

## **Kehos Chumash**

### ***Chassidic Insights: Vayishlach, Chap. 33, Verse 13-14***

**13-14 Let my master please go on...while I move on at my own slow pace...until I reach my master at Seir...**

Jacob's allusion to Esau's transformation in the messianic age—"until I reach my master at Seir"—teaches us how to neutralize the potential hostility of the "Esaus" we encounter during our exile:

If we fall prey to the external trappings of exile and feel subservient to the rulership of "Esau," our attitude becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy—"Esau" imagines that he truly rules over us and might behave accordingly.

To neutralize Esau's power, we must see past the facade of exile to its inner purpose, which is to enable us to condition the world for the messianic age, at which time Esau will be subdued and transformed. By viewing our exilic adventure as a long path towards Seir and focusing on the end game—a time when Esau is indeed harmless—Esau becomes harmless even during the exile.<sup>93</sup>

<sup>93</sup> *Likutei Sichot*, vol. 20, p. 164.