

Torah Portion #7: Vayetze (וַיֵּצֵא) "and he went out"
Torah ~ Genesis 28:10-32:2 | Haftarah ~ Hosea 12:12-14:10 | Brit Chadashah ~ John 1:19-51

The House of God

In *Gen. 28:10-22* we have the story of Jacob reaching a time in his life where he was empty, lonely, poor, and humbled. Then he came to a place that he called Bethel (House of God) that was a Gateway to the Ladder that leads to Heaven. Jacob's life was forever changed from this very moment forward.

The House of God

In Jacob's dream at Bethel (House of God) the Lord appeared to him in a dream to establish the same Covenant with him that was given to his fathers Abraham and Isaac. The "House of God" is a place where there is communication between God and man. It is a place where we come into covenant with the Lord and it is where God's Word can be heard.

Exodus 25:8 "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them." KJV

Isaiah 56:7 "For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." NKJV

Psalms 122:1 "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." KJV

Psalms 92:13 "Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God." KJV

Isaiah 2:3 "Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." KJV

The Gate to Heaven

Jacob also said that the House of God was "The Gate of Heaven". In ancient days, a shepherd would protect his flock by laying down in the only entrance into the pen, becoming the gate (door) of the sheep pen.

Jn. 10:9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." NKJV

Matt. 7:13-14 "(13) Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. (14) Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." NKJV

John 3:36a "He who believes in the Son has eternal life. He who does not believe the Son shall not see life" MEV

John 8:24b "For unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." MEV

The Ladder to Heaven

In Jacob's dream he seen angels ascending and descending on a ladder that connected mankind to Heaven. Once we have entered into the sheepfold of God through Yeshua the Gate, we are connected to our Father through Yeshua the Ladder.

In *John 1:51*, Yeshua said "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." KJV

Peter is speaking of Yeshua in *Acts 4:12* when he says, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." NKJV

In *John 14:6*, Yeshua said "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." KJV

1 Timothy 2:5 "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" KJV

In Closing

Today, in our House of God, we are to point people toward Yeshua, Who is the only Gate and Ladder that leads to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 "We are therefore ambassadors for Messiah, as though God were making His appeal through us. We beg you on behalf of Messiah, be reconciled to God." TLV

Aliyah to the Torah

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Torah ~ *Genesis 28:10-12* NKJV

10 Now Jacob went out from Beersheba 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 the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

Haftarah ~ *Hosea 14:1-2* NKJV

1 O Israel, return to the LORD your God, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity;

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

Brit Chadashah ~ *John 1:49-51* MEV

49 Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

50 Jesus answered 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, "Truly, truly I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."