

Patriarch Series

Lesson 11

Jacob Returns to Canaan **Genesis 32:1-21; 32:22-32;** **33:1-20**

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Jacob Returns to Canaan

Outline

- **Introduction**
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Jacob Returns to Canaan - Introduction

Genesis 30 and 31

- Jacob's family multiplies
- Jacob's first attempt to return to Canaan
- Jacob's accumulates wealth
- Jacob's conflict with Laban
- Jacob leaves secretly for Canaan
- God protects Jacob from Laban

Jacob Returns to Canaan - Introduction

Genesis 30 and 31

- God multiplies Jacob's family
- God multiplies Jacob's wealth
- God instructs Jacob to go back to Canaan
- God protects Jacob from Laban

Jacob Returns to Canaan – Jacob fears Essau

Genesis 32:1-21 – reading

Jacob Returns to Canaan – Jacob fears Essau

Genesis 32:1-21 – observation and interpretation

1. Angels met Jacob, v. 1-2
2. Jacobs sends messengers, v. 3-5
3. The messengers report: Essau comes with men, v. 6
4. Jacob is afraid and divides his camp, v. 7-8
5. Jacob prays, v. 9-12
6. Jacob prepares gifts for Essau, v. 13-21

Jacob Returns to Canaan – Jacob wrestles

Genesis 32:22-32 – reading

Jacob Returns to Canaan – Jacob wrestles

Genesis 32:22-32 – observation and interpretation

1. Jacob is left alone and wrestles with a man, v. 22-24

He strove with the angel and prevailed; he wept and sought his favor. He met God at Bethel, and there God spoke with us (Hosea 12:4)

2. Who is winning?, v. 25

3. Jacob does not give up, requests a blessing, v.26

Jacob Returns to Canaan – Jacob wrestles

Genesis 32:22-32 – observation and interpretation

4. Jacob is re-named, v. 27-29:

Jacob → Israel

supplanter, heel catcher

he who struggles with God

he who strives with God

5. Jacob, limping, names the place Peniel, v.30

Jacob Returns to Canaan – Jacob meets Essau

Genesis 33:1-20 - reading

Jacob Returns to Canaan – Jacob meets Essau

Genesis 33:1-20 - observation and interpretation

1. Jacob divides his family v.1-3
2. Jacob and Essau are reconciled! v. 4-7
3. Essau accepts the gifts v. 8-11
4. Jacob declines Essau's offers v. 12-17
5. Jacob returns to Canaan v.18-20

Jacob Returns to Canaan – Application

- Do you trust God in time of trial, or your own plans and efforts?
 - Proverbs 3:5-6
- How much are we striving for God?
 - The persistent widow, Luke 18:1-8
- Do we strive for God in a righteous or unrighteous way?
 - Ecclesiastes 5:2