

PARSHAH INSIGHTS

When Rochel gave birth to Yosef, Yakov said to Lavan, "Grant me leave in order for me to go to my place and my land." (30, 25)

After Yosef, the nemesis of Esav, was born ... Yakov wished to return to the Land of Canaan. (Rashi)

In what way was Yosef the nemesis of Esav?

Rav Shmuel Bornstein zt'l explained as follows. Esav tried to portray himself to the world as a righteous person (he asked his father how to tithe salt and straw - Rashi 25, 27). Chazal (Tanchuma Tzav 2) say that during the Messianic era, Esav will wrap himself in a tallis and sit among the righteous people. Esav masqueraded as a righteous person, while continuing to perform despicable acts. Hashem will have to remove him by force.

Yosef was the exact opposite. Yosef made himself appear as an ordinary person, to the extent that his brothers misunderstood him and thought he was acting improperly (Vayeishev 37, 2). However, his actions were those of a righteous person.

Yosef was Esav's nemesis because their definitions of proper behavior were diametrically opposite. Esav emphasized external appearance while neglecting righteous acts. However, Yosef stressed righteous behavior with a total disregard for his external appearance to others.

And behold, Hashem was standing over him (Yakov), and He said, "I am Hashem... the ground upon which you are lying, I will give to you..." (28, 13)

The land Yakov was lying upon was a small piece of land. What benefit is there in it for him? Hashem folded the entire Eretz Yisroel under Yakov and told him, "The land you are lying upon... this included all of Eretz Yisroel. (Chulin 91b)

One who wishes to acquire ten fields may perform an act of acquisition on one field and thereby acquire the remaining fields. (Bava Kama 12a)

Why was it necessary for Hashem to fold Eretz Yisroel under Yakov, if Yakov's act of ownership (setting up his bed) in one field could acquire all of Eretz Yisroel for him? (Rav Akiva Eiger)

The halacha that an act of acquiring ownership on one field applies to other fields is only if one has paid for all the fields (Tosfos Bava Basra 53b). However, an act of acquisition on one field does not have the power to acquire ownership on other fields if it is given as a gift.

Since Yakov did not pay at all for Eretz Yisroel – it was a present from Hashem – an act of acquiring part of Eretz Yisroel would not bring him the ownership of all of Eretz Yisroel. This is the reason that Hashem had to fold of all Eretz Yisroel under him.

TABLE TALK

PARSHA DILEMMA

... he took from the stones of the place... he took the stone that he had placed around his head... (28, 11 & 18)

*The stones began to quarrel with one another. One would say, "Upon me the righteous one should lay his head" and the other one would say, "Upon me the righteous one should rest his head." Hashem made them into one stone. This is why the posuk says, "And he took **the stone** that he placed around his head," using the singular word stone. (Rashi 28, 11)*

Even after the stones merged into one, Yakov was still unable to rest his head on every part of the large stone. How did the desire of each stone for Yakov to lay his head upon it have its wish fulfilled?

WHO AM I ?

- 1 Tangible absence
- 2 Glory
- 3 I could decree
- 4 Protector

Last week's clues: Dovid's resemblance, Made, Grippped heel, My tears caused destruction.

Answer: Esav

Congratulations to: Yerachmiel Diamond, Noach Ehrlich, Ronen Lowenthal, Shraga Feivel Scheinbaum

WHO AM I ?

- 1 I am not white
- 2 I am tricky
- 3 Father – in – law / Uncle
- 4 I am not Naval

Last week's clues: I win Esav, I am not the name of a band, I sound, Davening and learning.

Answer: The Kol of Yakov.

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TORAH RIDDLE

Identify the stories of kfitzas haderech recorded in the Torah?

Last week's riddle and answer:

How old was Yitzchok when Og died?

Answer: 39.

Please send "Who Am I" and "Torah Riddle" answers to onegshabbos@beachwoodkollel.com by next Wed. and be entered in a raffle for a

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For the months of Cheshvan/Kislev.

The answers will IY"YH appear in next week's issue

A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

Lavan gathered all the people of the place and made a feast. (29, 22)

A Jew once approached Rav Zelmale Voloziner (the brother of Rav Chaim Voloziner) and said, "I used to be a wealthy man and people assume that I am still in the same position. However, my fortune has taken a turn for the worse and I am in financial distress."

"My daughter is engaged to be married," continued the Jew. "Since I am so involved in community affairs, I will be forced to make a big wedding and invite many people. There is no way I can afford it. What should I do?"

Rav Shlomo Zalman answered, "There are two weddings mentioned in TaNaCh. 1) Lavan's daughter marrying Yakov. 2) Boaz marrying Rus."

"Lavan's main interest in life was to be famous and honored. He invited many people to the wedding and didn't take its cost into consideration. This irresponsible move was because he only wanted to advance his stature among the people. Boaz, who was wealthy and a Shofet only invited ten elders. Boaz was not concerned with how he would look in the eyes of people; he only wanted to act responsibly.

Rav Shlomo Zalman continued, "You cannot afford to make a lavish wedding. Your choices are as follows: be like Lavan and invite all the guests you want or be like Boaz and invite a minimal crowd. Don't forget, people with leadership qualities act responsibly and don't allow the goal of seeking honor to dictate their actions."

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SHABBOS EVENING SHIUR

Daf Yomi (R' Sender Stoll).....Kollel
8:45 2480 S. Green Rd.

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The Kollel Bais Medrash will be open
for men and boys to come and learn.

Cholent will be served.

Learning: 8:00 Cholent: 9:15