

Eitz Chayim Hee: A Torah Commentary for Environmental Learning and Action

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Torah Portion of Toldot

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בראשית פרק כו פסוק כ

וַיְרִיבוּ זַעֲיִ גְרָר. עַם זַעֲיִ יִצְחָק. לֵאמֹר, לָנוּ הַמַּיִם. וַיִּקְרָא שֵׁם הַבְּאֵר עֵשֶׂק כִּי הִתְעַשְׂקוּ עִמּוֹ:

Genesis 26:20

And the shepherds of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's shepherds, saying, "The water is ours"; so he named the well Esek, because they had contended with him.

בראשית פרק כו פסוק יד

וַיְהִי לוֹ מִקְנֵה צֹאן וּמִקְנֵה בָקָר וְעֶבְדָּה רַבָּה וַיִּקְנֵאוּ אֹתוֹ פְּלִשְׁתִּים:

Genesis 26:14

And he had possessions of sheep and possessions of cattle and much production, and the Philistines envied him.

דברים פרק כ פסוק יט

כִּי תִצּוֹר אֶל עִיר יָמִים רַבִּים לְהַלְחֵם עָלֶיהָ לְתַפְשָׁהּ לֹא תִשְׁחִית אֶת עֵצָהּ לְנֹדַח עָלָיו גְּרֹזוֹן כִּי מִמֶּנּוּ תֹאכַל וְאֹתוֹ לֹא תִכְרֹת כִּי הָאָדָם עַץ הַשָּׂדֶה לְבֹא מִפְּנֵיךְ בְּמִצּוֹר:

Deuteronomy 20:19

When you besiege a city for many days to wage war against it to capture it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them, for you may eat from them, but you shall not cut them down. Is the tree of the field a man, to go into the siege before you?

בראשית פרק כו

(יח) וַיִּשָׁב יִצְחָק וַיַּחֲפֹר אֶת בְּאֵרֵת הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר חָפְרוּ בְיַמֵּי אַבְרָהָם אָבִיו וַיִּסְתְּמוּם פְּלִשְׁתִּים אַחֲרָי מוֹת אַבְרָהָם וַיִּקְרָא לָהֶן שְׁמוֹת כַּשֵּׁמֶת אֲשֶׁר קָרָא לָהֶן אָבִיו:
(יט) וַיַּחֲפְרוּ עֲבָדֵי יִצְחָק בְּנַחַל וַיִּמְצְאוּ שָׁם בְּאֵר מַיִם חַיִּים:
(כ) וַיִּרְיְבוּ רְעֵי גֵרָר עִם רְעֵי יִצְחָק לֵאמֹר לָנוּ הַמַּיִם וַיִּקְרָא שֵׁם הַבְּאֵר עֵשֶׂק כִּי הִתְעַשְׂקוּ עִמּוֹ:
(כא) וַיַּחֲפְרוּ בְּאֵר אַחֲרֵת וַיִּרְיְבוּ גַם עָלֶיהָ וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמָהּ שִׁטְנָה:
(כב) וַיִּנְעֲתַק מִשָּׁם וַיַּחֲפֹר בְּאֵר אַחֲרֵת וְלֹא רָבוּ עָלֶיהָ וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמָהּ רְחֹבוֹת וַיֹּאמֶר כִּי עֲתָה הִרְחִיב יְקוֹק לָנוּ וַנִּפְרִינוּ בְּאֶרֶץ:

Genesis 26:18-22

18. And Isaac again dug the wells of water which they had dug in the days of his father, Abraham, and the Philistines had stopped them up after Abraham's death; and he gave them names like the names that his father had given them.

19. And Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and they found there a well of living waters.

20. And the shepherds of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's shepherds, saying, "The water is ours"; so he named the well Esek, because they had contended with him.

21. And they dug another well, and they quarreled about it also; so he named it Sitnah.

22. And he moved away from there, and he dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it; so he named it Rehoboth, and he said, "For now the Lord has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land."

ויקרא פרק יט פסוק טז

לֹא תֵלֵךְ רֹכִיל בְּעַמֶּיךָ לֹא תַעֲמִד עַל דַּם רֵעֶךָ אֲנִי יְקוֹק:

Leviticus 19:16

You shall not go around as a gossipmonger amidst your people. You shall not stand by [the shedding of] your fellow's blood. I am the Lord.

ישעיהו פרק לה

(ו) אִזְ יִדְלַג כְּאַיִל פִּסְחַ וְתָרוּ לְשׁוֹן אֵלֶם כִּי נִבְקְעוּ בַמִּדְבָּר מַיִם וְנַחֲלִים
בְּעָרְבָה:
(ז) וְהָיָה הַשָּׂרֵב לְאֵגָם וְצִמְאוֹן לְמִבְנוֹעֵי מַיִם בְּנֹוּה תַנִּים רִבְצָה חֲצִיר
לְקִנְיָה וְגֹמָא:

Isaiah 35:6-7

6 .Then the lame shall skip like a hart, and the tongue of the mute shall sing, for water has broken out in the desert and streams in the plain.

7. And the dry place shall become a pool, and the thirsty place [shall become] springs of water; in the habitat of jackals, a resting place, a grassy place for reeds and rushes.

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