

GENESIS CHAPTER 32

¹ And Jacob departed for his journey; and having looked up, he saw the host of God encamped; and the angels of God met him. ² And Jacob said, when he saw them, "This is the Camp of God"; and he called the name of that place, Encampments. ³ And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother to the land of Seir, to the country of Edom. ⁴ And he charged them, saying, "Thus shall you say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob; 'I have sojourned with Laban and stayed there until now.' ⁵ And there were born to me oxen, donkeys, sheep, male and female servants; and I sent to tell my lord Esau, that your servant might find grace in your sight.'"

⁶ And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and behold, he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men with him." ⁷ And Jacob was greatly terrified, and was perplexed; and he divided the people that was with him, and the cows, and the camels, and the sheep, into two camps. ⁸ And Jacob said, "If Esau should come to one camp and strike it, the other camp shall be in safety."

⁹ And Jacob said, "God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, O Lord, You are He that said to me, 'Depart quickly to the land of your birth, and I will do you good.' ¹⁰ Let there be to me a sufficiency of all the justice and all the truth which You have wrought with Your servant; for with this my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. ¹¹ Deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him, lest he should come and attack me, and the mother with the children. ¹² But You said, 'I will do you good, and will make your seed as the sand of the sea, which shall not be numbered for multitude.'"

¹³ And he slept there that night, and took of the gifts which he carried *with him*, and sent out to Esau his brother ¹⁴ two hundred female goats, twenty male goats, two hundred sheep, twenty rams, ¹⁵ thirty milk camels with their foals, forty cows, ten bulls, twenty donkeys, and ten colts. ¹⁶ And he delivered them to his servants, every drove by itself; and he said to his servants, "Go on before me, and put a space between successive droves." ¹⁷ And he charged the first, saying, "If Esau my brother meets you, and he asks you, saying, 'To whom do you belong? And where are you going, and whose are these possessions in front of you?' ¹⁸ You shall say, 'Your servant Jacob's; he has sent gifts to my lord Esau, and behold, he is behind us.'" ¹⁹ And he charged the first, the second, and the third, and all that went before him after these flocks, saying, "Thus shall you speak to Esau when you find him; ²⁰ and you shall say, 'Behold your servant Jacob comes after us.'" For he said, "I will appease him with the gifts going before his presence, and afterwards I will behold his face, perhaps he will accept me." ²¹ So the presents went on before him, but he himself lodged that night in the camp.

²² And he rose up in that night, and took his two wives and his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. ²³ And he took them, and passed over the brook, and brought over all his possessions. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him till the morning. ²⁵ And He saw that He did not prevail against him;

and He touched the broad part of his thigh, and the broad part of Jacob's thigh was numbed in his wrestling with Him.²⁶ And He said to him, "Let Me go, for the day has dawned"; but he said, "I will not let You go, except You bless me."²⁷ And He said to him, "What is your name?" And he answered, "Jacob."²⁸ And He said to him, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name; for you have prevailed with God, and shall be mighty with men."²⁹ And Jacob asked and said, "Tell me Your name"; and He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.³⁰ And Jacob called the name of that place Peniel; for, *he said*, "I have seen God face to face, and my life was preserved."³¹ And the sun rose upon him, when he passed Peniel; and he limped upon his thigh.³² Therefore the children of Israel will by no means eat of the sinew which was numbed, which is on the broad part of the thigh, until this day, because *the Angel* touched the broad part of Jacob's thigh—even the sinew which was numbed.