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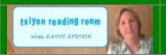
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**Breaking Away** 

Genesis 31

#### **Breaking Away**



**Like Jacob** in servitude to Laban, the Faithful Remnant of Israel live in servitude to the world system. Indeed, like Laban, the world does not play fair. The world and those around you who love the world do not want you to break free, so have devised many changing schemes and invisible chains to hold you back. Yet, like Jacob, the scattered Remnant of Israel have a promise from YHWH that He will bring us, the faithful family of Jacob, again into our own

Land. In this Midrash we consider how our father, Jacob, broke free, to learn how we can do it too!

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#### **Countdown in the Middle East**

Israel and the Middle East are currently in the news, especially since the State of Israel has been bombing targets in the area of Damascus. This has Christian prophecy buffs buzzing. The prominent theory among them is that the next major prophetic event regarding Israel will be the Gog of Magog War of Ezekiel 38+39. Many of them also know that the Bible foretells the destruction of Damascus, which they speculate may somehow be involved in that coming Gog of Magog War. Of course, they are not expecting to be around for any of that unpleasantness, since they will be "snatched out" before any of that really nasty stuff happens - or so they think. In their mindset, the current events in Syria have the pre-trib rapture folks anticipating a beam-up at any moment!

My advice to them would be - not so fast - take a closer look at Ezekiel 38+39. The Israel described there is a sitting duck, prosperous, secure and expecting no hostility from anyone, with all shields down. "Easy pickins" as my neighbor Texans might say. That is definitely NOT the State of Israel as it exists today. While a major confrontation does seem to be shaping up in the Middle East, the

situation DOES NOT fit the profile of the Gog of Magog War. Pre-trib rapture folks, beware: too little knowledge can lead to great disappointment.

So, if the gathering storm clouds over Syria are not signaling the Gog of Magog War, what then?

Since 2006 Tsiyon has repeatedly warned of an upcoming war in the Middle East of Biblical proportions. This is NOT the Gog/Magog War which will usher in the last seven years of this age. This is NOT the Armageddon War, which will occur at the end of that final seven years. This is what we have called the Psalm 83 War, also the Pale Horse Rider War. This war will be a geo-political game-changer for Israel. It will involve treachery intended to destroy Israel. However, that treachery will boomerang back upon the heads of Israel's enemies and pseudo-friends with devastating effects for them. In fact, every indication from Scripture is that the death toll on Israel's enemies from this war will be staggering, so staggering it will rock the world. While Israel will also likely experience casualties, these will be far milder by comparison. This outcome will pave the way for Israel to achieve super-power status with more land, more wealth and more power than ever before in the modern age. To hold that additional land, wealth and power Israel will need one thing it doesn't have right now - a lot more people. That could be the very factor now lacking that will cause the State of Israel to open her doors to her returning lost tribes, to us, the remnant of Israel.

Are we now headed towards that very war? Yes we are, whether this current situation escalates directly into that war, or merely sets the stage for that war to come later. Why do I say that?

Do these words ring a bell?

"Come," they say, "and let's destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more." Psalm 83:4

We have heard words like these repeated lately, in the news, especially from the Iranians (Persians). "Assyria" was included in the ancient Persian Empire, just as Syria is a vassal state of Iran today. "Assyria also is joined with them" the prophecy states, as it describes Israel's neighbors involved in the conspiracy. (Psa 83:8)

Other prophets describe events regarding Damascus, capitol of Syria, that could easily proceed from Middle East events now unfolding in the news daily:

The burden of Damascus: "Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap ..Ah, the uproar of many peoples, who roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters! The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters: but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far off, and will be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like the whirling dust before the storm. At evening, behold, terror! Before the morning, they are no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us." Isa 17:1, 12-14

"Of Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad; for they have heard evil news, they are melted away: there is sorrow on the sea; it can't be quiet. Damascus has grown feeble, she turns herself to flee, and trembling has seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in travail. How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy? Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, says YHWH of Hosts." Jer 49:23-26

Some say these prophecies were fulfilled centuries ago, which may be true in some lesser sense. Clearly though, Damascus was not "taken away from being a city" since it still exists as a city today. That remains to happen, and must happen for prophecy to be fulfilled. Damascus will be reduced to "a ruinous heap" in one night: "At evening, behold, terror! Before the morning, they are no more." After that terrible night Damascus will never rise again! What could cause that level of swift and complete destruction? Well, what is at the center of the controversy with Iran? Nuclear weapons!

As horrible as this will be for Damascus, we should not think this will only involve Israel's Muslim enemies. This will involve a much larger war theater, as the prophet says; "Ah, the uproar of many peoples, who roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters! The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters: but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far off, and will be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like the whirling dust before the storm."

One can easily see nations such as those of the USA and NATO on one side of this conflict and nations supporting the Iran/Syria Axis, such as Russia and possibly even China, on the other side. Indeed, all of these nations can be seen in the news vieing for position, with arms, technical support, and even troops, being injected into both sides of the present conflict. Syria is counting on Iran, and siffisticated weaponry from Russia to bolster its position. Russia has, in fact, gotten bolder in its support, giving the USA cause to walk softly in its bid to overturn the Syrian government. Russia has made its formidable naval presence felt in the area, providing a naval buffer between Syria and hostile naval forces.

Recently Russia even injected the deadly Iskander 9K720 missile into the equation...

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As reassuring as this support may now be to Syria and Iran, the prophecy speaks of "the roaring of the seas" and the Gentiles fleeing "like the rushing of mighty waters" as they are "chased" away! This certainly sounds like the speedy departure of naval forces "like the whirling dust before the storm!" It seems, that at the strategic moment all foreign support will be quickly chased away, leaving fierce judgment to consume the enemies of Israel.

The Psalm 83 War WILL come on Yah's timetable. As I have indicated a number of times before, the "signs in the sky" that Messiah told us to be watching for seem to indicate a major war for Israel for 2014/2015. Could this be the Psalm 83 War, including even the destruction of Damascus? We will know for sure when it happens, but one must be impressed with how neatly all the pieces seem to be quickly adding up.



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#### From Eliyahu

Transitions in life are always difficult, if not down right painful. Unfortunately, for those who don't like transitions, the entire world is in transition right now. That's because the forces of darkness are putting pressure on all persons everywhere to conform economically, ideologically, technologically, culturally, religiously and even biologically, to the agenda of the one world government. As stressful as it may be to resist this pressure, one must resist it, or risk slipping with the rest of the world into the anti-christ agenda.

Meanwhile another transition is underway. It is the transition of the scattered remnant of Israel from the mindset of the world to the mindset of Yah's own nation. This transition will eventually take that remnant from wherever they may be now, to going home together in the Second Exodus. This transition too, is very stressful and can only be accomplished by the overcomers. Even then, the chains that hold us back are formidable, raising the question: how can we break free? Our father Jacob broke free from bondage and we can do it too, by imitating him! Let's do it! Don't miss our latest Midrash.

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