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III. Jacob Cycle

The Abrahamic Covenant Passes to Isaac and Jacob Individually
(Chapters 25b-35)

Descendants of Ishmael

(Chapter 25b / 25:12-18)

[25:12]**Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son,** whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham:
[13]And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, [14]And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, [15]Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah:
[16]These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.
[17]And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.
[18]And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and he died in the presence of all his brethren.

III-A. Jacob in Canaan

(Chapters 25c-28)

A. Isaac's Two Sons: Jacob and Esau

(Chapter 25c)

- *Twins Struggle within Rebekah, Lord and Rebekah Favor Jacob over Esau (25:19-26)*

[25:19]**And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son:** Abraham begat Isaac: [20]And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. [21]And Isaac entreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.
[22]And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the Lord. [23]And the Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.
[24]And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. [25]And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. [26]And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

- *Esau Sells His Birthright to Jacob (25:27-34)*

[25]27And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents. [28]And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.
[29]And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint: [30]And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom. [31]And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. [32]And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? [33]And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. [34]Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

B. Isaac Deals Humbly with Canaanites, Treaty of Peace

Treaty of Peace
Abrahamic Covenant Confirmed to Isaac
(Chapter 26)

a. Covenant Promises of Land, Seed, Blessing, and to Be a Blessing (26:1-5)

[26:1]And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. [2]And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: [3]Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; [4]And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; [5]because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

b. Isaac Tells King Abimelech that Rebekah Is His Sister (26:6-11)

[26:6]And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: [7]and the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon.
[8]And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife. [9]And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.
[10]And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us. [11]And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

c. Disputes with Philistines over Wells, Isaac Sent Away by King Abimelech (26:12-16)

[26:12]Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. [13]And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: [14]for he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. [15]For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. [16]And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.
[17]And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. [18]And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.
[19]And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. [20]And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him. [21]And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. [22]And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

a. Covenant Promises of Seed and Blessing (26:23-25)

[26:23]And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba. [24]And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: **fear not, for I am with thee**, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. [25]And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

c. Treaty of Peace with King Abimelech, Well at Beer-sheba (26:26-33)

[26:26]Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army. [27]And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?
[28]And they said, We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee; [29]That thou wilt do us no hart, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the Lord.
[30]And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink. [31]And they rose up betimes in the morning, and sware one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.
[32]And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water. [33]And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba unto this day.

C. Jacob Deals Trickily with Esau and Flees

Abrahamic Covenant Confirmed to Jacob
(Chapter 27-28)

- ***Jacob Obtains the Birthright Blessing from Isaac through Trickery and Flees to Haran (26:34-28:9)***

a. Esau's Non-Covenant Marriages (26:34-35)

[26:34]And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: [35]Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

b. Isaac Sends Esau to Hunt Venison before Blessing Him (27:1-5)

[27:1]And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I. [2]And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death: [3]Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; [4]And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die. [5]And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it.

c. Rebekah Arranges to Trick Isaac into Blessing Jacob Instead (27:6-17)

[27:6]And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, [7]Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the Lord before my death.
[8]Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. [9]Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth: [10]And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.
[11]And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man: [12]My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. [13]And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them.
[14]And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved. [15]And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son: [16]And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: [17]And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

d. Jacob Tricks Isaac and Receives His Blessing (27:18-29)

[27:18]And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son? [19]And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. [20]And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the Lord thy God brought it to me.
[21]And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not. [22]And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. [23]And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.
[24]And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am. [25]And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.
[26]And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. [27]And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed:
[28]Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: [29]Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

d. Isaac Confirms Jacob's Blessing, then Blesses Esau Also (27:30-40)

[27:30]And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. [31]And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.
[32]And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau.
[33]And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.
[34]And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father. [35]And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.
[36]And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing.
[37]And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? [38]And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?
[39]And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.
[40]And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; [41]And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

e. Rebekah Arranges for Isaac to Send Jacob to Haran (27:41-46)

[27:41]And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob. [42]And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.
[43]Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; [44]And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away; [45]Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?
[46]And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

Genesis 25b-35

III-B. Jacob in Haran

(Chapters 29-31)

D. Laban Deals Trickily with Jacob re Bride

after the First Seven Years
(Chapter 29a)

- *Jacob Travels to Haran and Enters Laban's House (29:1-14)*

[29:1]Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east. [2]And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth. [3]And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.
[4]And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we. [5]And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him. [6]And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.
[7]And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them. [8]And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.
[9]And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them. [10]And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. [11]And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. [12]And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.
[13]And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. [14]And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

- *Jacob Works Seven Years, Receives Leah and Rachel (29:15-30)*

[29:15]And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be? [16]And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. [17]Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favored. [18]And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. [19]And Laban said, It is better that I give her unto thee than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. [20]And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.
[21]And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. [22]And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. [23]And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. [24]And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid.
[25]And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? [26]And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. [27]Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.
[28]And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. [29]And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid. [30]And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

E. Jacob Is Blessed with Children

during the Second Seven Years
(Chapter 29b-30a)

- *Leah: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah (29:31-35)*

[29:31]And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. [32]And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the Lord hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me. [33]And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the Lord hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon. [34]And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi. [35]And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the Lord: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

- *Bilhah: Dan, Naphtali (30:1-8)*

[30:1]And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. [2]And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? [3]And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her. [4]And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. [5]And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son. [6]And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan. [7]And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son. [8]And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.

- *Zilpah: Gad, Asher (30:9-13)*

[30:9]When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife. [10]And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son. [11]And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad. [12]And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son. [13]And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.

- *Leah: Issachar, Zebulun, Dinah (30:14-21)*

[30:14]**And** Reuben went in the days of when harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes. [15]And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes. [16]And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night. [17]And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son. [18]And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar. [19]And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son. [20]And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun. [21]And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

- *Rachel: Joseph (30:22-24)*

[30:22]And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. [23]And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: [24]And she called his name Joseph; and said, The Lord shall add to me another son.

E'. Jacob Is Blessed with Flocks

during the Final Six Years
(Chapter 30b)

[30:25]And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go into mine own place, and to my country. [26]Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.
[27]And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake. [28]And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it. [29]And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me. [30]For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the Lord hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?
[31]And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock: [32]I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and such shall be my hire. [33]So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.
[34]And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word. [35]And he removed that day the goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the he goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons. [36]And he set three days' journey between himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.
[37]And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chestnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods. [38]And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink. [39]And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstrraked, speckled, and spotted. [40]And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle. [41]And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods. [42]But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. [43]And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

D'. Jacob Flees Laban's Trickery and Is Reconciled with Laban

Jacob's Name Changed to Israel
(Chapter 30b)

- *Plan to Leave Haran (31:1-16)*

[31:1]And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory. [2]And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before. [3]And the Lord said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.
[4]And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock, [5]And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me. [6]And ye know that with all my power I have served your father. [7]And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me. [8]If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages: then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked. [9]Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.
[10]And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ringstraked, speckled, and grizzled. [11]And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I. [12]And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ringstraked, speckled, and grisled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee. [13]I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.
[14]And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? [15]Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money. [16]For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

- *Laban Pursues Jacob (31:17-25)*

[31:17]Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels; [18]And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan. [19]And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel stole the images that were her father's. [20]And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled. [21]So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead.
[22]And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled. [23]And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.
[24]And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.
[25]Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.

- *Jacob and Laban Are Reconciled (31:26-55)*

[31:26]And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword? [27]Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp? [28]And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing. [29]It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but **the God of your father** spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.
[30]And now, though thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet **wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?** [31]And Jacob answered and said to Laban, **Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.** [32]With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them. [33]And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. [34]Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not. [35]And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched, but found not the images.
[36]And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me? [37]Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both. [38]This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten. [39]That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night. [40]Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes. [41]Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times. [42]Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.
[43]And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born? [44]Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.
[45]And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. [46]And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap. [47]And Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed. [48]And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;
[49]And **Mizpah**; for he said, The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another. [50]If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness betwixt me and thee.
[51]And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee: [52]This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm. [53]The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the fear of his father Isaac.
[54]Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount. [55]And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

III-C. Jacob Back in Canaan

(Chapters 32-35)

C'. Jacob Deals Humbly with Esau and Is Reconciled

Jacob's Name Changed to Israel
(Chapter 32-33)

- *Jacob Gives Gifts to Esau (32:1-23)*

[32:1]And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. [2]And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.
[3]And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom. [4]And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now: [5]And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.
[6]And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. [7]Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands; [8]And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.
[9]And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the Lord which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee: [10]I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands. [11]Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children. [12]And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.
[13]And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother; [14]Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams, [15]Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals.
[16]And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove. [17]And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee? [18]Then thou shalt say, They be thy servant Jacob's; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also he is behind us. [19]And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him. [20]And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me. [21]So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company. [22]And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. [23]And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

- *Jacob Wrestles: Jacob's Name Changed to Israel (Jacob Wrestles) (32:24-32)*

[32:24]And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. [25]And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.
[26]And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. [27]And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. [28]And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.
[29]And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. [30]And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.
[31]And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh. [32]Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

- *Jacob Is Reconciled with Esau (33:1-20)*

[33:1]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.

B'. Jacob's Sons Deal Trickily and Proudly with Canaanites, Jacob's Family Flees

God Confirms Name Change
and Abrahamic Covenant to Jacob
(Chapter 34-35a)

- *Dina to Marry King's Son, Brothers Break Covenant with King and Kill City (34:1-31)*

[34:1]And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. [2]And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her. [3]And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel. [4]And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife. [5]And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.
[6]And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him. [7]And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.
[8]And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife. [9]And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you. [10]And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein.
[11]And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give. [12]Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but