

Yaakov & Lavan

The Occult Wars

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Yaakov Avinu was a spiritual man. He was trained in the tents of the Grandfather Avraham to cultivate knowledge of Heaven. Yaakov was a dream master. In his altered state of dream consciousness, could lucid dream and interact with Heavenly beings. This enabled him to receive very clear Heavenly messages and direction. This psychic ability would, in the end, save his life.

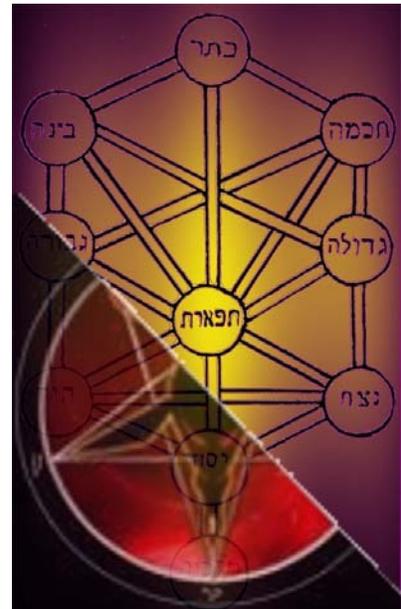
Grandfather Lavan was a man of the occult. He was a master adept in all the arcane dark arts. As Yaakov was powerful along the spiritual path, Lavan was equally powerful along the occult path. Spiritual conflict between the two was inevitable.

Do not underestimate the power of Lavan. According to the most ancient of legends, Lavan personally lived to witness the Exodus of Israel from Egypt. Lavan was an associate of Pharaoh and under a different name worked with the King of Midian to use his occult powers to destroy Israel. Yes, according to ancient Ben Uziel, Lavan himself was none other than Bilaam, master of the dark arts.

Our mothers Leah and Rahel were raised in the House of Lavan. They knew their father and they knew his occult way. They shared their knowledge and insider information with Yaakov, giving him the necessary ammunition to fight their father. They passed on their knowledge to their children, the sons of Israel, providing the entire nation with knowledge and an ability that would come in handy a few generations later when they had to face the magicians of Egypt.

HaShem works in strange ways. He trained Yaakov in the tents of Avraham to deal with the spiritual world, good and evil. Then destiny thrusts Yaakov into the House of Lavan, where for 20 years, he had to struggle with all types of deceptions and lies perpetrated on him by his dear, old father-in-law. This twenty-year period was a time of great struggle for Yaakov, yet, it was a struggle that, in the end, he won.

Yaakov and Lavan were engaged in a spiritual battle of occult powers. Lavan tried every trick in his book to subdue Yaakov and to control him. At first, Lavan had some success,



making Yaakov oblivious that he was marrying Leah and not his beloved Rahel. Although the girls themselves knew the plot of deception, even they did not notify Yaakov. Classical commentaries explain this by saying that Rahel did not want to embarrass her sister Leah by exposing what was happening and therefore silently capitulated. However, both girls, growing up in Daddy's house, knew well Lavan's arcane powers of the dark arts. Rahel did not want to embarrass Leah, true, but she also knew that if Daddy Lavan's plan was thwarted, he could unleash occult powers that could kill them all.

Daily life in House Lavan must have been no picnic. There was intrigue at every corner. Yaakov had to watch his step as Lavan sought every opening to exploit Yaakov's spiritual connection to Heaven, to siphon off Yaakov's spiritual power (blessing) and put it to his own nefarious use. Yes, Yaakov knew that he himself was the source of any blessings Lavan was receiving. More so, Lavan also knew this and thus plotted to keep Yaakov forever under his dominion.

Occult powers are strong. They can enslave the minds of almost everyone. Even Leah, Rahel and Yaakov, powerful as they were, nonetheless did not escape unscathed from the ominous dark influences. It took Yaakov twenty years to finally best Lavan. This only was made possible because of Yaakov's ability to access Heavenly information through his dreams. In these dreams he was able to ascertain what to do and how to do it, to strengthen himself against Lavan and at the same time, weaken Lavan. Try as he did on numerous occasions, Lavan was not able to best Yaakov and this turned Lavan against him.

In the end, Yaakov had to flee in the night in order to avoid Lavan's full occultic force. Rahel, adept in her own right, knew the source of her father's occult powers, his Terafim. She stole them and hid them, using her own knowledge of the occult to secure their silence, disabling them from psychically calling out to Lavan's mind and revealing their presence. Rahel was well trained in the ways of her father's house and in her short time with Yosef passed on all that she had known.

Amongst all the sons of Yaakov, we later find that it is Yosef, son of Rahel who can master the dream arts of his father as well as the occult power of self-control and discipline learned from his mother. Yosef rose to power in occultic Egypt and was reputed to have been the greatest master occultist in all the land. This story is even told throughout the classical commentaries.

Knowledge of the occult is found in the beginnings of the building of the House of Yaakov. HaShem knew well the dangers these forces would pose to his budding nation. Therefore, from the start, Heaven prepared the sons of Yaakov to deal with the forces of darkness that they would inevitably encounter in every generation to come.

Today, we are thousands of years removed from the days of the occult of Lavan, Bilaam and Egypt. Yet, while the historical personages have long ago passed away, the arcane arts they practiced are as alive today as they were in ancient times. The occult poses as much a threat today as it did in ancient times.

As always, since ancient times, those who walk with G-d and commune with Heaven are always the occult's main targets for attack. Spiritual blessings are a real source of power. One receives them through merit and grace. Yet, unless one protects them, the blessing can be stolen. The results are ill health and financial difficulties, whereas the occult practitioners gain new strength and abundant wealth. This is happening all around us.

Because today we have lost the knowledge so well known to our parents Yaakov, Leah and Rahel, we have become susceptible to occultic influence and attack. We have forgotten our origins and how Heaven has prepared us from the beginning to protect ourselves in a very dangerous world. Today there are many Lavans and many Bilaams. If we do not embrace our origins and learn again how to defend ourselves, we will suffer the fate of our ancestors throughout history.

The first Holocaust was in Egypt where legend tells us that during the plague of darkness nearly 80% of the Israelites died. These are the ones who could not be released from the occultic poison in their souls. The latest Holocaust in Europe was also an occultic onslaught against us. Nazi involvement with the occult is historically well documented. Unfortunately, for the Jews of Europe they were so involved with their academic studies of Torah that they forgot how to use the Torah's arcane powers to defend themselves against the Nazis, to defeat them.

Here we are again, at a dangerous crossroads in history. We are again surrounded by hostile enemy forces using their occult powers to blind our eyes and destroy our souls. Who will rise up to face the true enemy and fight the real battle?

True knowledge of the occult is for the most part lost to modern Rabbis, but not from everyone. I have recently finished an audio CD series on Yaakov and the battle with the Occult. In these lessons, I review the entire Biblical story and explain it in detail. I provide necessary knowledge for all who wish to see the truth of what happened then and what is happening now. I provide pertinent information for those who wish to embrace it, to spiritually defend themselves and their loved ones. I have also added a fourth CD to this series on the Dangers of Ayin HaRa (the Evil Eye) and what one can do to guard against it.

The occult battle is real. You cannot escape it. Although you may very well deny it, in the end if you do not face it, it will overcome you and you will fall victim as countless others have before you.

I have never before used an essay to solicit purchase of any of my other lessons, but now is not the time for any hesitation on my part. We do not have any more time to wait or any more room to maneuver. It is time to act and it is time to fight and it is time to win.

Learn the lessons of Yaakov and how he fought the occult. You need to know this.