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The Ardent Dreams of a Destiny

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24 So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26 Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

27 The man asked him, "What is your name?"
"Jacob," he answered.

28 Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, ^[a] because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome."

Genesis 35:10-12

10 God said to him, "Your name is Jacob, ^[a] but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel. ^[b] " So he named him Israel.

11 And God said to him, "I am God Almighty ^[c] ; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body. 12 The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you."

Deuteronomy 7:6

6 For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

Exodus 19:5-6

5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you ^[a] will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Leviticus 20:26

26 You are to be holy to me ^[a] because I, the LORD, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own.

Numbers 6:22-27

22 The LORD said to Moses, 23 "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

24 " ' "The LORD bless you
and keep you;
25 the LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
26 the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace." ' "

27 "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Deuteronomy 14:2

2 for you are a people holy to the LORD your God. Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the LORD has chosen you to be his treasured possession.

Isaiah 51:15-16

15 For I am the LORD your God,
who churns up the sea so that its waves roar—
the LORD Almighty is his name.
16 I have put my words in your mouth
and covered you with the shadow of my hand—
I who set the heavens in place,
who laid the foundations of the earth,
and who say to Zion, 'You are my people.' "

Genesis 12:2

2 "I will make you into a great nation
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

Genesis 13:14-15

14 The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. 15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring ^[a] forever.

Genesis 13:16

16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted.

Genesis 12:3

3 I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

Genesis 12:1

1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

Genesis 12:7

7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring ^[a] I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

Genesis 13:15

15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring ^[a] forever.

Genesis 15:7

7 He also said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."

Genesis 15:18

18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river ^[a] of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates-

Genesis 17:8

8 The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

Genesis 26:2-3

2 The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. 3 Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham.

Genesis 28:4

4 May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as an alien, the land God gave to Abraham."

Genesis 35:12

12 The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you."

Genesis 48:3-4

3 Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty ^[a] appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and there he blessed me 4 and said to me, 'I am going to make you fruitful and will increase your numbers. I will make you a community of peoples, and I will give this land as an everlasting possession to your descendants after you.'

Genesis 50:24

24 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

Genesis 15:5

5 He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Genesis 22:17

17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,

Genesis 28:14

14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.

Genesis 17:6

6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

Genesis 26:4

4 I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring ^[a] all nations on earth will be blessed,

Genesis 35:11

11 And God said to him, "I am God Almighty ^[a]; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body.

Genesis 48:19

19 But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He too will become a people, and he too will become great. Nevertheless, his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a group of nations."

Exodus 34:15-16

15 "Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices. 16 And when you choose some of their daughters as wives for your sons and those daughters prostitute themselves to their gods, they will lead your sons to do the same.

Deuteronomy 7:1-6

1 When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you- 2 and when the LORD your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. ^[a] Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy.

3 Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, 4 for they will turn your sons away from following me to serve other gods, and the LORD's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you. 5 This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles ^[b] and burn their idols in the fire.

6 For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

Genesis 18:18-19

18 Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. 19 For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

Genesis 24:1-4

1 Abraham was now old and well advanced in years, and the LORD had blessed him in every way. 2 He said to the chief ^[a] servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh. 3 I want you to swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living, 4 but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac."

Genesis 28:1-5

1 So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed ^[a] him and commanded him: "Do not marry a Canaanite woman. 2 Go at once to Paddan Aram, ^[b] to the house of your mother's father Bethuel. Take a wife for yourself there, from among the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. 3 May God Almighty ^[c] bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples. 4 May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as an alien, the land God gave to Abraham." 5 Then Isaac sent Jacob on his way, and he went to Paddan Aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, who was the mother of Jacob and Esau.

Genesis 16:3

3 So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife.

Genesis 16:11-12

11 The angel of the LORD also said to her: "You are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, ^[a] for the LORD has heard of your misery. 12 He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward ^[b] all his brothers."

Genesis 26:34-35

34 When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and also Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite. 35 They were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

Genesis 27:46

46 Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I'm disgusted with living because of these Hittite women. If Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this land, from Hittite women like these, my life will not be worth living."

Genesis 28:8-9

8 Esau then realized how displeasing the Canaanite women were to his father Isaac; 9 so he went to Ishmael and married Mahalath, the sister of Nebaioth and daughter of Ishmael son of Abraham, in addition to the wives he already had.

Obadiah 1:1

1 The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign LORD says about Edom—

Obadiah 1:10

10 Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever.

Obadiah 1:18

18 The house of Jacob will be a fire
and the house of Joseph a flame;
the house of Esau will be stubble,
and they will set it on fire and consume it.
There will be no survivors
from the house of Esau."
The LORD has spoken.

Mark 2:15-17

15 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house,
many tax collectors and "sinners" were eating with
him and his disciples, for there were many who
followed him. 16 When the teachers of the law who
were Pharisees saw him eating with the "sinners"
and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why
does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"

17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the
healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not
come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Genesis 13:8-13

8 So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any
quarreling between you and me, or between your
herdsmen and mine, for we are brothers. 9 Is not the
whole land before you? Let's part company. If you
go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the
right, I'll go to the left."

10 Lot looked up and saw that the whole plain of
the Jordan was well watered, like the garden of the
LORD, like the land of Egypt, toward Zoar. (This
was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and
Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose for himself the whole
plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The
two men parted company: 12 Abram lived in the
land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of
the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. 13 Now
the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning
greatly against the LORD.

Genesis 19:15-16

15 With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot,
saying, "Hurry! Take your wife and your two
daughters who are here, or you will be swept away
when the city is punished."

16 When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and
the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and
led them safely out of the city, for the LORD was
merciful to them.

Genesis 15:6

6 Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to
him as righteousness.

Genesis 16:11-12

11 The angel of the LORD also said to her:
"You are now with child
and you will have a son.
You shall name him Ishmael, ^[a]
for the LORD has heard of your misery.

12 He will be a wild donkey of a man;
his hand will be against everyone
and everyone's hand against him,
and he will live in hostility
toward ^[b] all his brothers."

Genesis 21:8-14

8 The child grew and was weaned, and on the day
Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. 9 But
Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian
had borne to Abraham was mocking, 10 and she said
to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her
son, for that slave woman's son will never share in
the inheritance with my son Isaac."

11 The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it
concerned his son. 12 But God said to him, "Do not
be so distressed about the boy and your maidservant.
Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is
through Isaac that your offspring ^[a] will be
reckoned. 13 I will make the son of the maidservant
into a nation also, because he is your offspring."

14 Early the next morning Abraham took some food
and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set
them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the
boy. She went on her way and wandered in the
desert of Beersheba.

Genesis 25:29-34

29 Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. 30 He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom. ^[a])

31 Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

32 "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"

33 But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.

So Esau despised his birthright.

Genesis 27:28-29

28 May God give you of heaven's dew
and of earth's richness—
an abundance of grain and new wine.

29 May nations serve you
and peoples bow down to you.
Be lord over your brothers,
and may the sons of your mother bow down to
you.
May those who curse you be cursed
and those who bless you be blessed."

Genesis 27:38-41

38 Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept aloud.

39 His father Isaac answered him,
"Your dwelling will be
away from the earth's richness,
away from the dew of heaven above.

40 You will live by the sword
and you will serve your brother.
But when you grow restless,
you will throw his yoke
from off your neck."

41 Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

Genesis 28:18-20

18 Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. 19 He called that place Bethel, ^[a] though the city used to be called Luz.

20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear

Genesis 35:22

22 While Israel was living in that region, Reuben went in and slept with his father's concubine Bilhah, and Israel heard of it.

Genesis 49:3-4

3 "Reuben, you are my firstborn,
my might, the first sign of my strength,
excelling in honor, excelling in power.

4 Turbulent as the waters, you will no longer excel,
for you went up onto your father's bed,
onto my couch and defiled it.

Genesis 34:25-26

25 Three days later, while all of them were still in pain, two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took their swords and attacked the unsuspecting city, killing every male. 26 They put Hamor and his son Shechem to the sword and took Dinah from Shechem's house and left.

Genesis 49:5-7

5 "Simeon and Levi are brothers—
their swords ^[a] are weapons of violence.
6 Let me not enter their council,
let me not join their assembly,
for they have killed men in their anger
and hamstringed oxen as they pleased.
7 Cursed be their anger, so fierce,
and their fury, so cruel!
I will scatter them in Jacob
and disperse them in Israel.

Genesis 37:26-27

26 Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

Genesis 43:8-9

8 Then Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the boy along with me and we will go at once, so that we and you and our children may live and not die. 9 I myself will guarantee his safety; you can hold me personally responsible for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him here before you, I will bear the blame before you all my life.

Genesis 44:33

33 "Now then, please let your servant remain here as my lord's slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers.

Genesis 49:8-12

8 "Judah, ^[a] your brothers will praise you;
your hand will be on the neck of your enemies;
your father's sons will bow down to you.
9 You are a lion's cub, O Judah;
you return from the prey, my son.
Like a lion he crouches and lies down,
like a lioness—who dares to rouse him?
10 The scepter will not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until he comes to whom it belongs ^[b]
and the obedience of the nations is his.
11 He will tether his donkey to a vine,
his colt to the choicest branch;
he will wash his garments in wine,
his robes in the blood of grapes.
12 His eyes will be darker than wine,
his teeth whiter than milk.

Genesis 12:1

1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

Genesis 13:12

12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom.

Genesis 13:18

18 So Abram moved his tents and went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he built an altar to the LORD.

Genesis 26:2

2 The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live.

Genesis 46:2-4

2 And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night and said, "Jacob! Jacob!" "Here I am," he replied.

3 "I am God, the God of your father," he said. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. 4 I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again. And Joseph's own hand will close your eyes."

Genesis 46:33-34

33 When Pharaoh calls you in and asks, 'What is your occupation?' 34 you should answer, 'Your servants have tended livestock from our boyhood on, just as our fathers did.' Then you will be allowed to settle in the region of Goshen, for all shepherds are detestable to the Egyptians."

Exodus 1:6-7

6 Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, 7 but the Israelites were fruitful and multiplied greatly and became exceedingly numerous, so that the land was filled with them.

Joshua 5:15

15 The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

Genesis 26:4

4 I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed,

Genesis 17:13-14

13 Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. 14 Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."