

## Lesson Seven (Part #1) – Genesis 32-33: Jacob Wrestles with God & Meets Esau

### Chapter 32– Jacob Wrestles with God

1. Read vv. 1-2. Who meets Jacob on his journey back to Canaan? How did he know who they were? What does Jacob name the place where he met them? cf. 28:10-17
2. Read vv. 3-8. To whom does Jacob send a message? What is he seeking? What answer does he receive from this person? What is Jacob's immediate reaction and why? What does Jacob do? What is he forgetting?
3. Read vv. 9-12. Jacob prays to God. What does he rely on? How does he characterize himself? What does he ask of God?
4. Read vv. 13-21. What does Jacob do in an attempt to appease Esau? What does he tell his servants to tell Esau?

5. Read vv. 22-32. What happens to Jacob during the night? How long did this continue? What happened to Jacob's opponent during the struggle? What happened to Jacob physically during the struggle?
  
6. What does Jacob seek from this man? The man changes Jacob's name to what? Why? Who does Jacob believe he has wrestled with during the night? Why? What tradition is kept by the descendants of Jacob? What does this seem to indicate?

### **Chapter 33 – Jacob Meets Esau**

7. What does the positioning of Jacob's wives and their children indicate? How did Jacob approach Esau when they met? How did Esau approach Jacob? Has Esau's attitude toward Jacob changed in the twenty years since they last met? cf. 27:41-45
  
8. Where does Jacob settle first in Canaan? What does he buy? What does he build? What does he call what he built? What does this indicate?