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Parshas Vayeitzei tells how Yaakov Avinu went
From Eretz Yisroel to Charan which was a descent
Eretz Yisroel is holy while Charan is bad
The name Charan even means that it makes Hashem mad

For Yaakov's own good Hashem did require
That he go down to Charan but come out even higher
Yaakov gained from this trip, his greatness was raised
And the gain can be seen in three different ways

Firstly Yaakov spent twenty years with Lavan
Yet all the Taryag mitzvos Yaakov kept each one
To do that in a land so wicked and so vain
Raised Yaakov up to a much higher plane

Secondly it was there in the land of Charan
That Yaakov got married and where he had begun
To build his family the twelve Shevatim
And this too was great, an ascent for him

Thirdly with sheep Yaakov spent his time
And from them many sparks of holiness he did refine
This was a great avodah for Yaakov which
Leads Torah to describe him as spiritually rich

Since a story of our Avos is much more than a tale
 It must have a lesson for us Bnei Yisroel
 Let's see what Yaakov's journey and ultimate ascent
 Means for our lives and what it does represent

When the Neshamah must leave heaven and go down
 It's like Yaakov descending to Charan town
 And the goal of the soul is to come out even higher
 To get better in three ways the Neshamah does aspire

The Neshamah up in heaven to a Tzaddik is compared
 When it goes down into a body it feels lost and scared
 But when to learn Torah and do mitzvos it succeeds
 Now it's like a Baal Teshuva, much higher indeed

Another thing the Neshamah can accomplish only when
 It's sent down to this world in a body by Hashem
 Is the Mitzvah to have babies, P'ru U'revu
 And many other mitzvos the Neshamah now can do

And the third way the soul gets elevated
 Is by dealing with the world which Hashem created
 By taking physical objects and doing good deeds with them
 He perfects the world and makes it a home for Hashem

The best way for the Neshamah to shine
 To make a home for Hashem and the world to refine
 Is being G-d-minded in all that we do
 Not just in mitzvos, but bechol derochecha daei hu

When we "know Hashem in all of our ways"
 And our deeds are l'sheim shomayim all of our days
 We take the lowest of levels and elevate them so
 Our aliyah is accomplished, now even higher we can go!
