attention!" [*says Yeshua,*] "I am coming soon, and my rewards are with me to give to each person according to what he has done.

Rev 22:13 I am the 'Aleph Tav', the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

Rev 22:14 How blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they have the right to eat from the Tree of Life and go through the gates into the city!

The God of Beit El, (The House of God) the very place Ya'akov had the dream of the ladder back in Bereshit 28 where we witness the presence of another Aleph Tav...

וְהִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי עֹמֵד וְשֹׁמְרֵיךָ בְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר-תֵּלֵךְ
וְהִשְׁבַּתִּיךָ אֶל-הָאֲדָמָה הַזֹּאת כִּי לֹא אֶעֱזָבְךָ עַד
אֲשֶׁר אִם-עָשִׂיתִי אֶת אֲשֶׁר-דִּבַּרְתִּי לָךְ

This is where Adonai truly introduces Himself to Ya'akov through the dream of the Angels ascending and descending the Ladder where we see a visual presence of Yeshua as the ladder and the presence of the Aleph Tav in this passage, representing that which has not yet been revealed.

Joh 1:48 Natan'el said to him, "How do you know me?" Yeshua answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

Joh 1:49 Natan'el said, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Isra'el!"

Joh 1:50 Yeshua answered him, "you believe all this just because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than that!"

Joh 1:51 Then he said to him, "Yes indeed! I tell you that you will see heaven opened and the angels of God going up and coming down on the Son of Man!"

Before...

Before...He had been called...He saw him

Gen 28:10 Ya`akov went out from Be'er-Sheva and traveled toward Haran.

Gen 28:11 He came to a certain place and stayed the night there, because the sun had set. He took a stone from the place, put it under his head and lay down there to sleep.

Gen 28:12 He dreamt that there before him was a ladder resting on the ground with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of Adonai were going up and down on it.

Gen 28:13 Then suddenly Adonai was standing there next to him; and he said, "I am Adonai, the God of Avraham your [*grand*]father and the God of Yitz'chak. The land on which you are lying I will give to you and to your descendants.

Gen 28:14 Your descendants will be as numerous as the grains of dust on the earth. You will expand to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. By you and your descendants all the families of the earth will be blessed.

Gen 28:15 Look, I am with you. I will guard you wherever you go, and I will

bring you back into this land, because I won't leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

The Aleph Tav appears in the final verse as Adonai affirms the promise He made to Ya'akov's father Yitz'chak and his father Avraham.

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It is interesting that the Aleph Tav appears after the "I have done" conveying that it is the actions of Yeshua and what He would do in that He is the fulfillment of what Adonai has promised to Avraham, Yitz'chak and now Ya'akov.