



In the beginning...

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The Life of Jacob

Chapter 32

Genesis 32

¹ And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

² And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

Genesis 32:1-2

Mahanaim: “Two Camps.”

- “The angels of God” occurs only twice 28:12; 32:1
- *Zeh* (“this”) is used four times 28:16-17
 - “This is the gate of heaven,” 28:17
 - “This is the camp of God!” 32:2
- In both cases
 - Jacob interpreted what he had seen before naming it 28:17; 32:2
 - the identical expression is used in the naming of both places 28:19; 32:2
- *halak* and *derek* (“to go on one’s way,” “to take a journey”) are used 28:20; 32:1

Genesis 32

³ And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

⁴ And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:

⁵ And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

Genesis 32

- ⁶ And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.
- ⁷ Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;
- ⁸ And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

Genesis 32:6-8

Genesis 32

⁹ And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

¹⁰ I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I *am become two bands...*

Genesis 32:9-10

Genesis 32

¹¹ Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children.

¹² And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

Genesis 32:11-12

Genesis 32

- ¹³ And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother;
- ¹⁴ Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams,
- ¹⁵ Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals.
- ¹⁶ And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.

Genesis 32

¹⁷ And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee?

¹⁸ Then thou shalt say, They be thy servant Jacob's; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also he is behind us.

Genesis 32:17-18

Genesis 32

¹⁹ And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him.

²⁰ And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me.

Genesis 32:19-20

Genesis 32

²¹ So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company.

²² And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.

²³ And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

Genesis 32:21-23

Genesis 32

- 24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.
- 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.
- 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

Genesis 32:24-26

Genesis 32

27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

Genesis 32:27-29

Genesis 32

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

31 And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

32 Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

Genesis 32:30-32

Peniel

1. The wrestling occurred when Jacob was at the threshold of the land of promise
2. Jacob is named Israel 32:28
3. The place name, Peniel, was given in response to Jacob's new name 32:30
4. This also results in a dietary restriction for the people of Israel 32:32
 - Orthodox Jews still refuse to eat the tendon of the hindquarter of animals.



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Genesis 33

¹ And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.

² And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost.

Genesis 33:1-2

Genesis 33

- ³ And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.
- ⁴ And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.
- ⁵ And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

Genesis 33

⁶ Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

⁷ And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

⁸ And he said, What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.

Genesis 33:6-8

Genesis 33

⁹ And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself.

¹⁰ And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

Genesis 33:9-10

Genesis 33

¹¹ Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

¹² And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

Genesis 33:11-12

Genesis 33

¹³ And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

¹⁴ Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, **until I come unto my lord unto Seir.**

Genesis 33:13-14

¹ And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

Revelation 12:1

- The word 'wonder' is the Greek word 'semeion' meaning 'sign'
- Jesus 'sent and signified' this Revelation, i.e. rendered it into signs (Rev 1:1).
- Our challenge is to see what this sign is pointing to
 - because that's what signs do!

¹ And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

Revelation 12:1

- The first thing to observe is that we have a woman and that she is clothed.
- The clothing is not the woman, but she is under the covering of the clothing.
- So who is this woman? ‘Mystical’ Eve
 - the line that started with Eve and came down through the generations and from which the Messiah came.

¹ And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

Revelation 12:1

- The sign should point us straight to Genesis 37:9-11...
- The woman is clothed with Israel!
- Clothing is given (in part) for protection
- Israel were to be the protective clothing for the woman

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

Revelation 12:6

- This occurs at the mid point (3 ½ years) of the Tribulation
- Antichrist will break his covenant with Israel and they will be forced to flee
 - As prophesied by Jesus...

Israel's Flight

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Matthew 24:15-22

A Place Prepared?



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Fulfilled Prophecy

¹⁴ Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir.

Genesis 33:14

- Jesus will go to aid Israel in Edom, and return from there after delivering them
 - See Isaiah 63:1-4
- This will follow their calling out for Him

Genesis 33

¹⁵ And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee some of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

¹⁶ So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

¹⁷ And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

Genesis 33:15-17

Genesis 33

- ¹⁸ And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched his tent before the city.
- ¹⁹ And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money.
- ²⁰ And he erected there an altar, and called it El-Elohe-Israel.

Genesis 33:18-20



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