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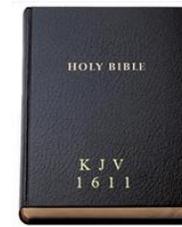
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Survey Of The Bible I

Genesis-Deuteronomy

Gen 31-34



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JACOB: THE PROPOGATOR

Genesis 28 = Jacob's REGENERATION

Genesis 29 = Jacob's REAPING: His Deception

Genesis 30 = Jacob's REAPING: His Dealing

Genesis 31 = Jacob's RETURN

Genesis 32 = Jacob's WRESTLING

Genesis 33 = Jacob's REUNION

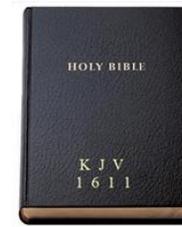
Genesis 34 = Jacob's REAPING: His Daughter

Genesis 35 = Jacob's REVIVAL

Genesis 36 = Jacob's RELATION



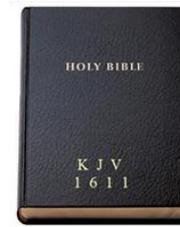
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- The Lord tells Jacob in a dream that he was responsible for this and for the fact that all the offspring of the strong were ringstraked, speckled, and grised (31:11-12) (God's part in selective breeding)
- The weaker livestock also reproduced, but not at the same rate, and their offspring would be predominantly plain black or white since those were the dominant traits (30:42)
- Jacob's prosperity was not due to an act of GENETICS but an act of GOD, because the Lord saw how he was treated by Laban
- First appearance of *images* (31:19)
- The first Israeli-Syrian conflict (31:25-55)
- *Jegar-sahadutha* = Chald. "the heap of witness"
- *Galeed* = Heb. "the heap of witness"
- *Mizpah* = "beacon; watchtower"



Gen 31-34



- Jacob has two angelic encounters prior to his confrontation with Esau (32:1-2,24-32)

The Remedy For Fear

1. PREPARATION (32:7-8) = doing what we should do
 2. PRAYER in faith (32:9-12) cf. (Isa 26:3; Phl 4:6-8) = trusting the Lord to do what only he can do
- Jacob did not have to fear because he had the PROMISE of God (28:15) and the POWER of God (32:1-2)

Beth-el (28:10-15)

Saw a LADDER

A BELIEVING man

A LEAP in his step

Died to SIN

Jabbok (32:24-32)

Saw the LORD

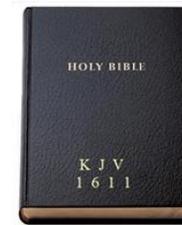
A BROKEN man

A LIMP in his step

Died to SELF



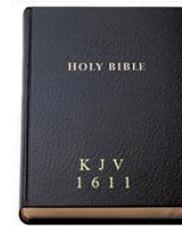
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- Jacob wrestling with the angel of the Lord pictures the fact that PERSISTENT prayer (32:26) will bring PREVAILING prayer (32:28) cf. (Luke 11:8)
- *Jacob* (“supplanter”) is changed to *Israel* (“prince of God”) – the name *Jacob* represents the PHYSICAL aspect of the nation while the name *Israel* represents the SPIRITUAL aspect of the nation
- Jacob knew the angel he wrestled with was the angel of the Lord because he named the place, *Peniel* (“the face of God”)
- First appearance of *the children of Israel* (32:32)
- 20 yrs seems to have healed some of Esau’s bitterness toward Jacob because he: (1) greets him enthusiastically (33:4); (2) offers his PRESENCE in personally escorting him home (33:12); and (3) offers his PROTECTION in leaving some of his men with him (33:15)
- *Succoth* = Heb. “booths” The Hebrew name for the feast of Tabernacles is *Sukkot*



Gen 31-34



Reasons Given To Justify Fornication

1. “We love each other” (34:3)
 2. “He treats me right” (34:3)
 3. “We plan to get married anyway” (34:4)
- Hamor speaks with PERSUASION (34:8-10) then Shechem speaks with PASSION (34:11-12)

The 3-Fold Offer To Be ONE PEOPLE

1. The CONJUGAL offer (34:9)
2. The COMMUNITY offer (34:10)
3. The COMMERCIAL (34:10)

Reasons Given To Justify A Mixed Marriage

1. “He is rich” (34:12)
2. “He is willing to become a Christian for me” (34:19)
3. “He is a most honorable man” (34:19)