**Questions for Understanding and Reflection**

1. From all the readings for this Shabbat which verse or verses impressed your heart and fired your imagination?

The Peroration: The above materials suggest that, we live in a world of Angelic Rivalry and Angelic Rage. The principle question generated by these thoughts is how does this affect the *nomos* – Torah, structured universe?

Like the fiddler on the roof, Nazarean Jews live a precarious life. We find that the structured universe in its original design demands Torah observance. Yet, the angelic rivalry and rage contend against these activities. The Only resolve is to devote hours and energies in such a way as to live without regret. Giving oneself to the Torah, both in studying it for himself and for the sake of elucidating it to others, and in doing acts of material kindness.

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 32:4?

**Jacob sent angels** – What are melachim?

**to the land of Seir** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew phrase: אַרְצָה שֵׂעִיר?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 32:5?

**I have sojourned** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: גַּרְתִּי?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 32:9?

**one camp and strikes it down** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew phrase: הַמַחֲנֶה הָאַחַת וְהִכָּהוּ?

**the remaining camp will escape** – How will they escape?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 32:11?

**I have become small** – How had he become small?

**and from all the truth** – What was this truth?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 32:15?

**Two hundred she-goats and twenty he-goats** – Why were there only 20 he-goats?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 32:23?

**and his eleven children** - But where was Dinah?

**Jabbok** – What is the Jabbok?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 32:26?

**he touched the socket of his hip** – Where is this body part?

**became dislocated** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: וַתִּקַע?

**for dawn is breaking** – Why did he make this comment?

**unless you have blessed me** – What was he trying to accomplish with this statement?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 33:8?

**What is to you** **[the purpose of] all this camp** - Who is all this camp that I have met, which is yours?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 33:14?

**Now, let my master go ahead –** How is this to be understood?

**and I will move** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: אֶתְנַהֲלָה?

**my own slow pace** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: לְאִטִי?

**according to...the work** – What is this work?

**and according to the pace of the children** – What is the pace of the children?

**until I come to my master** – Where will Esau be?

1. According to the Ramban what hints for future generations‎ are provided in our Torah Seder, and what are the implications of this for us as Nazarean Jews?

Everything that ‎happened to our father with his brother Esau will constantly occur to us with Esau's children, and it is proper for us to adhere to the way of the ‎righteous/generous[[1]](#footnote-1) by preparing ourselves in the three things for which he prepared himself: for prayer, for giving him a present, and for rescue by ‎methods of warfare, to flee and to be saved.

As Nazarean Jews, we should pay special attention to this dictum and teach it to others.

1. According to the Ramban how is the phrase **'ACHAPRAH' (I WILL APPEASE) HIM** related to **‘Kippur/Kippurim’**?

Since it always signifies erasing and removing, this suggests that this is the result of Yom Kippur for those of the covenant.

1. According to the Ramban who are the **“saviours”** in the statement: “*And* ***saviours*** *will come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau*”? The Judges of Israel. And in what way are Hakhamim considered by G-d as “saviours”? Hakhamim are the judges of Israel. Any Scriptural support? Mt 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
2. What important miracle occurred between Ya’aqob and the guards/soldiers of Esau?

They did not fight against him, they did not stay with him, and they all left.

1. Why do the Sages consider this Torah Seder as particularly applicable to our plight in Exile?

Because it teaches us a strategy for dealing with Esau, namely: We should prepare a gift, for war, and for prayer.

1. What particular realization did King David arrived at when he exclaimed: ***‘Whom will I fear?’***?

With the recognition of HaShem as Absolute King , there is no longer anyone (except HaShem Himself) to fear.

1. Why is Obadiah different that he was chosen to prophesy concerning Edom and did not prophesy any other prophecy? And how is this prophecy so relevant for our days?

Obadiah was an Edomite proselyte. Said the Holy One, blessed be He: From them and in them will I bring upon them. Let Obadiah, who dwelt between two wicked people, Ahab and Jezebel, and did not learn from their deeds, come and impose retribution upon Esau, who dwelt between two righteous/generous people, Isaac and Rebecca, and did not learn from their deeds. [from Sanhedrin 39b]

1. In Biblical terms (not in modern language meanings) what should we understand by Hakham Yehudah’s term **“licentiousness”**?

We should understand that they were not doing their job in their place.

1. What three major events in history has caused the angels/messengers (with and without wings) to express unbridled rage?

First Episode - Creation of Adam - Where G-d blew the Oral Torah into his nostrills.

Second Episode - at Har Sinai and during the life-ministry of Mosheh Rabbenu where our people received by revelation both the Written and Oral Torah.

Third Episode - During the life-ministry of His Majesty King Yeshua the Messiah culminating in his cricifixion - where we received again and refreshed the Mesorah - Oral Torah of Ha-Shem and which has been developed under His Majesty's supervision through the last 2000 years by our faithful Sages.

1. ‎Taking into consideration all the readings for this Shabbat what is the prophetic statement for this ‎week?‎

Listen to HaShem and consider your ways.

1. See Job 17:9. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)