

## Chapter 32

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- 32:1 And Jacob went on his way,  
and the angels of God met him.
- 32:2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host:  
and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.
- 32:3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.
- 32:4 And he commanded them, saying,  
Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau;  
Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:
- 32:5 And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.
- 32:6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.
- 32:7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;
- 32:8 And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.
- 32:9 And Jacob said,  
O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:
- 32:10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.
- 32:11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children.
- 32:12 And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.
- 32:13 And he lodged there that same night;  
and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother;
- 32:14 Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams,
- 32:15 Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals.
- 32:16 And he delivered them into the hand of his servants,  
every drove by themselves;  
and said unto his servants,  
Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.
- 32:17 And he commanded the foremost, saying,  
When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou?  
and whose are these before thee?
- 32:18 Then thou shalt say, They be thy servant Jacob's; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also he is behind us.
- 32:19 And so commanded he the second,  
and the third,  
and all that followed the droves,  
saying,  
On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him.

- 32:20 And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us.  
For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me.
- 32:21 So went the present over before him:  
and himself lodged that night in the company.
- 32:22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.
- 32:23 And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.
- 32:24 And Jacob was left alone;  
and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.
- 32:25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him,  
he touched the hollow of his thigh;  
and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.
- 32:26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh.  
And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.
- 32:27 And he said unto him, What is thy name?  
And he said, Jacob.
- 32:28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.
- 32:29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name.  
And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name?  
And he blessed him there.
- 32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.
- 32:31 And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him,  
and he halted upon his thigh.
- 32:32 Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.