

Parshas VaYeitzei Overview

Years 2185-2205

- Overall theme of this Parsha: Yaakov goes out of his personality and develops Eisav's personality.
- Yaakov blazes the path on how to develop during personal / national exiles.
- Yaakov's first personal exile house of Lavan corresponding to Bavel exile threat of idolatry.
- Leah is suited for 'Eisav' personality trait in Yaakov.
- Rachel suited for 'Yaakov' personality trait in Yaakov.

1. Yaakov has the Dream of the Ladder

- The sun sets two hours early
- Yaakov institutes the Maariv prayer
- The 12 stones turn into 1 stone
- Hashem reveals the future 4 exiles of the Jewish people
- Hashem promises Yaakov the land of Israel, children, and protection
- Yaakov makes an oath in Beis E-1

2. Yaakov enters the Land of Charan

- Yaakov meets Rachel at the well; visits the "White House"
- Rachel's beauty vs. Leah's weak eyes
- Yaakov works 7 years for Rachel
- Lavan the "Ramai" deceives Yaakov and Yaakov marries Leah
- Yaakov marries Rachel

3. Yaakov's children:

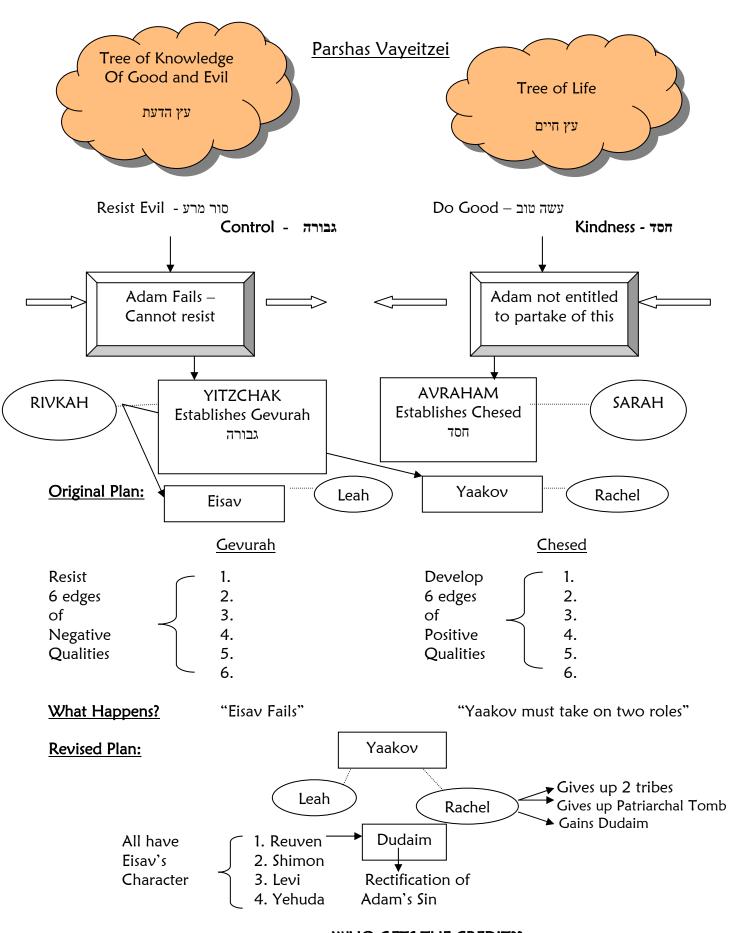
- Leah gives birth to four children
 - 1. Reuven
 - 2. Shimon
 - 3. Levi
 - 4. Yehuda
- Yaakov marries Rachel's maidservant Bilhah, who gives birth to two children
 - 1. Dan
- 2. Naftali
- Yaakov marries Leah's maidservant Zilpah, who gives birth to two children
 - 1. Gad
- 2. Asher
- Story of the "Dudaim"
- Leah gives birth to two more children
 - 1. Yissachar 2. Zevulun
- Leah gives birth to Dina
- Rachel gives birth to Yosef

4. Yaakov earns a living

- Lavan cheats Yaakov 100 times
- Yaakov employs the "stick strategy" to outsmart Lavan
- Yaakov becomes very wealthy

5. Yaakov leaves Charan

- Hashem instructs Yaakov to leave Charan
- Yaakov discusses issue with wives; they give consent
- Yaakov escapes the house of Lavan
- Rachel steals the "Terafim"
- Lavan catches up to Yaakov
- Peace treaty between Yaakov and Lavan
- Yaakov meets the angels at "Machanaym"



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