



Lech Lecha

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B'reshit [Genesis] 12:1-17:27



Haftarah Lech Lecha

Yeshayah [Isaiah] 40:27-41:16

Our focus today is upon Yeshayah 41:8-13.

YHWH our Elohim, He is our Help!

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 41:8

8 "But you, Israel, my servant, Ya'aqov whom I have chosen, the seed of Avraham my friend",

Many times in Scripture the name "Israel" is used to represent the ten tribes of the northern kingdom, and the name "Ya'aqov" is used to represent the two tribes of the southern kingdom. When we consider the meaning of these names as they apply to their respective kingdoms, we see something quite interesting begin to take shape.

The name "Israel" is a compound of two words. There is יָשָׁר (yashar) which means "straight" or "to straighten" and אֵל (el) which is the singular form of אֱלֹהִים (elohim), giving us the meaning of "Israel" as "one who is straightened by Elohim." This is a very mystical name indicating one who has submitted to Elohim to be brought fully into line with His will in this physical realm.

The significance of this name then as it applies to the descendants of the northern kingdom can be seen in those coming to faith in Yeshua as their own personal Mashiach. They then become known as the

“children of the Living El.” Those who had not been a people, now are a people unto YHWH through faith.

The name “Ya’aqov” means “supplanter” or “one who supplants.” This name is from the Hebrew root word עָקַב (‘aqav) which means “to catch by the heel,” or by implication, “one who supplants another.” We can apply this to the southern kingdom of Yehudah, for this tribe grew up to supremacy over all the other tribes, when it was the tribe of Reuven which was Ya’aqov’s firstborn son, and should have had the birthright and the blessing given to him. But, because of his sin in lying with his father’s concubine, he lost his right to have the birthright and the blessing. This was passed on to another, namely, Yehudah. Yehudah, like his father before him who gained the birthright from his brother Esau, gained the birthright over all his brothers.

What we need to see is that these two names represent the spiritual aspect of His kingdom, and physical aspect of His kingdom, respectively. What we need to understand is that one without the other is not complete. These two kingdoms need to be joined together. The kingdom of Israel needs to be manifest in the physical realm and the kingdom of Judah (Ya’aqov) needs to be filled with His Spirit through Mashiach Yeshua. This is what it is speaking of in the verse above when it makes a reference to the seed of Avraham. The seed of Avraham is the physical manifestation of faith in the physical realm.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 41:9

“you whom I have taken hold of from the ends of the earth, and called from the corners thereof, and said to you, ‘You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you away;’”

YHWH has called and He has chosen Israel. And who is Israel? Israel is whoever hears and does the will of YHWH, making Him his Elohim.

B’midbar (Numbers) 15:16

“One Torah and one ordinance shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourns with you.”

YHWH told us from the very beginning that there were going to be those who would have eyes to see and come and attach themselves to Israel. When they did this, they too would follow the same Torah as the native born in Israel. There was to be no difference.

The reason that this would happen, is because it is YHWH who gives the call and He calls whom He will to come forth out of Babylon. If any person hears and responds to that call, then he becomes one of YHWH’s chosen ones. This is what this verse above in Yeshayah 41:9 states quite clearly.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 41:10

“fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your Elohim; I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness.”

We are not to fear this world. Why? YHWH is our Elohim and He is our help in the time of our need. Whatever need we have, He will help us. There are many people who have been fearing the worst in the election that just happened in this past week in the USA. Now that for many their worst fear has come to pass, they do not know where to turn. Let His word comfort you and strengthen you in this hour.

The first thing that each of us needs to realize is that this is not our country. We are merely sojourners. When a person comes to Mashiach Yeshua and makes Him his Savior, then he is grafted into Israel. Israel is his nationality. It is time that the talmidim of Yeshua wake up to this truth and reality. Babylon cannot be fixed! It is time to turn to YHWH with your whole heart. He states that when His people repent and return to Him, He will heal them and also heal their land. Brethren, stop and think about what YHWH is saying in that. He has told us that His people are called Israel. He has promised to plant us in the land that He promised to Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'aqov. That is the land He will heal, not some Babylonian land where His people are currently sojourning. Wake up!

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 41:11

“Behold, all they that are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; they that strive with you shall be as nothing, and shall perish.”

No one can come against us except those that YHWH gives His permission to do so. And if He does this, then it is to move us in a specific direction. However, if we are already moving in that direction, on the path that is His will for us to follow, then He will not need to do that. He will be our protection and our rear guard.

It is those that would attempt to come against us without His permission who will perish. Let us stand firm upon this knowledge and understanding and stop letting fear rule in your lives. Trust in the word of YHWH and then obey Him in all things, great and small. Happy is the man who knows and understands this truth.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 41:12

“You shall seek them, and shall not find them, even them that contend with you; they that war against you shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nothing.”

Scripture teaches us that the world would like to destroy us because YHWH is our Elohim. The world hates YHWH and tries at every turn to destroy Him and bring His name to nothing. The regrettable thing is that many of those who have taken His name as their own, do not see or understand the nature or scope of the war that we are involved in, in this world.

YHWH states above that those that war against us are as if nothing was warring against us; so complete is His authority and power in and through us. Let us walk in the strength of His might, rather than trying to do this in our own power. Those in Babylon walk in their own power. Those in Israel walk in the strength of His might.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 41:13

“For I, YHWH your Elohim, will hold your right hand, saying to you, ‘Fear not; I will help you.’”

Brothers and sisters, a great fear has come upon many in these days because of this election. We have absolutely nothing to fear. Let us stop looking upon the political scene and to politics as some sort of savior, when it cannot even help itself, let alone a people. Turn away from these things and put all that energy and devotion that you had placed in trying to get a man elected to a position that would have done nothing for bringing about His will in this world, and put all that same energy now into building His kingdom. He is fully worthy of our worship and devotion. Let us serve YHWH, making Him our Elohim, with our whole heart, mind and strength.

Do not give in to the temptation to fear what is about to come upon this country. Remember, it is YHWH who raises up and lowers kings and kingdoms. Man does not do this; YHWH does it. Knowing this should bring great shalom to your life. We who walk not after the flesh, but according to His Spirit, know that YHWH is working and accomplishing a great work in our world today. Let us get in tune with His Spirit so that we may understand the things of YHWH and what it is that He is doing.

Do not fear, but trust in YHWH!!

ABBA YHWH, we thank You that You are Sovereign of this world and all things run according to Your will and Your plan. Open our eyes that we may see; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein.

Shabbat Shalom

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