

JACOB'S RETURN TO CANAAN

Genesis 31 - 33

After some years in Haran, Jacob decided to return to his native land of Canaan. Read the following to see what brought about this decision, and what happened as he traveled homeward:

A. Jacob's Decision: Read Genesis 31:1-21

1. What were Laban's sons accusing Jacob of doing? Genesis 31:1

2. How did Laban feel toward Jacob? Genesis 31:2

3. Who spoke to Jacob at this time? Genesis 31:3, 11, 13

4. What did He tell Jacob to do? Genesis 31:3, 13

5. Why did Jacob's wives agree to his decision to leave? Genesis 31:14-16

6. What did Jacob take with him when he went? Genesis 31:17, 18

7. What was a little unusual about Jacob's departure? Genesis 31:20

B. Laban's Pursuit of Jacob: Read Genesis 31:22-24

1. When Laban heard what Jacob had done, what did he do? Genesis 31:23

2. What do you suppose he intended to do? Genesis 31:42

3. What kept him from doing this? Genesis 31:24

4. What did Laban and Jacob promise each other before they parted? Genesis 31:52

C. Jacob's Journey Toward Esau: Read Genesis 32:1-32

1. What happened as Jacob continued his journey? Genesis 32:1

2. When Jacob sent messengers to Esau, what report did they bring back? Genesis 32:6

3. What did this make Jacob think Esau was planning to do? Genesis 32:8

4. What did Jacob do to prepare for this emergency?

a. Genesis 32:7

b. Genesis 32:9-12

c. Genesis 32:13-20

5. After Jacob had done all that he could do, what happened? Genesis 32:24

6. Who did Jacob say his visitor was? Genesis 32:30

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7. For what did he ask Him? Genesis 32:26b

8. What did Jacob receive? Genesis 32:28a

9. Of what do you think this was a sign? Genesis 32:28b

D. Jacob's Meeting With Esau: Read Genesis 33:1-15

1. What feeling was in Jacob's heart as he saw Esau coming? Genesis 33:1-3

2. What did Esau do when he saw Jacob coming? Genesis 33:4

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. When do you think the heart of Esau was changed toward his brother?

2. What must I permit God to change in me before He can work miracles on my behalf?
