

Vayeitzei – 5783 – Why Couldn't Eisav find Yaakov?

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Based on a recording by Rav Daniel Glatstein who quoted it from the sefer שם דרך by Rav Simcha Zisel Brode^{צ"ל}, Rosh Yeshiva of Chevron.

We all know, as Yaakov left home on his way to Charan, he stopped and spent 14 years in the Yeshiva of Sham V'aver. This is deduced in the Chumash in three different places. Nowhere does it say this explicitly.

1) In our Parsha: Bereishis (28:11): וישכב במקום ההוא – he slept in this place, but he didn't sleep in another place – 14 years in the Yeshiva of Sheim V'aver.

2) End of Toldos: Bereishis (28:9): Rashi: We learn that Yishmael died here and from that time (when Yaakov got the Berachos) can make a calculation how old Yaakov was at that time. A long Rashi, we're missing 14 years.

3) End of Chayee Sarah, Bereishis (25:17): again mentions the number of years of Yishmael. Rashi: Why does it mention this? In order to calculate the number of years of Yaakov Avinu.

Why doesn't the pasuk mention explicitly that Yaakov spent 14 years learning in Yeshivas Shaim V'aver?

Parshas Vayeitzei – no breaks. ללא פרשה שתומה ללא פרשה פתוחה.

Baal Haturim:

יש אומרים פרשה זו שתומה והטעם לפי שיצא בסתר וברח והחבא

דעת זקנים

Why did he go into hiding?

He's afraid of Eisav. Eisav is now blood thirsty, to take revenge on Yaakov Avinu.

Has to go into hiding.

Where did he hide? Yeshivas Shaim V'aver.

If Yaaov would have come to me, and ask "where is a good hiding place?"

I think the last place I would suggest is Yeshiva.

Maybe he's in the pizza store. Ice cream palor.

How could it be Eisav didn't find Yaakov?

1. Either he didn't think of looking in the Beis Hamedrash

2. Or he looked there but couldn't find him.

Another example:

The death of Terach at the end of Parshas Noach.

וימת תרח בחרן.

How old was Avrohom when he went to Eretz Yisrael? 75

How old was Terach when Avrohom was born? 70

So when Avrohom went to Eretz Yisrael, Terach was 145.

How long did Terach live? 205

Another 60 years.

So why does the Chumash mention his death now?

Says Rashi, שלא יהא הדבר מפורסם ויאמרו לא קיים אברהם את כיבוד אביו הינחו זקן והלך לו. לפיכך קראו הכתוב מת

For sixty years they see Terach is still alive!

Rav Broide:

Rav Chaim Voloshin in Nefesh Hachaim (4:10)

כד ברא הקב"ה עלמא הסתכל בה באורייתא וברא עלמא ובאורייתא ברא עלמא.

Like it says I am like the teacher of the world. The Torah cries out, I am the teacher.

Through me HKBH created the world. And when HKBH wanted to create the world, he would look inside the Torah at every word. ויאמר אלקים יהי אור.

And the light came about.

HKBH created the world from the words of the Torah.

It's not that the Torah records what Hashem did.

The world was created from the words of the Torah.

What happens in this world is based upon what it says in the Torah.

So if it says in the Torah Terach died – so he died. But he didn't!

So what does it mean?

The only way to understand it is to say Terach disappeared.

HKBH knew that after Yaakov gets the berachos, Eisav is burning with fire.

So HKBH wants to hide Yaakov avinu from Eisav.

How? By not writing in the Torah where he is.

So in reality he's not here!

Eisav went to look for Yaakov in the Beis Medrash everyday – but couldn't find him.

Why? Because it's not in the Torah.

HKBH hid Yaakov – because it's not in the Torah.

Baal Haturim – the Parsha is closed – to strengthen the concept that Yaakov disappears.

Rav Aaron Kotler (Mishnas Aaron -- 1st volume, page 110)

Why isn't Olam Haba mentioned in the Chumash?

HKBH could not have put it in the Chumash – because HKBH wants to hide Olam Haba. It is a reward beyond imagination. It's out of this world – so it has to be out of the Torah.

Penimius HaTorah – can not be written explicitly in the Torah.

Another example:

Parshas Bahaloscha:

Three sins back to back: ran away from Har Sinai, then complained about how they are being rushed to travel, and then they complained about the food they had to eat.