**Questions for Understanding and Reflection**

1. From all the readings for this Shabbat which verse or verses impressed your heart and fired your imagination?

I was fired by the reading of Luke where the young man sat up and began to talk. Clearly he had a message that the commentary teaches is the oral Torah. This was quite insightful!

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 35:9?

**Again** – When was he here and how often did he come?

**and He blessed him** - What blessing was he given?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 35:11?

**I am the Almighty God** – Why is HaShem called “almighty”?

**be fruitful and multiply** – Why was he given this blessing?

**a nation** – Who is this nation?

**Nations** – Who are these nations?

**and kings** – Who are these kings?

**a nation and a multitude of nations** – What is the meaning of this pasuk?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 35:18?

**Ben-oni-The son of my pain** - Why was he associated with the “south”?

**Benjamin The son of the South** – How are we to understand this name?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 35:22?

**when Israel sojourned in that land** – When did this occur?

**and lay** – Did he not just move his father’s bed?

**and so, the sons of Jacob were twelve** – What does this pasuk teach us?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 35:29?

**And Isaac expired** – Did he expire at this point in time?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 36:2?

**Adah daughter of Elon** – Who is this person?

**Oholibamah** – Who is this person?

**daughter of Anah, daughter of Zibeon** – How could she be the daughter of two men?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 36:3?

**Basemath, daughter of Ishmael –** Who is this and what do we learn from her name?

**sister of Nebaioth** – Why is this relationship mentioned?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 36:24?

**Aiah and Anah** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: וֲעֲנָה וְאַיָה?

**he is Anah** – What does this pasuk teach us?

**who found the mules in the wilderness** – How did he find these creatures?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 36:43?

**Magdiel** – What is this towering place?

1. According to the Ramban what important principle do we learn from Gen 35:12?

That when a gift is accompanied by an oath, it cannot be annuled.

1. According to the Ramban who is Magdiel, and what hermeneutical principle does he use to make this determination‎?

*Magdiel is the chief of Iram* – That which occurred with the first ones contains ‎allusion to their descendants.**.**

1. In what ways have our Sages explained that Psalm 29 forms the blueprint for the Amidah?

It uses the word “LORD” eighteen times. There are seven voices in this psalm allude to the seven blessings in the Shabbat mussaf amida.

1. For what two basic purposes did our Master craft what is known as the Master’s Prayer?

To serve as a memory aid for the eighteen benedictions.

To serve as a shortened amida under certain circumstances.

1. In your opinion at what specific times is it proper to recite an abbreviation of the Amidah?

Times and places of imminent danger.

When there is insufficient time due to an act of HaShem.

1. When G-d formed man from rich red soil, how did He animated him?

It was the **Divine Breath (Oral Torah)**, which when breathed into him animated his being making him a “speaking” soul full of life, imagination and intelligence, which he was able to articulate.

1. How was the dead man revived in our pericope of Luke?

By Yeshua’s command: **“Young man, I say to you, arise!”**

1. What are the shedim and what are their chief goals?

To oppose the Bne Israel and to confuse / prevent the Oral Torah from being spoken.

1. According to our Sages what unites the folowing group of like-minded people: Cain, Korah, Balaam, Doeg, Ahitophel, Gehazi, Absalom, Adonijah, Uzziah and Haman‎?

They set their eyes upon that which was not proper for them; what they sought was not granted to them and what they possessed was taken from them.

1. ‎Taking into consideration all the readings for this Shabbat what is the prophetic statement for this ‎week?‎

Study the oral Torah in order to understand how to deal with Esau.