

The Torah Project

Genesis 30b-31

***How** we learn is as important as **what** we learn. Truth acquired by way of false teachers will produce only false fruit.*

Matthew 7:15-16

“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits...”

James 3:13-18

Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. **And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.**



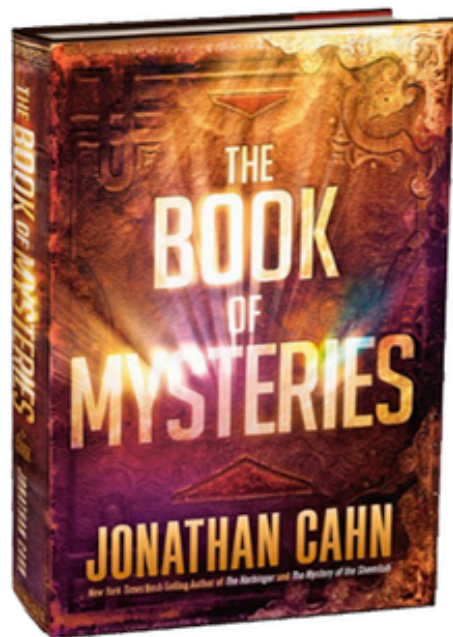
Genesis 31:24

God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream of the night and said to him, “Be careful that you do not speak to Jacob either good or bad.”

Exodus 20:15

“You shall not steal.”

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When you think you have, what you don't have, you live in conflict with the truth. And you will end up fighting to keep what you don't have.

✎ Jonathon Cahn

1 Timothy 6:6-11

But godliness *actually* is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance *and* gentleness.

1 Corinthians 5:9-11

I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the **covetous** and **swindlers**, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is...

- a [sexually] **immoral person**, or ...
- **covetous**, or ...
- an **idolater**, or ...
- a **reviler**, or ...
- a **drunkard**, or ...
- a **swindler** ...

... – not even to eat with such a one.

“**covetous**” (πλεονέκτης) = “one who wants more than his share, especially of material possessions”

1 Corinthians 6:10

...nor thieves, nor *the* **covetous**, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor **swindlers**, will inherit the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 5:5

For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or **covetous** man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

“**swindler**” (ἄρπαγες) = “ravenously or violently greedy”

Matthew 7:15

“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are **ravenous** wolves.”

We are merely stewards of our possessions. Nothing belongs to us, not even our souls. We own nothing. When we wrap ourselves in a cocoon of materialism, we wrap ourselves in an illusion that will neither hide nor protect us from reality.

Luke 12:15

And He said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

Only a 'steward' can properly assess the true value of a thing.

Psalm 16:5

Adonai is my assigned portion, my cup; You safeguard my lot.