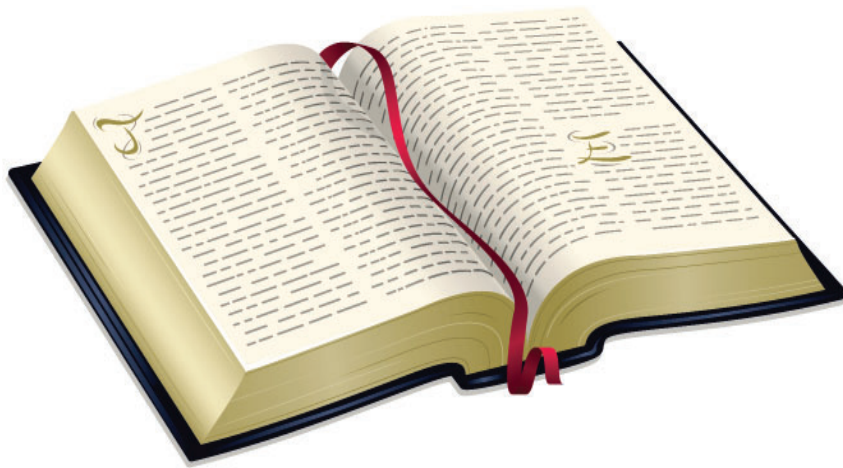


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In The Beginning Series

Twelve Lesson Study on the Book of Genesis

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Chapter 33

Jacob meets Esau - Chapter 33

Jacob made extensive preparations to meet his estranged brother, Esau, as recorded in the prior chapter. After all the waiting and wondering the moment has finally arrived. Esau has come. Will he bring violence or peace?

Jacob makes one last-minute strategic choice before approaching his brother. He arranges his family into at least three distinct groups with some space between them. He places his two servant wives and their children at the front of the line. Next he places Leah and her children. Finally, he places his beloved Rachel and Joseph. Given that Jacob is going to approach Esau first this is not a cowardly act at all. It does, however, show Jacob's open favoritism, since Rachel and Joseph will have the easiest path of escape in case Esau becomes aggressive (Genesis 33:1–2).

1. (Genesis 33:2) In what order did Jacob divide his children when he saw Esau coming?

Who was in front? the female servants and their children in front

Who was next? Leah and her children next

Who was last? Rachel and Joseph in the rear

2. (Genesis 33:3) What did Jacob do as he approached / came near his brother?

bowed down to the ground seven times

3. (Genesis 33:5) What was the first thing recorded that Esau said to his brother when he first saw him?

"Who are these with you?"

How did Jacob reply?

"They are the children God has graciously given your servant."

4. (Genesis 33:8-10) **In your own words**, how did Esau respond to Jacob on all that Jacob was going to give him?

5. (Genesis 33:11) What was the final out come on the gifts that Jacob had offered Esau?

And because Jacob insisted, Esau accepted it

6. (Genesis 33:13) When they were ready to start their journey again, why did Jacob insist that Esau start out first?

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.

7. (Genesis 33:14) When Jacob told Esau to go on ahead, where did he say they would come to / met at? Seir

8. (Genesis 33: 15) As they departed what did Esau offer to Jacob?

“Then let me leave some of my men with you.”

What was the reason Jacob told Esau that he didn’t need what he had offered him?

“Just let me find favor in the eyes of my lord.”

9. (Genesis 33:17) Where did Jacob journey / travel to? Sukkoth

What did Jacob do when he got there?

he built a place for himself and made shelters for his livestock.

10. (Genesis 33:18) What city / town did Jacob arrive in? Shechem

What land was this city / town in? Canaan

11. (Genesis 33:19) What did Jacob do when he arrived in this land?

he bought a plot of ground

From whom? the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem

For how much? For a hundred pieces of silver

12. (Genesis 33:20) What did Jacob build / erect in this land? an altar

What did he call / name it? El Elohe Israel

Chapter 34

The Treachery of Jacob's Sons - Chapter 34

Jacob and his family have settled within sight of the city of Shechem. They've purchased the land they occupy outside of the city from the city's ruler, Hamor (Genesis 33:18–19). These "Israelites" have found a home. Eventually though, things go terribly wrong between the Shechemites and Jacob's family.

One day when Jacob's daughter Dinah has gone to the city to socialize with the women of Shechem, Hamor's son, also called Shechem, sees Dinah. He grabs her and rapes her. The language of the text makes it clear this was not seduction, or something consensual. Then, perversely, he decides he loves her and wants her for his wife. He demands that his father Hamor make that happen (Genesis 34:1–4). This ignites a series of devastating events.

1. (Genesis 34:1) Who did Dinah go out to see?

to visit the women of the land

2. (Genesis 34:2) Who was Shechem? son of Hamor the Hivite

What was his title? ruler of that area

What did he do to Dinah? he took her and raped her

3. (Genesis 34:3-4) What did Shechem ask his father for?

"Get me this girl as my wife."

4. (Genesis 34:8-12) **In your own words**, what does Hamor say to Jacob, Dinah's father to find favor / grace in Shechem to let Dinah marry him?

6. (Genesis 34:14) What did the sons of Jacob say to Shechem and his father why Shechem could not marry their sister Dinah? a man who is not circumcised

6. (Genesis 34:15-16) On what condition / agreement would Jacob's sons allow the marriage to happen between Shechem and Dinah?

that you become like us by circumcising all your males.

If this happens, what all can take place according to Jacob's sons?

we will give you our daughters and take your daughters for ourselves.

We'll settle among you and become one people with you.

Notes on Genesis 34:18

Working a scheme for revenge (Genesis 34:13), Jacob's sons have said that the only way they could allow Dinah to marry her rapist Shechem (Genesis 34:1–12) was if all the men of Shechem's community were to be circumcised.

Did Jacob's sons expect Shechem and his people to accept such a drastic proposal? It's hard to know for sure, but the attitude of both Shechem and Hamor make it plausible. Neither seems worried about the morality of what's happened, but are more concerned with the benefits it might provide.

Fortunately for the brothers' scheme, Shechem and his father Hamor are pleased. They seem enthusiastic at the prospect of Shechem avoiding punishment, with the bonus of economic growth. Of course they will still have to convince all the men of the city to participate by being circumcised along with them.

7. (Genesis 34:30) Who were the two groups in the land that Jacob was worried about, that they would kill him for what Simeon and Levi did?

1. Canaanites

2. Perizzites

8. (Genesis 34:31) How did Simeon and Levi respond to Jacob after he said they would kill him?

"Should he have treated our sister like a prostitute?"

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Chapter 35

Jacob destroys all the idols Rachel had stolen from her father - chapter 35

As Jacob was fleeing Canaan (Genesis 27:42) to go live with his uncle Laban, God appeared to him (Genesis 28:10–13). After that meeting, Jacob vowed to make the Lord his God and to recognize that location as “Bethel:” the house of God. After growing a family and leaving Laban, Jacob’s family has an ugly incident where his daughter is raped (Genesis 34:1). In revenge, her brothers annihilate the entire town, leading Jacob to fear retaliation (Genesis 34:25–30).

Now God tells Jacob it is time to fulfill his vows by building an altar at Bethel (Genesis 35:1).

Jacob begins by directing his large company to gather all their foreign gods or idols (Genesis 31:19) and to purify themselves, including putting on new, clean garments. Jacob acknowledges that God had been faithful to him all along the way. Rather than destroy the idols or repurpose their metal, Jacob buries them. This symbolizes a complete and total rejection of those objects. With the idols buried under a tree and the purification complete, the entire household caravans from Shechem to Bethel, the place of Jacob’s first encounter with the Lord (Genesis 35:4).

1. (Genesis 35:1) Where does God tell Jacobs to go? Bethel

What does He tell Jacob to do when he gets there?

build an altar there to God

2. (Genesis 35:2) What does Jacob tell his houshold to do?

“Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you,

and purify yourselves and change your clothes.”

3. (Genesis 35:3) Why does Jacob tell his household that they must go to Bethel and make / build an altar to God?

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.

4. (Genesis 35:4) What did everyone in the household give Jacob?

all the foreign gods they had and the rings in their ears

What did Jacob do with what everyone gave him?

buried them under the oak at Shechem

5. (Genesis 35: 5) As Jacob and his household set out on the journey what did God do?

the terror of God fell on the towns all around them

What was the result of this? so that no one pursued them.

Notes on Genesis 35:6

In obedience to God's command, and to fulfill the vow he made the Lord more than 20 years earlier, Jacob and his whole company now arrive in Bethel (Genesis 35:1–3). This place was formerly known as Luz. Jacob stopped there while fleeing from his brother (Genesis 27:42).

During the night, he was visited by God and given special blessings (Genesis 28:10–22).

Jacob's family has completed the trip from Shechem, just to the north. They left this area after Simeon and Levi, two of Jacob's sons, slaughtered an entire town in retaliation for the rape of their sister (Genesis 34:25–27). God worked to change any impulse for further revenge in the local cities into fear (Genesis 35:5), allowing the relocation to happen without further incident.

Prior to leaving, Jacob buried the family's idols and religious trinkets. This physically symbolized their future dependence on God, and God alone (Genesis 35:4).

6. (Genesis 35:7) What did Jacob do when he came to Luz?

There he built an altar

What did Jacob call that place? El Bethel

What was the significances of that place?

it was there that God revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother.

7. (Genesis 35:8) Who died in Jacob's household around Bethel? Deborah

What did she do? Rebekah's nurse

Exactly where was she buried?

under the oak outside Bethel

What did they name that place? Allon Bakuth

8. (Genesis 35:9) What did God do when He appeared to Jacob again when he came from Padan Aram? blessed him

Notes on Genesis 35:10

After Jacob fulfills his vow to make Bethel God's house and to make the Lord his God, God appears to bless him once more (Genesis 35:1–9).

The Lord begins by restating and confirming that Jacob's new name is Israel. This was first noted after Jacob wrestled with God at the Yabbok river, the night before he met Esau (Genesis 32:28). It was explained that his new name would mean he had striven with God and with men and had prevailed. While Scripture sometimes still refers to him as Jacob, it is this new name which will define his descendants. Each will become the patriarch of a tribe of the nation, Israel, which still bears that name today.

It is possible to read the Hebrew of God's first words as a question: "*is your name Jacob?*" Read this way, God is reminding Jacob of the promise which had been given earlier, and the changed name which came with it.

9. (Genesis 35:11) How does God refer to Himself to Jacob/Israel)

I am God Almighty

What does He command Jacob to do? be fruitful and increase in number

What does God tell Jacob will come from him?

kings will be among your descendants

10. (Genesis 35:14) What did Jacob do at the place where he talked to God?

set up a stone pillar

What two things did he do next?

1. poured out a drink offering on it 2. poured oil on it

11. (Genesis 35:16-19) **In your own words:** On the way to Ephrath what was the sequence of events that happened to Rachel?

What happen to Rachel as a result of these events? Rachel died

12. (Genesis 35:21-22) When Israel(Jacob) journeyed beyond Eder, while he dwelt / lived there, what do these verses say Reuben did?

Reuben went in and slept with his father's concubine Bilhah

Notes on Genesis 35:22

This is only the second time Scripture directly refers to Israel by that name (Genesis 35:21).

This person is Jacob, given a new name after an encounter with God (Genesis 32:28; 35:10).

13. (Genesis 35:23) How many sons did Jacob have by Leah? 6

What were their names?

<u>Reuben</u>	<u>Simeon</u>	<u>Levi</u>
<u>Judah</u>	<u>Issachar</u>	<u>Zebulun</u>

14. (Genesis 35:24) Who were the sons that Jacob had with Rachel?

<u>Joseph</u>	<u>Benjamin</u>
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15. (Genesis 35:25) Who were the sons that Jacob had with Bilhah, Rachel's Servant?

<u>Dan</u>	<u>Naphtali</u>
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16. (Genesis 35:26) Who were the sons that Jacob had with Zilpah, Leah's Servant?

<u>Gad</u>	<u>Asher</u>
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17. (Genesis 35:27-29) How old was Isaac, Jacob's father, when he died? 180 years old

Where was Isaac living when he died? Mamre, near Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron)

Who buried Isaac? Esau Jacob

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Chapter 36

Esau moves - Genesis 36

This chapter describes the generations of Esau, *also identified as Edom*. Edom is the name given to the nation which controlled Seir, the region Esau and his descendants occupied. They become known as the Edomites (Numbers 20:14–21; 1 Samuel 14:47; 2 Kings 8:20; Obadiah 1:8–11).

Chapter 37 will begin the “generations of Jacob,” focusing mostly on his son Joseph. Chapter 36 consists of a list of Esau’s offspring, focusing primarily on genealogy and the rulers of Edom, the nation that came from Esau. The chapter is inserted in Genesis between the generations of Isaac (Genesis 25:19), ending with his death in the previous chapter (Genesis 35:28–29), and the generations of Jacob, which follow Joseph’s story through to the end of the book (Genesis 37:1–2).

Three of Esau’s wives are listed as the mothers of his many sons. Strangely, the names of these wives and the fathers they came from are somewhat different from those reported in Genesis 26:34 and 28:9. It’s possible Esau had other wives or that the names of his wives were changed. Esau took his wives from the Canaanite people of the land. Abraham had insisted that Isaac not marry a Canaanite woman. Isaac had directed Jacob to find a wife from their relatives outside of the land as well. Esau’s choice to marry these women may have contributed to his move away from the family.

Esau is associated with the name “Edom” due to his unique birth and an event earlier in his life (Genesis 25:25, 30). The land they come to rule also has a name with an ironic coincidence. Esau was known for being hairy (Genesis 27:11), and the word “seir” literally means “shaggy” (Genesis 36:1).

Finally, the chapter lists another set of the chiefs of Esau, perhaps naming the regions in Edom by the original heads of the clans who occupied each area (Genesis 36:40–43).

Over time, the nation of Edom grew hostile towards Israel (Numbers 20:14–21; 1 Samuel 14:47; 2 Kings 8:20). This ultimately led to Edom’s participation in Israel’s defeat and exile, and the judgment of God on the Edomites (Obadiah 1:1–4, 10). Prophecy was fulfilled when the Nabateans overcame Seir and the nation of Edom was dissolved (Malachi 1:2–5). Survivors settled in Hebron, becoming known as the Idumeans. A notable member of this group was Herod the Great, who tried to have Jesus killed as an infant (Matthew 2:16–18). In AD 70, Idumeans tried to join the Jewish rebellion against Rome and were entirely obliterated. As a nation and even as a distinct people group, they became extinct.

1. (Genesis 36:2) Where did Esau get his wives from? women of Canaan

2. (Genesis 36:2-3) How many of Esau's wives are recorded here? 3

What were his wives names?

Adah Oholibamah Basemath

What were his wives fathers names?

Elon Anah Ishmael

What family line were his wives from?

Hittite Hivite Nebaioth

3. (Genesis 36:7) Why did Esau feel a need to move his family and all his livestock?

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.

4. (Genesis 36:8) Where did Esau move his family to? hill country of Seir

5. (Genesis 36:9) Who is Esau the father of? father of the Edomites

Notes on Genesis 36:15

This begins a section (Genesis 36:16–19) listing the chiefs of the sons of Esau. This is the same as the record given in the previous verses (Genesis 36:9–14) as Esau's sons and grandsons by his three wives. "Chiefs" may generally refer to leaders among the Edomite people or the heads of the clans.

These chiefs include the sons of Esau's firstborn son Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Kenaz.

6. (Genesis 36:31-39) Name the eight kings of Edom and from where?

(One king does not list where he is from)

Kings Name: Bela From Where: Dinhabah

Kings Name: Jobab From Where: Bozrah

Kings Name: Husham From Where: land of the Temanites

Kings Name: Hadad From Where: Avith

Kings Name: Samlah From Where: Masrekah

Kings Name: Shaul From Where: Rehoboth

Kings Name: Baal-Hanan From Where: does not say where he is from

Kings Name: Hadad From Where: Pau

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