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Torah Portion Vayishlah 2009: Names and Angels

Genesis 32:10-13 God doesn't answer Jacob's prayer right away.

Genesis 32:14-19 After praying to God for deliverance from Esau, Jacob continues his plan to appease Esau. Why?

Genesis 32:25-30 Jacob's struggle with the angel.

- How could Jacob actually defeat an angel from God in hand-to-hand combat?
- Why did the angel ask Jacob's name when he surely must have known?
- Why is Jacob's name change to Israel different from any other name change in the Bible?
- Why did the angel refuse to reveal his name, but instead blessed Jacob?
- What is the blessing the angel gives to Jacob?
- Who is the angel?

Genesis 35:9-13 Is the name the blessing? Why does this happen twice?

Genesis 35:20-21 Why are the names "Jacob" and "Israel" used interchangeably...or are they?

Judges 13:17-18 Why is the angel's name hidden?

Luke 1:18-19 Why did Gabriel reveal his name to Zechariah?

Luke 1:26-28 Luke reveals the angel's name to his audience, but in the narrative, the angel never tells his name to Miryam (Mary). Why?

Daniel 8:15-16 and **Daniel 9:21** How does Daniel know Gabriel's name?

Daniel 10:12-13 and **Daniel 12:1** Why is the Michael's name told to Daniel?

Revelation 12:7-8 How does John know the name of Michael?

Genesis 32:31 Does this mean Jacob saw the face of God (Peniel is spelled Peh-Nun-Alef-Lamed and literally means "Face-God")?

Genesis 33:10 After his experience with the angel, which was like seeing the face of the Divine, why did Jacob say this to Esau?

Matthew 18:10 Their angels are continually seeing the Face of God in Heaven? Whose angels?

Revelation 22:8-9 Do not worship angels but rather, the One who created them.