

January 23/Day 23

Genesis 32

Verses 1-2

- Who met Jacob on his way?

Verses 3-5

- To whom did Jacob send messengers? Why? Do you think he did this to feel him out?
- He's been gone 20 years. Do you think Esau is still mad?

Verses 6-8

- How many men were coming with Esau to meet Jacob?
- How did Jacob feel about this?
- What did he do to prepare? Why?

Verses 9-12

- Why did Jacob pray? For what does he give God credit?
- Does God still deliver?
- Of what does Jacob remind God?

Verses 13-21

- Did he assemble a small or large gift for Esau?
- What was the purpose of sending the gift out in droves?

Verses 22-23

- How large was Jacob's family at this point?

Verses 24-32

- Who came to Jacob while he was alone?
- What happened to his hip?
- Jacob's name was changed. To what? Have we seen a covenant name change before? With whom? Why did God not change Isaac's name? Think about it.
- With whom had Jacob striven? Whom had he seen face-to-face?
- Do you remember earlier, Jacob had referred to God as the God of his fathers, Abraham and Isaac and he told God that if He would be with him and protect him in the land where he journeyed to find a wife, He would be Jacob's God as well. Now He is Jacob's God.

Genesis 33

Verses 1-3

- Notice the way Jacob placed the groups. Why did he place Rachel and Joseph last?
- What does bowing to his brother represent?

Verses 4-11

- Do you remember the other name for Esau, Edom? Esau is the father of the Edomites. I think it's interesting that God changes Jacob's name to Israel prior to him re-joining his brother. Here are two nations we will see more of as we go along.
- Was Esau glad to see Jacob? Did he receive his gifts?

Verses 12-14

- Why did Jacob want to take his time in following Esau?

Verses 15-17

- If Jacob built a house and stables, is he in a hurry to get back home?

Verses 18-20

- Where was Shechem?
- They had money and conducted real estate deals in the beginning.

Genesis 34

Verses 1-7

- What was the name of Jacob's daughter by Leah?
- What did Shechem do to her? What word would we use today?
- Shechem was a Canaanite, an idolater.
- How does this text describe what was done to Dinah?

Verses 8-12

- How did Hamor desire the two cultures live together?

Verses 13-17

- Would it have been a disgrace for Dinah to marry an uncircumcised man according to what we saw about circumcision as a sign of the covenant? So, saying this was not the deceitful part...

Verses 18-24

- Did Hamor and Shechem consent to be circumcised?
- Do you notice the term, “become one people”? Are God’s people to become one with idolators?
- How many of the men became circumcised?

Verses 25-31

- How did the men who were circumcised feel on the third day?
- How did Simeon and Levi, Dinah’s brothers, take advantage of this situation?
- Where had Dinah been?
- What did the brothers do to the city?
- What kinds of things did they take? Be specific.
- What did Jacob think about their actions?
- Odious means “repulsive”.
- What emotion did Jacob feel in regard to what could happen to him? (Hint: The same emotion which made Abram travel to Egypt, and caused both he and Isaac to lie about their marital status.)
- What did they say in their defense?

Though God is with Jacob, do bad things still happen in his life?

See you tomorrow.