

RaYBaSH's The Weekly Way  
Parashah #7 Vayetzei "He Went Out"  
B'reshit (Gen.) 28:10-32:3  
Hosea 12:13-14:10  
Rev. 2:8-11  
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In-Law trouble, sibling rivalry, infertility and marital drama; no question Jacob had to fight straight from the womb till now to get and maintain all that was his and as I said in the previous Torah Treasure hat Jacob was given lemons and made lemonade.

Through tribulation came intimacy, a personal encounter with God which led to divine protection and provision. Yet with this, common sense and survival instinct didn't fly out the window. Jacob used his brains while simultaneously trusted in God.

He also had the "turn the other cheek" thing down as he did not exact revenge when clearly and obviously doubled crossed over and over again. He bides his time, read between the lines and knew when to get while the getting was good; even when cornered Jacob kept a level head and proved to be a firm no-nonsense negotiator and diplomat.

Jacob had the roughest way to go out of all the Patriarchs up to that point, but out of deep tribulation came the most profound fulfillment of prophecy; Abram, "Exalted Father" finally becomes Abraham, "Father of Nations"; the Patriarchs of the tribes are born. Seeing the fulfillment of numbers rivaling sand and stars now seems possible.

Hosea 14:9 (10) God's ways are straight and right, but He never promised it would be smooth. And the only way not to stumble while on the Path is to know and be intimate with YHWH and in turn YHWH will grant wisdom and understanding. And because Jacob made it through it all, proved he was righteous.

**Matt. 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

**Mark 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

Jacob was like the Smyrna synagogue.

**Rev. 2:8-11 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.**

Because Jacob knew much tribulation, yet held fast; and he knew of Laban who says he loves Jacob is really working for satan. Jacob knew tribulation was temporary and there was victory shortly to come. Jacob was clearly an overcomer.

The anti-Semitic antinomian world may accuse and label you a sneak and a cheat because you are a Jew, a descendant physically or spiritually of Jacob. But because you are of Jacob you are really an overcomer. Keep fighting and NEVER give up hope.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!

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