

Genesis 33

Genesis 33.1-11

V1 – Can you think of brothers earlier in *Genesis* who had real problems getting along together?

- Genesis 4.1-8* Cain and Abel
- Genesis 9.22-23* Shem and Japheth vs. Ham
- Genesis 21.9-14* Isaac and Ishmael
- This is the first story of two brothers who worked their problems out
- What were Jacob's thoughts in v 1a?** Probably terror
- What did Jacob do first?** Began dividing the children up

V2 – Who was put in front group? Maids and their children

- Next?** Leah and her children
- Next?** Rachel and Joseph
- What does this show?** Favoritism (result are later seen in treatment of Joseph by his brothers)
- He was placing his family members in order of value (most valuable last)

V3 – Next action? Jacob went first – bowed down to the ground seven times

- Meaning of this?** He was not a coward

V4 – Describe the welcome from Esau? Warm welcome – very surprising – much crying

V5 – Esau's first question? "Who are all these people?" Answers: "Children God gave me"

V6 – The various groups bow before Esau – maids first

V7 – Next group: Leah, etc., Rachel and Joseph

V8 – "This company"? The gifts (animals) for Esau

V9 – Esau's reply to the gifts? Didn't feel the need to accept the presents

V10 – Jacob's reply? Still wanted Esau to accept the presents

V11 – Esau accepted the presents

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V12 – What did Esau want to do? All of them travel together

V13 – Excuse of Jacob? The children are tired and flocks are nursing – too much travel

V14 – Jacob's desire? To travel on at a leisurely pace until they came to Seir (Sea of Galilee)

V 15 – Jacob did not need any help in finding the way – refuses assistance

V 16 – Esau went home

V 17 – **Name of town where Jacob ended up?** Succoth on Bible lands map (NE of Dead Sea along the Jabbok River just before Jordan)

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V 18 – Shechem west of Jordan River

V 19 – Bought piece of property there

V 20 – **Meaning of the place's name?** God, the God of Israel

-**Who was Israel?** Another name for Jacob

-**Great lessons from *Genesis 33*?** Anger subsides in time (sometimes)

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