

PTDT

PhiloTorah D'var Torah

HALACHA Hee B'YADU'A...

I know I've dwelt on this topic and its variations, these last few weeks. Unavoidable, due to the war. But I have a new insight to share with you.

What if Yaakov had been born first, right before his twin, Eisav? He would have had the B'chora without acquiring it in the way he did. It would have been clear to Yitzchak that he (Yaakov) was to receive the main B'racha. Deceit would not have been necessary. Eisav would not have had reason to hate Yaakov and to think of killing him.

And this 'what if' would have had led to a very different Jewish History.

Perhaps.

What ifs don't work. It was no accident of birth as to who exited Rivka's womb first and who was holding on to whose heel. That - we can say - was G-d's doing. His plan.

Free Will took over shortly after the beginning. Yitzchak, Rivka, Yaakov, Eisav are all accountable for their actions. Some were guided by G-d's

Hand, and some were otherwise motivated.

The result is the Jewish History that happened, not the What if.

G-d, communicating with us via His true prophets, has promised us His everlasting love and a future that will be different from our past and current reality. A time will come - we believe this absolutely, that the nations of the world will finally acknowledge that the G-d of Israel is the Creator and Master of the World. No more war. And much more, to make the time of the Mashiach something to long for - and even if he tarries, IM KOL ZEH, with all of this, we will wait for him, whenever he comes.

(That doesn't mean sitting around twiddling our thumbs; we have much to do to hasten the Geula Sh'leima - but that's for a different PTDT.)

Notice though, that it is not just we, the Jewish People, who are in a continuing situation of being scorned and hated (with exceptions) by many peoples of the world.

The navi speaks of a time in the future that HaShem will be accepted as MELECH AL KOL HAARETZ, King of the entire world, and on that day, G-d will be One and His Name will be One. His plan. May we see it soon.