

Genesis 33

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Jacob Meets Esau

¹ And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.

² And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost.

³ And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

⁴ And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

⁵ And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

⁶ Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

⁷ And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

⁸ And he said, What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.

⁹ And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself.

10 And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

12 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

13 And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir.

15 And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee some of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

16 So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

18 And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched his tent before the city.

19 And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money.

20 And he erected there an altar, and called it El-elohe-Israel.

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Altar — מִזְבֵּחַ (Mizbeach)

Altar, place of sacrifice

The Hebrew **mizbeach** (מִזְבֵּחַ) means altar—from the root 'to slaughter.' Altars were places where sacrifices were offered to God, pointing forward to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Grace — חֵן (Chen)

Grace, favor

The Hebrew **chen** (חֵן) means grace or favor—unmerited kindness bestowed by a superior. Noah 'found grace in the eyes of the LORD' (Genesis 6:8), receiving undeserved favor.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Mercy — רַחֲמִים (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רַחֲמִים) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

CROSS REFERENCES

Genesis 33:3 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 18:2; 42:6; 43:26; Luke 14:11

Genesis 33:4 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 32:28; 43:30; 45:2; 46:29; Nehemiah 1:11; Job 2:12; Psalms 34:4; Proverbs 16:7; Luke 15:20; Acts 20:37

Genesis 33:5 **Parallel theme:** Ruth 4:13; 1 Samuel 1:27; 1 Chronicles 28:5; Psalms 127:3; Isaiah 8:18. **References God:** Genesis 30:2; 48:9; Hebrews 2:13

Genesis 33:8 **Grace:** Genesis 32:5

Genesis 33:9 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 27:39; Philemon 1:7

Genesis 33:10

Prayer: Job 33:26. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 22:4. **References God:** Genesis 32:30

Genesis 33:11

Sin: 1 Samuel 25:27; Philippians 4:18. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 30:43; 33:9; 2 Kings 5:23

Genesis 33:13 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 40:11

Genesis 33:14 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 32:3; Isaiah 40:11; Romans 15:1

Genesis 33:15 **References Lord:** Ruth 2:13. **Grace:** Genesis 34:11; 47:25

Genesis 33:17 **Parallel theme:** Joshua 13:27; Judges 8:5; 8:8; 8:16; Psalms 60:6

Genesis 33:18 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 25:20; Joshua 24:1; Judges 9:1; John 4:5; Acts 7:16

Genesis 33:19 **Parallel theme:** Joshua 24:32; John 4:5; Acts 7:16

Genesis 33:20 **References Israel:** Genesis 32:28. **Sacrifice:** Genesis 35:7. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 21:33

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