

The fall of the First Born... again!

Intro Song: Kelly Pease : "One" off the album "Kelly Pease

Prayer:

For the grace to share the faith with our co-workers, friends and family
for an end to abortion

for the dignity of all human persons from conception to a natural death
for Marriage & the preservation of it in society

for children - may we be fruitful, multiply and fill the face of the earth

for the repose of the soul of John Mederios

For peace in our hearts & lives!

Hail Mary....

Previously on "Behold the Man : A Father Who Keeps His Promises:

- The great race to conceive and bare sons for Jackob!
 - Jelously
 - Rivalry
 - ca-knive-ing!
- The great escape from Laban
 - Build up of wealth
 - the exodus
 - Laban comes out to meet him & told NOT to touch HIM!
 - The covenant between Laban & Jacob!
- Jacob sends out messengers to let Easu know Jacob is coming home
 - the response: Easu is coming to meet you,, with 400 men!

A quick look through Chapters 32 - 36 of Genesis :

- Page 119 of FWKHP
 - "Four Hundred Men!...."
 - Much like he did to increase his wealth... through crafty breeding techniques...
 - Jacob, the surplanter, is trying once again to outwit his elder brother Easu.

- Its a good idea... use your head... think
- in the night... after he has sent out a "gift offering" to appease his brother Easu
- & he set his wives, concubines, and children across the river, out of harms way, he spends the night alone.
- **The Angel of the Lord!**
 - **Genesis 32: 22 - 30**
 - *[22] The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. [23] He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. [24] And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. [25] When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. [26] Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." [27] And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." [28] Then he said, "Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." [29] Then Jacob asked him, "Tell me, I pray, your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. [30] So Jacob called the name of the place Peni'el, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."*
 - Israel:
 - A Prince of God!
 - One standing upright
 - Contending victoriously with God!
 - The **Targums** name the Angel - Michael
 - Needing to leave at sunset to join the angels who sing praises to God at sunset!
 - *"And he said, Let me go, for the column of the morning ascendeth; and the hour cometh when the angels on high offer praise to the Lord of the world:*

and I am one of the angels of praise, but from the day that the world was created my time to praise hath not come until now."

- **The encounter with Easu**

- Easu & the 400 men arrive!
- Time has run out!
- He sets his family in order of priority - nearness of his heart!
 - Concubines & their children first
 - Then Leah & her children
 - Last, and most protected, Rachel & Jospheh
- Then Jacob goes out before them to meet Easu
 - Bowing 7 times!
 - Covenant significance!
- Easu welcomes his brother & embraces him
 - Falling on his neck!
 - Who are these women & children?
 - What is all this that has come out to meet me?
 - a Gift for my Lord Easu! PLEASE TAKE THE GIFT!!!!
 - Can you hear the begging?
 - Like a good bribe... please spare us!
 - Easu spares them all & welcomes them home...
 - wants to escort them to Seir to be one big happy family!
 - Jacob passes on that
 - suggests he will meet him there!

- **Instead... Jacob goes to Shekim**

- **Genesis 33:17 - 34:4**
- *17 And Jacob came to Socoth: where having built a house, and pitched tents, he called the name of the place Socoth, that is, Tents. 18 And he passed over to Salem, a city of the Sichemites, which is in the land of Chanaan, after he returned from Mesopotamia of Syria: and he dwelt by the town. 19 And he bought that part of the field, in which he pitched his tents, of the children of Hemor, the father of Sichem, for a hundred lambs. 20 And raising an altar there, he invoked upon it the most mighty God of Israel. 34: 1 And Dina the daughter of Lia went* out to see the women of that country. 2 And when Sichem the son of Hemor the Hevite, the prince of that*

land, saw her, he was in love with her: and took her away, and lay with her, ravishing the virgin. 3 And his soul was fast knit unto her; and whereas she was sad, he comforted her with sweet words. 4 And going to Hemor his father, he said: Get me this damsel to wife.

- Notice: the town is named after the son... kinda like Cain did with his son back back in **Genesis 4:17**
 - *[17] Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son Enoch.*
 - *Seeking a NAME/SHEM for himself... NOT seeking God's Name!*
- Dinah goes out to hang out with the local women during some kind of festival... she is about 15 yro
- The Prince of the land - Shechim - see's the virgin girl & takes her, against her will, and has intercourse with her.
 - He feels drawn to her & tries to comfort her with sweet words!
 - Although he doesn't let her return to her family!
- The Prince then goes to his Father, Hamor, & says get me this girl to be my wife.
 - Making things right AFTER the fact?
 - Hoping NOT to have to face the consequences?
- Hamor goes out to speak with Jacob
 - The sons of Jacob, who were in the fields, heard... and come in angry & HOT!
- Hamor tries to talk them into the marriage
 - Shechim says... I'll pay what ever you ask... just give her to me to be my wife!
- **A Chip off the old block!**
 - The sons of Jacob respond to Hamor & Shcechim
 - **Genesis 34:13-18 [13]** *The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and his father Hamor deceitfully, because he had defiled their sister Dinah. [14] They said to them, "We cannot do this thing,*

to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us. [15] Only on this condition will we consent to you: that you will become as we are and every male of you be circumcised. [16] Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to ourselves, and we will dwell with you and become one people. [17] But if you will not listen to us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will be gone." [18] Their words pleased Hamor and Hamor's son Shechem.

- Schechim rushes to fulfill the request right away... they make the argument at the city gate to have all the men circumcised
 - Becoming ONE nation with Jacob & his people!
 - ON THE THIRD DAY!
 - when ALL the men were sore & in pain!
 - the Son's of Jacob bring death to Shechim & his city!
 - One day... also on a THIRD DAY.... a son of Jacob will bring LIFE to all the world!
 - Simeon & Levi sneak in and cut every man down with the sword!
 - The other sons come in a plunder the city!
- **to Defile the Virgin!**
 - **The Targums:**
 - *And Jakob said to Shimeon and Levi, You have made my name to go forth as evil among the inhabitants of the land, among the Kenaanites and Phezzerites. And I am a people of (small) number, and they will gather together against me, and destroy me and the men of my house. And Shimeon and Levi answered, It would not have been fit to be said in the congregations of Israel that the uncircumcised polluted the virgin, and the worshippers of idols debased the daughter of Jakob: but it is fit that it should be said, The uncircumcised were slain on account of the virgin, and the worshippers of idols on account of the daughter of Jakob. Shekem bar Hamor will not (now) deride us with his words; for as a whorish woman and an outcast who hath no avenger would he have made our sister, if we had not done this thing.*

- I've not thought it through all the way but...
 - It seems this is also a foreshadowing to the virgin who will bear Immanuel to the world.. who will reconcile even the Gentiles too!
- **Two sons down!**
 - Simeon & Levi
 - now disgraced for acting without their fathers consent & placing the whole family in grave danger!
 - Yes, the eldest tries to steal the authority!
 - **Targumes/Genesis 35:21-22**
 - And Jakob proceeded and spread his tent beyond the tower of Eder, the place from whence, it is to be, the King Meshiha will be revealed at the end of the days. And it was while Israel dwelt in this land that Reuben went and confounded^[11] the bed of Bilhah the concubine of his father, which had been ordained along with the bed of Leah his mother; and this is reputed with regard to him, as if he had lain with her. And Israel heard it, and it afflicted him, and he said, Alas, that one should have come forth from me so profane, even as Ishmael came forth from Abraham, and Esau from my father!
 - Remember this from Ham "seeing his father's nakedness"?
 - **Genesis 9:20 & following**
 - The son is trying to steal authority form the Father
 - But Jacob is NOT dead yet!
 - This too disgraces Ruben from the blessing of the First born - leaving Judah the next in line!

