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Parashat Eikev עֵקֶב

"because, on the heel of"

Torah Portion:

Deut.7:12 - 11:25

Haftarah Portion:

Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3

Brit Chadashah Portion:

Hebrews 11:8-13

Romans 8:31-39

We often read surrounding N.T. scripture because it is such a blessing to do so.

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עֵקֶב *Eikev* is from the root עָקַב *akav*, "to take by the heel", from which Jacob's name is also derived.



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Good articles by John Parsons

Moses went up Mt. Sinai at least 8 times!

"because", "on the heel of"

There are a lot of interesting scriptures in this portion.

2 Corinthians 3:13 And not even-as Moses was-putting (a) covering on his face, toward the sons of Israel not to-stare with-reference-to the finish of-the (thing) being-rendered-inactive.

v14 BUT their thoughts were-petrified. For until the today day the same covering is-remaining on the reading-of-the old covenant, (it) not being-discovered that in Messiah it-is-being-rendered-inactive.

v15 BUT till today at-which-time Moses is-being-read (a) covering is-lying on their heart;

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning...." Denoting a huge change, for which will of YHVH, we are.

Praise Yah!

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This may be a hard saying for "Messianics" that think they are under the law of Sinai, and it may be a graceful saying to "orthodox" Jews that think they are under the law of Sinai. As the latter were blinded (Romans 11, also in the grace of YHVH's "redemption-back" (Rom.3:24-25), this primarily speaks here (on this page) to "Messy-antics". The Gospel in the Garden (Gen.3:15) was available "in the beginning". **God's creation was a big change. God doesn't change; God changes things.** God's "redemption-back" was available from the beginning - shown in the Gospel in the stars...the Sinai law came about because of sin that occurred before the sacrifice death of the testator, Jesus...separate from blood there is no atonement or propitiation...some had a forward trust in this Good News (the Gospel), as listed in the Hebrews portion...the Sinai law and the prophets were UNTIL Jesus.

He said it, believe it: "It is finished".

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On the genealogy of Messiah Jesus:

Note "your eyes have seen" repeated to those that were not born when YHVH was seen by Israel. Q. How do they see? A. Through the loins - the lives - in the male sperm passed from generation to generation. Just as many more paid tithes through Abraham to Melchizedek...@ Heb.7:9.

If you are Jewish, you were there at Sinai through the loins of your forefathers.

If you are a Gentile Christian, you were at Sinai though the body of Messiah Jesus...He was there. He is the beginning and end and does not change...you are his body (Eph.5)...so you were there...IN MESSIAH...

Speaking of weddings, brides and what-not

Ephesians 2:15 Having-rendered-inactive the law of-the commandments in decrees, in-order-that he-might-create the two in himself with-reference-to one new (quality) MAN making peace,

Closer look:

v15 Having-rendered-inactive the law (νόμον) of-the commandments (ἐντολῶν) in (ἐν) decrees (δόγμασιν), in-order-that he-might-create the two in (εν) himself with-reference-to one new (quality) (καινόν) MAN making peace,

Take some time to think about the grammatical consistency within this verse:

1. Jesus created the two –how?- in (εν) himself.
2. Jesus rendered-inactive the law of the commandments –how?- in (εν) decrees, i.e. **the Sayings of Messiah* (Cf. Rom. 10:17).

John 3:29 (King James) *He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.*

(New King James) *He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.*

2 Corinthians 11:2 (King James) *For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ.*

(New King James) *For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.*

However, compare these in the Consistent Translation:

John 3:29 The (one) having the bride is bridegroom; but the **friend** of-the bridegroom, **the (one) having-stood-and-still-standing** and hearing of-him, he-is-rejoicing with-joy because-of the voice of-the bridegroom, this therefore the joy namely-mine is-having-been-and-is-still fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I-am-being-jealous-(of) YOU with-a-jealousy of-God, for I-myself-joined YOU to-one man **to-stand-alongside** (a) pure virgin for-the Messiah;

"**having-stood-and-still-standing**" is from: ἑστηκώς *hestēkos*, a form of ἵστημι *histēmi*

"**to-stand-alongside**" is from: παραστήσαι *parastēsai*

For "man" the Holy Spirit has supplied in the Greek text ἀνδρὶ *andri*;

the Consistent Translation's "man", is from: ἀνδρὶ *andri*.

However, for the King James' "husband", Strong's Concordance refers to ἀνὴρ *aner* (**that is not in the Greek text in this passage!**) which the King James translates as man 156x, husband 50x, sir 6x, fellow 1x, not translated 2x.

Thus the King James Version has changed/alterd the word of God.

The Consistent Translation clarifies that this does not speak of the N.T. assembly as the "bride" of Christ.

Eve was created a wife, and was never a bride (Genesis ch2).

The N.T. assembly is equated to Eve in Ephesians ch5, where we also may glean that a foot or hand or finger cannot "marry" the head of the same body, as they are already one (echad). So too the members of the body - the New Testament assembly - cannot "marry" Christ, as they are already one in His body.

There WILL be a marriage ceremony with the Messiah and Israel. Christians will be there, IN Messiah Jesus. In order to "thoroughly chew" this meat it may be beneficial recall that Abraham and Jacob were polygamists. The Rabbis teach that in both cases these men "left" their first wives for a "second" and yet "returned" to cherish their "first" wives later. Note also that neither men necessarily "divorced" any wives, although that is possible. (Jewish teaching is that Abraham went into Hagar, then cast her out, then "reentered" a relationship with her as "Keturah". Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah, but it is taught that after Rachel died, he came to love Leah, his "first" wife.)

[of course Abraham's first wife was Sarah, and again, he "left" her and went into Hagar, the returned to Sarah, and yet again later returned into Keturah, whom the Jews say is Hagar. **Scripture** however says that Abraham "added [רָבִיבָה] a wife" (Gen.25:1) and refers to Abraham's "concubines" (plural).]

[a few words drafted on polygamy](#)

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The "Mixed" marriages of scripture nowadays always seem somewhat culturally (& in genealogy!) confusing, but at any rate, as with the allegory of Hagar and Sarah, this shows these relationships to be ordained by God, and give a better understanding of the reality of the present and future holy matrimony between believers, Israel and YHVH.

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