

### Genesis 22-36 (Chapter 3)

**Gen 22:1** Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

**Gen 22:2** Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love-- Isaac--and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

**Gen 22:3** Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

**Gen 22:4** On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

**Gen 22:5** He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

**Gen 22:6** Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together,

**Gen 22:7** Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

**Gen 22:8** Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

**Gen 22:9** When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

**Gen 22:10** Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

**Gen 22:11** But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

**Gen 22:12** "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

**Gen 22:13** Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

**Gen 22:14** So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

**Gen 22:15** The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time

**Gen 22:16** and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

**Gen 22:17** I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,

**Gen 22:18** and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

**Gen 22:19** Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

**Gen 22:20** Some time later Abraham was told, "Milkah is also a mother; she has borne sons to your brother Nahor:

**Gen 22:21** Uz the firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel (the father of Aram),

**Gen 22:22** Kesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph and Bethuel."

**Gen 22:23** Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. Milkah bore these eight sons to Abraham's brother Nahor.

**Gen 22:24** His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also had sons: Tebah, Gaham, Tahash and Maakah.

**Gen 23:1** Sarah lived to be a hundred and twenty-seven years old.

**Gen 23:2** She died at Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went to mourn for Sarah and to weep over her.

**Gen 23:3** Then Abraham rose from beside his dead wife and spoke to the Hittites. He said,

**Gen 23:4** "I am a foreigner and stranger among you. Sell me some property for a burial site here so I can bury my dead."

**Gen 23:5** The Hittites replied to Abraham,

**Gen 23:6** "Sir, listen to us. You are a mighty prince among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs. None of us will refuse you his tomb for burying your dead."

**Gen 23:7** Then Abraham rose and bowed down before the people of the land, the Hittites.

**Gen 23:8** He said to them, "If you are willing to let me bury my dead, then listen to me and intercede with Ephron son of Zohar on my behalf

**Gen 23:9** so he will sell me the cave of Machpelah, which belongs to him and is at the end of his field. Ask him to sell it to me for the full price as a burial site among you."

**Gen 23:10** Ephron the Hittite was sitting among his people and he replied to Abraham in the hearing of all the Hittites who had come to the gate of his city.

**Gen 23:11** "No, my lord," he said. "Listen to me; I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. I give it to you in the presence of my people. Bury your dead."

**Gen 23:12** Again Abraham bowed down before the people of the land

**Gen 23:13** and he said to Ephron in their hearing, "Listen to me, if you will. I will pay the price of the field. Accept it from me so I can bury my dead there."

**Gen 23:14** Ephron answered Abraham,

**Gen 23:15** "Listen to me, my lord; the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver, but what is that between you and me? Bury your dead."

**Gen 23:16** Abraham agreed to Ephron's terms and weighed out for him the price he had named in the hearing of the Hittites: four hundred shekels of silver, according to the weight current among the merchants.

**Gen 23:17** So Ephron's field in Machpelah near Mamre--both the field and the cave in it, and all the trees within the borders of the field--was deeded

**Gen 23:18** to Abraham as his property in the presence of all the Hittites who had come to the gate of the city.

**Gen 23:19** Afterward Abraham buried his wife Sarah in the cave in the field of Machpelah near Mamre (which is at Hebron) in the land of Canaan.

**Gen 23:20** So the field and the cave in it were deeded to Abraham by the Hittites as a burial site.

**Gen 24:1** Abraham was now very old, and the LORD had blessed him in every way.

**Gen 24:2** He said to the senior servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh.

**Gen 24:3** I want you to swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living,

**Gen 24:4** but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac."

**Gen 24:5** The servant asked him, "What if the woman is unwilling to come back with me to this land? Shall I then take your son back to the country you came from?"

**Gen 24:6** "Make sure that you do not take my son back there," Abraham said.

**Gen 24:7** "The LORD, the God of heaven, who brought me out of my father's household and my native land and who spoke to me and promised me on oath, saying, 'To your offspring I will give this land'--he will send his angel before you so that you can get a wife for my son from there.

**Gen 24:8** If the woman is unwilling to come back with you, then you will be released from this oath of mine. Only do not take my son back there."

**Gen 24:9** So the servant put his hand under the thigh of his master Abraham and swore an oath to him concerning this matter.

**Gen 24:10** Then the servant left, taking with him ten of his master's camels

loaded with all kinds of good things from his master. He set out for Aram Naharaim and made his way to the town of Nahor.

**Gen 24:11** He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town; it was toward evening, the time the women go out to draw water.

**Gen 24:12** Then he prayed, "LORD, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

**Gen 24:13** See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water.

**Gen 24:14** May it be that when I say to a young woman, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too'--let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master."

**Gen 24:15** Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milkah, who was the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor.

**Gen 24:16** The woman was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever slept with her. She went down to the spring, filled her jar and came up again.

**Gen 24:17** The servant hurried to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water from your jar."

**Gen 24:18** "Drink, my lord," she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink.

**Gen 24:19** After she had given him a drink, she said, "I'll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink."

**Gen 24:20** So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels.

**Gen 24:21** Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the LORD had made his journey successful.

**Gen 24:22** When the camels had finished drinking, the man took out a gold nose ring weighing a beka and two gold bracelets weighing ten shekels.

**Gen 24:23** Then he asked, "Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?"

**Gen 24:24** She answered him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son that Milkah bore to Nahor."

**Gen 24:25** And she added, "We have plenty of straw and fodder, as well as room for you to spend the night."

**Gen 24:26** Then the man bowed down and worshiped the LORD,

**Gen 24:27** saying, "Praise be to the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the LORD has led me on the journey to the house of my master's relatives."

**Gen 24:28** The young woman ran and told her mother's household about these things.

**Gen 24:29** Now Rebekah had a brother named Laban, and he hurried out to the man at the spring.

**Gen 24:30** As soon as he had seen the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and had heard Rebekah tell what the man said to her, he went out to the man and found him standing by the camels near the spring.

**Gen 24:31** "Come, you who are blessed by the LORD," he said. "Why are you standing out here? I have prepared the house and a place for the camels."

**Gen 24:32** So the man went to the house, and the camels were unloaded. Straw and fodder were brought for the camels, and water for him and his men to wash their feet.

**Gen 24:33** Then food was set before him, but he said, "I will not eat until I have told you what I have to say." "Then tell us," Laban said.

**Gen 24:34** So he said, "I am Abraham's servant.

**Gen 24:35** The LORD has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys.

**Gen 24:36** My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns.

**Gen 24:37** And my master made me swear an oath, and said, 'You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live,

**Gen 24:38** but go to my father's family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son.'

**Gen 24:39** "Then I asked my master, 'What if the woman will not come back with me?'

**Gen 24:40** "He replied, 'The LORD, before whom I have walked faithfully, will send his angel with you and make your journey a success, so that you can get a wife for my son from my own clan and from my father's family.

**Gen 24:41** You will be released from my oath if, when you go to my clan, they refuse to give her to you--then you will be released from my oath.'

**Gen 24:42** "When I came to the spring today, I said, 'LORD, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come.

**Gen 24:43** See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar,"

**Gen 24:44** and if she says to me, "Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too," let her be the one the LORD has chosen for my master's son.'

**Gen 24:45** "Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.'

**Gen 24:46** "She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels also.

**Gen 24:47** "I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' "She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him.' "Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms,

**Gen 24:48** and I bowed down and worshiped the LORD. I praised the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son.

**Gen 24:49** Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn."

**Gen 24:50** Laban and Bethuel answered, "This is from the LORD; we can say nothing to you one way or the other.

**Gen 24:51** Here is Rebekah; take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has directed."

**Gen 24:52** When Abraham's servant heard what they said, he bowed down to the ground before the LORD.

**Gen 24:53** Then the servant brought out gold and silver jewelry and articles of clothing and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave costly gifts to her brother and to her mother.

**Gen 24:54** Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night there. When they got up the next morning, he said, "Send me on my way to my master."

**Gen 24:55** But her brother and her mother replied, "Let the young woman remain with us ten days or so; then you may go."

**Gen 24:56** But he said to them, "Do not detain me, now that the LORD has granted success to my journey. Send me on my way so I may go to my master."

**Gen 24:57** Then they said, "Let's call the young woman and ask her about it."

**Gen 24:58** So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" "I will go," she said.

**Gen 24:59** So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men.

**Gen 24:60** And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies."

**Gen 24:61** Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.

**Gen 24:62** Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev.

**Gen 24:63** He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching.

**Gen 24:64** Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel

**Gen 24:65** and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?" "He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself.

**Gen 24:66** Then the servant told Isaac all he had done.

**Gen 24:67** Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

**Gen 25:1** Abraham had taken another wife, whose name was Keturah.

**Gen 25:2** She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah.

**Gen 25:3** Jokshan was the father of Sheba and Dedan; the descendants of Dedan were the Ashurites, the Letushites and the Leummities.

**Gen 25:4** The sons of Midian were Ephah, Ephher, Hanok, Abida and Eldaah. All these were descendants of Keturah.

**Gen 25:5** Abraham left everything he owned to Isaac.

**Gen 25:6** But while he was still living, he gave gifts to the sons of his concubines and sent them away from his son Isaac to the land of the east.

**Gen 25:7** Abraham lived a hundred and seventy-five years.

**Gen 25:8** Then Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years; and he was gathered to his people.

**Gen 25:9** His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah near Mamre, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite,

**Gen 25:10** the field Abraham had bought from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried with his wife Sarah.

**Gen 25:11** After Abraham's death, God blessed his son Isaac, who then lived near Beer Lahai Roi.

**Gen 25:12** This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Ishmael, whom Sarah's slave, Hagar the Egyptian, bore to Abraham.

**Gen 25:13** These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, listed in the order of their birth: Nebaioth the firstborn of Ishmael, Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

**Gen 25:14** Mishma, Dumah, Massa,

**Gen 25:15** Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah.

**Gen 25:16** These were the sons of Ishmael, and these are the names of the twelve tribal rulers according to their settlements and camps.



**Gen 25:17** Ishmael lived a hundred and thirty-seven years. He breathed his last and died, and he was gathered to his people.

**Gen 25:18** His descendants settled in the area from Havilah to Shur, near the eastern border of Egypt, as you go toward Ashur. And they lived in hostility toward all the tribes related to them.

**Gen 25:19** This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac,

**Gen 25:20** and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.

**Gen 25:21** Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant.

**Gen 25:22** The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

**Gen 25:23** The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

**Gen 25:24** When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb.

**Gen 25:25** The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau.

**Gen 25:26** After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

**Gen 25:27** The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents.

**Gen 25:28** Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

**Gen 25:29** Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished.

**Gen 25:30** He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.)

**Gen 25:31** Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

**Gen 25:32** "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"

**Gen 25:33** But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

**Gen 25:34** Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.



**Gen 26:1** Now there was a famine in the land--besides the previous famine in Abraham's time--and Isaac went to Abimelek king of the Philistines in Gerar.

**Gen 26:2** The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live.

**Gen 26:3** Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham.

**Gen 26:4** I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed,

**Gen 26:5** because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions."

**Gen 26:6** So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

**Gen 26:7** When the men of that place asked him about his wife, he said, "She is my sister," because he was afraid to say, "She is my wife." He thought, "The men of this place might kill me on account of Rebekah, because she is beautiful."

**Gen 26:8** When Isaac had been there a long time, Abimelek king of the Philistines looked down from a window and saw Isaac caressing his wife Rebekah.

**Gen 26:9** So Abimelek summoned Isaac and said, "She is really your wife! Why did you say, 'She is my sister'?" Isaac answered him, "Because I thought I might lose my life on account of her."

**Gen 26:10** Then Abimelek said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the men might well have slept with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us."

**Gen 26:11** So Abimelek gave orders to all the people: "Anyone who harms this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

**Gen 26:12** Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him.

**Gen 26:13** The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy.

**Gen 26:14** He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him.

**Gen 26:15** So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth.

**Gen 26:16** Then Abimelek said to Isaac, "Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us."

**Gen 26:17** So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar, where he settled.

**Gen 26:18** Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.

**Gen 26:19** Isaac's servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there.

**Gen 26:20** But the herders of Gerar quarreled with those of Isaac and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek, because they disputed with him.

**Gen 26:21** Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah.

**Gen 26:22** He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the LORD has given us room and we will flourish in the land."

**Gen 26:23** From there he went up to Beersheba.

**Gen 26:24** That night the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham."

**Gen 26:25** Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well.

**Gen 26:26** Meanwhile, Abimelek had come to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his personal adviser and Phicol the commander of his forces.

**Gen 26:27** Isaac asked them, "Why have you come to me, since you were hostile to me and sent me away?"

**Gen 26:28** They answered, "We saw clearly that the LORD was with you; so we said, 'There ought to be a sworn agreement between us'--between us and you. Let us make a treaty with you

**Gen 26:29** that you will do us no harm, just as we did not harm you but always treated you well and sent you away peacefully. And now you are blessed by the LORD."

**Gen 26:30** Isaac then made a feast for them, and they ate and drank.

**Gen 26:31** Early the next morning the men swore an oath to each other. Then Isaac sent them on their way, and they went away peacefully.

**Gen 26:32** That day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well they had dug. They said, "We've found water!"

**Gen 26:33** He called it Shibah, and to this day the name of the town has been Beersheba.

**Gen 26:34** When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and also Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite.

**Gen 26:35** They were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

**Gen 27:1** When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." "Here I am," he answered.

**Gen 27:2** Isaac said, "I am now an old man and don't know the day of my death.

**Gen 27:3** Now then, get your equipment--your quiver and bow--and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me.

**Gen 27:4** Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die."

**Gen 27:5** Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back,

**Gen 27:6** Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau,

**Gen 27:7** 'Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the LORD before I die.'

**Gen 27:8** Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you:

**Gen 27:9** Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it.

**Gen 27:10** Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies."

**Gen 27:11** Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin.

**Gen 27:12** What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing."

**Gen 27:13** His mother said to him, "My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me."

**Gen 27:14** So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and she prepared some tasty food, just the way his father liked it.

**Gen 27:15** Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob.

**Gen 27:16** She also covered his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins.

**Gen 27:17** Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made.

**Gen 27:18** He went to his father and said, "My father." "Yes, my son," he answered. "Who is it?"

**Gen 27:19** Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing."

**Gen 27:20** Isaac asked his son, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?"

"The LORD your God gave me success," he replied.

**Gen 27:21** Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not."

**Gen 27:22** Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

**Gen 27:23** He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he proceeded to bless him.

**Gen 27:24** "Are you really my son Esau?" he asked. "I am," he replied.

**Gen 27:25** Then he said, "My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing." Jacob brought it to him and he ate; and he brought some wine and he drank.

**Gen 27:26** Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come here, my son, and kiss me."

**Gen 27:27** So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said, "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed.

**Gen 27:28** May God give you heaven's dew and earth's richness-- an abundance of grain and new wine.

**Gen 27:29** May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed."

**Gen 27:30** After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father's presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting.

**Gen 27:31** He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, "My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing."

**Gen 27:32** His father Isaac asked him, "Who are you?" "I am your son," he answered, "your firstborn, Esau."

**Gen 27:33** Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him--and indeed he will be blessed!"

**Gen 27:34** When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me--me too, my father!"

**Gen 27:35** But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing."

**Gen 27:36** Esau said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob? This is the second time he has taken advantage of me: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!" Then he asked, "Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?"

**Gen 27:37** Isaac answered Esau, "I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and

new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?"

**Gen 27:38** Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept aloud.

**Gen 27:39** His father Isaac answered him, "Your dwelling will be away from the earth's richness, away from the dew of heaven above.

**Gen 27:40** You will live by the sword and you will serve your brother. But when you grow restless, you will throw his yoke from off your neck."

**Gen 27:41** Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

**Gen 27:42** When Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him, "Your brother Esau is planning to avenge himself by killing you.

**Gen 27:43** Now then, my son, do what I say: Flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran.

**Gen 27:44** Stay with him for a while until your brother's fury subsides.

**Gen 27:45** When your brother is no longer angry with you and forgets what you did to him, I'll send word for you to come back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?"

**Gen 27:46** Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I'm disgusted with living because of these Hittite women. If Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this land, from Hittite women like these, my life will not be worth living."

**Gen 28:1** So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him. Then he commanded him: "Do not marry a Canaanite woman.

**Gen 28:2** Go at once to Paddan Aram, to the house of your mother's father Bethuel. Take a wife for yourself there, from among the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother.

**Gen 28:3** May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples.

**Gen 28:4** May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now reside as a foreigner, the land God gave to Abraham."

**Gen 28:5** Then Isaac sent Jacob on his way, and he went to Paddan Aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, who was the mother of Jacob and Esau.

**Gen 28:6** Now Esau learned that Isaac had blessed Jacob and had sent him to Paddan Aram to take a wife from there, and that when he blessed him he commanded him, "Do not marry a Canaanite woman,"

**Gen 28:7** and that Jacob had obeyed his father and mother and had gone to Paddan Aram.

**Gen 28:8** Esau then realized how displeasing the Canaanite women were to his father Isaac;

**Gen 28:9** so he went to Ishmael and married Mahalath, the sister of Nebaioth and daughter of Ishmael son of Abraham, in addition to the wives he already had.

**Gen 28:10** Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran.

**Gen 28:11** When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep.

**Gen 28:12** He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

**Gen 28:13** There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.

**Gen 28:14** Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.

**Gen 28:15** I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

**Gen 28:16** When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it."

**Gen 28:17** He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

**Gen 28:18** Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it.

**Gen 28:19** He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

**Gen 28:20** Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear

**Gen 28:21** so that I return safely to my father's household, then the LORD will be my God

**Gen 28:22** and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

**Gen 29:1** Then Jacob continued on his journey and came to the land of the eastern peoples.

**Gen 29:2** There he saw a well in the open country, with three flocks of sheep lying near it because the flocks were watered from that well. The stone over the mouth of the well was large.

**Gen 29:3** When all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone away from the well's mouth and water the sheep. Then they would return the stone to its place over the mouth of the well.

**Gen 29:4** Jacob asked the shepherds, "My brothers, where are you from?" "We're from Haran," they replied.

**Gen 29:5** He said to them, "Do you know Laban, Nahor's grandson?" "Yes, we know him," they answered.

**Gen 29:6** Then Jacob asked them, "Is he well?" "Yes, he is," they said, "and here comes his daughter Rachel with the sheep."

**Gen 29:7** "Look," he said, "the sun is still high; it is not time for the flocks to be gathered. Water the sheep and take them back to pasture."

**Gen 29:8** "We can't," they replied, "until all the flocks are gathered and the stone has been rolled away from the mouth of the well. Then we will water the sheep."

**Gen 29:9** While he was still talking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherd.

**Gen 29:10** When Jacob saw Rachel daughter of his uncle Laban, and Laban's sheep, he went over and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle's sheep.

**Gen 29:11** Then Jacob kissed Rachel and began to weep aloud.

**Gen 29:12** He had told Rachel that he was a relative of her father and a son of Rebekah. So she ran and told her father.

**Gen 29:13** As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he hurried to meet him. He embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his home, and there Jacob told him all these things.

**Gen 29:14** Then Laban said to him, "You are my own flesh and blood." After Jacob had stayed with him for a whole month,

**Gen 29:15** Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be."

**Gen 29:16** Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

**Gen 29:17** Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful.

**Gen 29:18** Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."

**Gen 29:19** Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me."

**Gen 29:20** So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

**Gen 29:21** Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is



completed, and I want to make love to her."

**Gen 29:22** So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast.

**Gen 29:23** But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her.

**Gen 29:24** And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.

**Gen 29:25** When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"

**Gen 29:26** Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one.

**Gen 29:27** Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work."

**Gen 29:28** And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

**Gen 29:29** Laban gave his servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her attendant.

**Gen 29:30** Jacob made love to Rachel also, and his love for Rachel was greater than his love for Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years.

**Gen 29:31** When the LORD saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless.

**Gen 29:32** Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, "It is because the LORD has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now."

**Gen 29:33** She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Because the LORD heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too." So she named him Simeon.

**Gen 29:34** Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." So he was named Levi.

**Gen 29:35** She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "This time I will praise the LORD." So she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children.

**Gen 30:1** When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became jealous of her sister. So she said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I'll die!"

**Gen 30:2** Jacob became angry with her and said, "Am I in the place of God, who has kept you from having children?"

**Gen 30:3** Then she said, "Here is Bilhah, my servant. Sleep with her so that she can bear children for me and I too can build a family through her."

**Gen 30:4** So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife. Jacob slept with her,

**Gen 30:5** and she became pregnant and bore him a son.

**Gen 30:6** Then Rachel said, "God has vindicated me; he has listened to my plea and given me a son." Because of this she named him Dan.

**Gen 30:7** Rachel's servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son.

**Gen 30:8** Then Rachel said, "I have had a great struggle with my sister, and I have won." So she named him Naphtali.

**Gen 30:9** When Leah saw that she had stopped having children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife.

**Gen 30:10** Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son.

**Gen 30:11** Then Leah said, "What good fortune!" So she named him Gad.

**Gen 30:12** Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son.

**Gen 30:13** Then Leah said, "How happy I am! The women will call me happy." So she named him Asher.

**Gen 30:14** During wheat harvest, Reuben went out into the fields and found some mandrake plants, which he brought to his mother Leah. Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

**Gen 30:15** But she said to her, "Wasn't it enough that you took away my husband? Will you take my son's mandrakes too?" "Very well," Rachel said, "he can sleep with you tonight in return for your son's mandrakes."

**Gen 30:16** So when Jacob came in from the fields that evening, Leah went out to meet him. "You must sleep with me," she said. "I have hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he slept with her that night.

**Gen 30:17** God listened to Leah, and she became pregnant and bore Jacob a fifth son.

**Gen 30:18** Then Leah said, "God has rewarded me for giving my servant to my husband." So she named him Issachar.

**Gen 30:19** Leah conceived again and bore Jacob a sixth son.

**Gen 30:20** Then Leah said, "God has presented me with a precious gift. This time my husband will treat me with honor, because I have borne him six sons." So she named him Zebulun.

**Gen 30:21** Some time later she gave birth to a daughter and named her Dinah.

**Gen 30:22** Then God remembered Rachel; he listened to her and enabled her to conceive.

**Gen 30:23** She became pregnant and gave birth to a son and said, "God

has taken away my disgrace."

**Gen 30:24** She named him Joseph, and said, "May the LORD add to me another son."

**Gen 30:25** After Rachel gave birth to Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me on my way so I can go back to my own homeland."

**Gen 30:26** Give me my wives and children, for whom I have served you, and I will be on my way. You know how much work I've done for you."

**Gen 30:27** But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your eyes, please stay. I have learned by divination that the LORD has blessed me because of you."

**Gen 30:28** He added, "Name your wages, and I will pay them."

**Gen 30:29** Jacob said to him, "You know how I have worked for you and how your livestock has fared under my care."

**Gen 30:30** The little you had before I came has increased greatly, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I have been. But now, when may I do something for my own household?"

**Gen 30:31** "What shall I give you?" he asked. "Don't give me anything," Jacob replied. "But if you will do this one thing for me, I will go on tending your flocks and watching over them:

**Gen 30:32** Let me go through all your flocks today and remove from them every speckled or spotted sheep, every dark-colored lamb and every spotted or speckled goat. They will be my wages."

**Gen 30:33** And my honesty will testify for me in the future, whenever you check on the wages you have paid me. Any goat in my possession that is not speckled or spotted, or any lamb that is not dark-colored, will be considered stolen."

**Gen 30:34** "Agreed," said Laban. "Let it be as you have said."

**Gen 30:35** That same day he removed all the male goats that were streaked or spotted, and all the speckled or spotted female goats (all that had white on them) and all the dark-colored lambs, and he placed them in the care of his sons."

**Gen 30:36** Then he put a three-day journey between himself and Jacob, while Jacob continued to tend the rest of Laban's flocks."

**Gen 30:37** Jacob, however, took fresh-cut branches from poplar, almond and plane trees and made white stripes on them by peeling the bark and exposing the white inner wood of the branches."

**Gen 30:38** Then he placed the peeled branches in all the watering troughs, so that they would be directly in front of the flocks when they came to drink. When the flocks were in heat and came to drink,

**Gen 30:39** they mated in front of the branches. And they bore young that were streaked or speckled or spotted."

**Gen 30:40** Jacob set apart the young of the flock by themselves, but made the rest face the streaked and dark-colored animals that belonged to Laban. Thus he made separate flocks for himself and did not put them with Laban's animals.

**Gen 30:41** Whenever the stronger females were in heat, Jacob would place the branches in the troughs in front of the animals so they would mate near the branches,

**Gen 30:42** but if the animals were weak, he would not place them there. So the weak animals went to Laban and the strong ones to Jacob.

**Gen 30:43** In this way the man grew exceedingly prosperous and came to own large flocks, and female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

**Gen 31:1** Jacob heard that Laban's sons were saying, "Jacob has taken everything our father owned and has gained all this wealth from what belonged to our father."

**Gen 31:2** And Jacob noticed that Laban's attitude toward him was not what it had been.

**Gen 31:3** Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you."

**Gen 31:4** So Jacob sent word to Rachel and Leah to come out to the fields where his flocks were.

**Gen 31:5** He said to them, "I see that your father's attitude toward me is not what it was before, but the God of my father has been with me.

**Gen 31:6** You know that I've worked for your father with all my strength,

**Gen 31:7** yet your father has cheated me by changing my wages ten times. However, God has not allowed him to harm me.

**Gen 31:8** If he said, 'The speckled ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks gave birth to speckled young; and if he said, 'The streaked ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked young.

**Gen 31:9** So God has taken away your father's livestock and has given them to me.

**Gen 31:10** "In breeding season I once had a dream in which I looked up and saw that the male goats mating with the flock were streaked, speckled or spotted.

**Gen 31:11** The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.'

**Gen 31:12** And he said, 'Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you.

**Gen 31:13** I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land."

**Gen 31:14** Then Rachel and Leah replied, "Do we still have any share in the inheritance of our father's estate?"

**Gen 31:15** Does he not regard us as foreigners? Not only has he sold us, but he has used up what was paid for us.

**Gen 31:16** Surely all the wealth that God took away from our father belongs to us and our children. So do whatever God has told you."

**Gen 31:17** Then Jacob put his children and his wives on camels,

**Gen 31:18** and he drove all his livestock ahead of him, along with all the goods he had accumulated in Paddan Aram, to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan.

**Gen 31:19** When Laban had gone to shear his sheep, Rachel stole her father's household gods.

**Gen 31:20** Moreover, Jacob deceived Laban the Aramean by not telling him he was running away.

**Gen 31:21** So he fled with all he had, crossed the Euphrates River, and headed for the hill country of Gilead.

**Gen 31:22** On the third day Laban was told that Jacob had fled.

**Gen 31:23** Taking his relatives with him, he pursued Jacob for seven days and caught up with him in the hill country of Gilead.

**Gen 31:24** Then God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream at night and said to him, "Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad."

**Gen 31:25** Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country of Gilead when Laban overtook him, and Laban and his relatives camped there too.

**Gen 31:26** Then Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done? You've deceived me, and you've carried off my daughters like captives in war.

**Gen 31:27** Why did you run off secretly and deceive me? Why didn't you tell me, so I could send you away with joy and singing to the music of timbrels and harps?"

**Gen 31:28** You didn't even let me kiss my grandchildren and my daughters goodbye. You have done a foolish thing.

**Gen 31:29** I have the power to harm you; but last night the God of your father said to me, 'Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.'

**Gen 31:30** Now you have gone off because you longed to return to your father's household. But why did you steal my gods?"

**Gen 31:31** Jacob answered Laban, "I was afraid, because I thought you would take your daughters away from me by force.

**Gen 31:32** But if you find anyone who has your gods, that person shall not live. In the presence of our relatives, see for yourself whether there is anything of yours here with me; and if so, take it." Now Jacob did not know

that Rachel had stolen the gods.

**Gen 31:33** So Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent and into the tent of the two female servants, but he found nothing. After he came out of Leah's tent, he entered Rachel's tent.

**Gen 31:34** Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them inside her camel's saddle and was sitting on them. Laban searched through everything in the tent but found nothing.

**Gen 31:35** Rachel said to her father, "Don't be angry, my lord, that I cannot stand up in your presence; I'm having my period." So he searched but could not find the household gods.

**Gen 31:36** Jacob was angry and took Laban to task. "What is my crime?" he asked Laban. "How have I wronged you that you hunt me down?"

**Gen 31:37** Now that you have searched through all my goods, what have you found that belongs to your household? Put it here in front of your relatives and mine, and let them judge between the two of us.

**Gen 31:38** "I have been with you for twenty years now. Your sheep and goats have not miscarried, nor have I eaten rams from your flocks.

**Gen 31:39** I did not bring you animals torn by wild beasts; I bore the loss myself. And you demanded payment from me for whatever was stolen by day or night.

**Gen 31:40** This was my situation: The heat consumed me in the daytime and the cold at night, and sleep fled from my eyes.

**Gen 31:41** It was like this for the twenty years I was in your household. I worked for you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flocks, and you changed my wages ten times.

**Gen 31:42** If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been with me, you would surely have sent me away empty-handed. But God has seen my hardship and the toil of my hands, and last night he rebuked you."

**Gen 31:43** Laban answered Jacob, "The women are my daughters, the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks. All you see is mine. Yet what can I do today about these daughters of mine, or about the children they have borne?"

**Gen 31:44** Come now, let's make a covenant, you and I, and let it serve as a witness between us."

**Gen 31:45** So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar.

**Gen 31:46** He said to his relatives, "Gather some stones." So they took stones and piled them in a heap, and they ate there by the heap.

**Gen 31:47** Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha, and Jacob called it Galeed.

**Gen 31:48** Laban said, "This heap is a witness between you and me today." That is why it was called Galeed.

**Gen 31:49** It was also called Mizpah, because he said, "May the LORD keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other.

**Gen 31:50** If you mistreat my daughters or if you take any wives besides my daughters, even though no one is with us, remember that God is a witness between you and me."

**Gen 31:51** Laban also said to Jacob, "Here is this heap, and here is this pillar I have set up between you and me.

**Gen 31:52** This heap is a witness, and this pillar is a witness, that I will not go past this heap to your side to harm you and that you will not go past this heap and pillar to my side to harm me.

**Gen 31:53** May the God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us." So Jacob took an oath in the name of the Fear of his father Isaac.

**Gen 31:54** He offered a sacrifice there in the hill country and invited his relatives to a meal. After they had eaten, they spent the night there.

**Gen 31:55** Early the next morning Laban kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them. Then he left and returned home.

**Gen 32:1** Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

**Gen 32:2** When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is the camp of God!" So he named that place Mahanaim.

**Gen 32:3** Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

**Gen 32:4** He instructed them: "This is what you are to say to my lord Esau: 'Your servant Jacob says, I have been staying with Laban and have remained there till now.

**Gen 32:5** I have cattle and donkeys, sheep and goats, male and female servants. Now I am sending this message to my lord, that I may find favor in your eyes.'"

**Gen 32:6** When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, "We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him."

**Gen 32:7** In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well.

**Gen 32:8** He thought, "If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape."

**Gen 32:9** Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, LORD, you who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,'

**Gen 32:10** I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps.



**Gen 32:11** Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children.

**Gen 32:12** But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.'"

**Gen 32:13** He spent the night there, and from what he had with him he selected a gift for his brother Esau:

**Gen 32:14** two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

**Gen 32:15** thirty female camels with their young, forty cows and ten bulls, and twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys.

**Gen 32:16** He put them in the care of his servants, each herd by itself, and said to his servants, "Go ahead of me, and keep some space between the herds."

**Gen 32:17** He instructed the one in the lead: "When my brother Esau meets you and asks, 'Who do you belong to, and where are you going, and who owns all these animals in front of you?'

**Gen 32:18** then you are to say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a gift sent to my lord Esau, and he is coming behind us.'"

**Gen 32:19** He also instructed the second, the third and all the others who followed the herds: "You are to say the same thing to Esau when you meet him.

**Gen 32:20** And be sure to say, 'Your servant Jacob is coming behind us.'" For he thought, "I will pacify him with these gifts I am sending on ahead; later, when I see him, perhaps he will receive me."

**Gen 32:21** So Jacob's gifts went on ahead of him, but he himself spent the night in the camp.

**Gen 32:22** That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

**Gen 32:23** After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.

**Gen 32:24** So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.

**Gen 32:25** When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man.

**Gen 32:26** Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

**Gen 32:27** The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered.

**Gen 32:28** Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but

Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

**Gen 32:29** Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

**Gen 32:30** So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

**Gen 32:31** The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

**Gen 32:32** Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

**Gen 33:1** Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants.

**Gen 33:2** He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear.

**Gen 33:3** He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.

**Gen 33:4** But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.

**Gen 33:5** Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. "Who are these with you?" he asked. Jacob answered, "They are the children God has graciously given your servant."

**Gen 33:6** Then the female servants and their children approached and bowed down.

**Gen 33:7** Next, Leah and her children came and bowed down. Last of all came Joseph and Rachel, and they too bowed down.

**Gen 33:8** Esau asked, "What's the meaning of all these flocks and herds I met?" "To find favor in your eyes, my lord," he said.

**Gen 33:9** But Esau said, "I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself."

**Gen 33:10** "No, please!" said Jacob. "If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably.

**Gen 33:11** Please accept the present that was brought to you, for God has been gracious to me and I have all I need." And because Jacob insisted, Esau accepted it.

**Gen 33:12** Then Esau said, "Let us be on our way; I'll accompany you."

**Gen 33:13** But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are tender and that I must care for the ewes and cows that are nursing their

young. If they are driven hard just one day, all the animals will die.

**Gen 33:14** So let my lord go on ahead of his servant, while I move along slowly at the pace of the flocks and herds before me and the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir."

**Gen 33:15** Esau said, "Then let me leave some of my men with you." "But why do that?" Jacob asked. "Just let me find favor in the eyes of my lord."

**Gen 33:16** So that day Esau started on his way back to Seir.

**Gen 33:17** Jacob, however, went to Sukkoth, where he built a place for himself and made shelters for his livestock. That is why the place is called Sukkoth.

**Gen 33:18** After Jacob came from Paddan Aram, he arrived safely at the city of Shechem in Canaan and camped within sight of the city.

**Gen 33:19** For a hundred pieces of silver, he bought from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, the plot of ground where he pitched his tent.

**Gen 33:20** There he set up an altar and called it El Elohe Israel.

**Gen 34:1** Now Dinah, the daughter Leah had borne to Jacob, went out to visit the women of the land.

**Gen 34:2** When Shechem son of Hamor the Hivite, the ruler of that area, saw her, he took her and raped her.

**Gen 34:3** His heart was drawn to Dinah daughter of Jacob; he loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her.

**Gen 34:4** And Shechem said to his father Hamor, "Get me this girl as my wife."

**Gen 34:5** When Jacob heard that his daughter Dinah had been defiled, his sons were in the fields with his livestock; so he did nothing about it until they came home.

**Gen 34:6** Then Shechem's father Hamor went out to talk with Jacob.

**Gen 34:7** Meanwhile, Jacob's sons had come in from the fields as soon as they heard what had happened. They were shocked and furious, because Shechem had done an outrageous thing in Israel by sleeping with Jacob's daughter--a thing that should not be done.

**Gen 34:8** But Hamor said to them, "My son Shechem has his heart set on your daughter. Please give her to him as his wife.

**Gen 34:9** Intermarry with us; give us your daughters and take our daughters for yourselves.

**Gen 34:10** You can settle among us; the land is open to you. Live in it, trade in it, and acquire property in it."

**Gen 34:11** Then Shechem said to Dinah's father and brothers, "Let me find favor in your eyes, and I will give you whatever you ask.

**Gen 34:12** Make the price for the bride and the gift I am to bring as great

as you like, and I'll pay whatever you ask me. Only give me the young woman as my wife."

**Gen 34:13** Because their sister Dinah had been defiled, Jacob's sons replied deceitfully as they spoke to Shechem and his father Hamor.

**Gen 34:14** They said to them, "We can't do such a thing; we can't give our sister to a man who is not circumcised. That would be a disgrace to us.

**Gen 34:15** We will enter into an agreement with you on one condition only: that you become like us by circumcising all your males.

**Gen 34:16** Then we will give you our daughters and take your daughters for ourselves. We'll settle among you and become one people with you.

**Gen 34:17** But if you will not agree to be circumcised, we'll take our sister and go."

**Gen 34:18** Their proposal seemed good to Hamor and his son Shechem.

**Gen 34:19** The young man, who was the most honored of all his father's family, lost no time in doing what they said, because he was delighted with Jacob's daughter.

**Gen 34:20** So Hamor and his son Shechem went to the gate of their city to speak to the men of their city.

**Gen 34:21** "These men are friendly toward us," they said. "Let them live in our land and trade in it; the land has plenty of room for them. We can marry their daughters and they can marry ours.

**Gen 34:22** But the men will agree to live with us as one people only on the condition that our males be circumcised, as they themselves are.

**Gen 34:23** Won't their livestock, their property and all their other animals become ours? So let us agree to their terms, and they will settle among us."

**Gen 34:24** All the men who went out of the city gate agreed with Hamor and his son Shechem, and every male in the city was circumcised.

**Gen 34:25** Three days later, while all of them were still in pain, two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took their swords and attacked the unsuspecting city, killing every male.

**Gen 34:26** They put Hamor and his son Shechem to the sword and took Dinah from Shechem's house and left.

**Gen 34:27** The sons of Jacob came upon the dead bodies and looted the city where their sister had been defiled.

**Gen 34:28** They seized their flocks and herds and donkeys and everything else of theirs in the city and out in the fields.

**Gen 34:29** They carried off all their wealth and all their women and children, taking as plunder everything in the houses.

**Gen 34:30** Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me obnoxious to the Canaanites and Perizzites, the people

living in this land. We are few in number, and if they join forces against me and attack me, I and my household will be destroyed."

**Gen 34:31** But they replied, "Should he have treated our sister like a prostitute?"

**Gen 35:1** Then God said to Jacob, "Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau."

**Gen 35:2** So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes."

**Gen 35:3** Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone."

**Gen 35:4** So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods they had and the rings in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the oak at Shechem.

**Gen 35:5** Then they set out, and the terror of God fell on the towns all around them so that no one pursued them.

**Gen 35:6** Jacob and all the people with him came to Luz (that is, Bethel) in the land of Canaan.

**Gen 35:7** There he built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel, because it was there that God revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother.

**Gen 35:8** Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died and was buried under the oak outside Bethel. So it was named Allon Bakuth.

**Gen 35:9** After Jacob returned from Paddan Aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him.

**Gen 35:10** God said to him, "Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel." So he named him Israel.

**Gen 35:11** And God said to him, "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants."

**Gen 35:12** The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you."

**Gen 35:13** Then God went up from him at the place where he had talked with him.

**Gen 35:14** Jacob set up a stone pillar at the place where God had talked with him, and he poured out a drink offering on it; he also poured oil on it.

**Gen 35:15** Jacob called the place where God had talked with him Bethel.

**Gen 35:16** Then they moved on from Bethel. While they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth and had great difficulty.

**Gen 35:17** And as she was having great difficulty in childbirth, the midwife said to her, "Don't despair, for you have another son."

**Gen 35:18** As she breathed her last--for she was dying--she named her son Ben-Oni. But his father named him Benjamin.

**Gen 35:19** So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).

**Gen 35:20** Over her tomb Jacob set up a pillar, and to this day that pillar marks Rachel's tomb.

**Gen 35:21** Israel moved on again and pitched his tent beyond Migdal Eder.

**Gen 35:22** While Israel was living in that region, Reuben went in and slept with his father's concubine Bilhah, and Israel heard of it. Jacob had twelve sons:

**Gen 35:23** The sons of Leah: Reuben the firstborn of Jacob, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun.

**Gen 35:24** The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.

**Gen 35:25** The sons of Rachel's servant Bilhah: Dan and Naphtali.

**Gen 35:26** The sons of Leah's servant Zilpah: Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob, who were born to him in Paddan Aram.

**Gen 35:27** Jacob came home to his father Isaac in Mamre, near Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had stayed.

**Gen 35:28** Isaac lived a hundred and eighty years.

**Gen 35:29** Then he breathed his last and died and was gathered to his people, old and full of years. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

**Gen 36:1** This is the account of the family line of Esau (that is, Edom).

**Gen 36:2** Esau took his wives from the women of Canaan: Adah daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah daughter of Anah and granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite--

**Gen 36:3** also Basemath daughter of Ishmael and sister of Nebaioth.

**Gen 36:4** Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, Basemath bore Reuel,

**Gen 36:5** and Oholibamah bore Jeush, Jalam and Korah. These were the sons of Esau, who were born to him in Canaan.

**Gen 36:6** Esau took his wives and sons and daughters and all the members of his household, as well as his livestock and all his other animals and all the goods he had acquired in Canaan, and moved to a land some distance from his brother Jacob.

**Gen 36:7** Their possessions were too great for them to remain together; the land where they were staying could not support them both because of their livestock.

**Gen 36:8** So Esau (that is, Edom) settled in the hill country of Seir.

**Gen 36:9** This is the account of the family line of Esau the father of the

Edomites in the hill country of Seir.

**Gen 36:10** These are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz, the son of Esau's wife Adah, and Reuel, the son of Esau's wife Basemath.

**Gen 36:11** The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam and Kenaz.

**Gen 36:12** Esau's son Eliphaz also had a concubine named Timna, who bore him Amalek. These were grandsons of Esau's wife Adah.

**Gen 36:13** The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were grandsons of Esau's wife Basemath.

**Gen 36:14** The sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah daughter of Anah and granddaughter of Zibeon, whom she bore to Esau: Jeush, Jalam and Korah.

**Gen 36:15** These were the chiefs among Esau's descendants: The sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau: Chiefs Teman, Omar, Zepho, Kenaz,

**Gen 36:16** Korah, Gatam and Amalek. These were the chiefs descended from Eliphaz in Edom; they were grandsons of Adah.

**Gen 36:17** The sons of Esau's son Reuel: Chiefs Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were the chiefs descended from Reuel in Edom; they were grandsons of Esau's wife Basemath.

**Gen 36:18** The sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah: Chiefs Jeush, Jalam and Korah. These were the chiefs descended from Esau's wife Oholibamah daughter of Anah.

**Gen 36:19** These were the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these were their chiefs.

**Gen 36:20** These were the sons of Seir the Horite, who were living in the region: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

**Gen 36:21** Dishon, Ezer and Dishan. These sons of Seir in Edom were Horite chiefs.

**Gen 36:22** The sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam. Timna was Lotan's sister.

**Gen 36:23** The sons of Shobal: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho and Onam.

**Gen 36:24** The sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. This is the Anah who discovered the hot springs in the desert while he was grazing the donkeys of his father Zibeon.

**Gen 36:25** The children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah daughter of Anah.

**Gen 36:26** The sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran and Keran.

**Gen 36:27** The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan and Akan.

**Gen 36:28** The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

**Gen 36:29** These were the Horite chiefs: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

**Gen 36:30** Dishon, Ezer and Dishan. These were the Horite chiefs, according to their divisions, in the land of Seir.

**Gen 36:31** These were the kings who reigned in Edom before any Israelite



king reigned:

**Gen 36:32** Bela son of Beor became king of Edom. His city was named Dinhabah.

**Gen 36:33** When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah from Bozrah succeeded him as king.

**Gen 36:34** When Jobab died, Husham from the land of the Temanites succeeded him as king.

**Gen 36:35** When Husham died, Hadad son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the country of Moab, succeeded him as king. His city was named Avith.

**Gen 36:36** When Hadad died, Samlah from Masrekah succeeded him as king.

**Gen 36:37** When Samlah died, Shaul from Rehoboth on the river succeeded him as king.

**Gen 36:38** When Shaul died, Baal-Hanan son of Akbor succeeded him as king.

**Gen 36:39** When Baal-Hanan son of Akbor died, Hadad succeeded him as king. His city was named Pau, and his wife's name was Mehetabel daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-Zahab.

**Gen 36:40** These were the chiefs descended from Esau, by name, according to their clans and regions: Timna, Alvah, Jetheth,

**Gen 36:41** Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon,

**Gen 36:42** Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar,

**Gen 36:43** Magdiel and Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom, according to their settlements in the land they occupied. This is the family line of Esau, the father of the Edomites.