

# The Lives of Jacob & Joseph

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## Life of Jacob

### Review:

- 1) *Jacob tricks Isaac out of Esau's deathbed blessing - runs for his life up North - Headed for his ancestral homeland & safely away from Esau*
  - 2) *Serves higher purpose even beyond staying alive – finds Rachel*
  - 3) *On the way he encounters God and has a kind of conversion experience*
  - 4) *Marries Laban's 2 daughters – Rachel & Leah – plus their maidservants – 11 sons*
  - 5) *Serves Laban – 14 for the women plus another 7 years*
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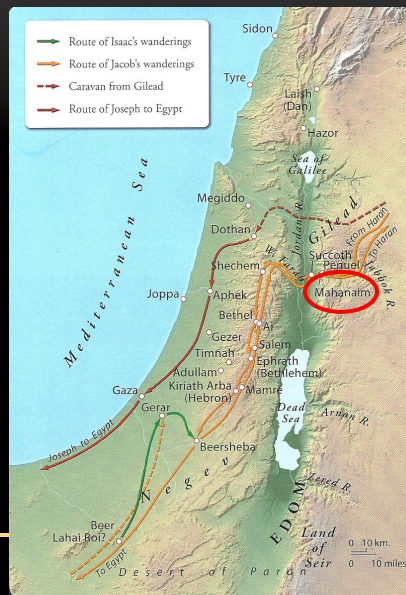
- 6) Gets a sense from God it is time to leave
- 7) Laban works out a deal for him to stay but it is all for Laban
- 8) And yet God works around this and still blesses Jacob beyond words
- 9) Steals out in the middle of the night – Laban pursues – but God protects him
- 10) Now finds himself in the Transjordan area of Gilead (modern day Jordan)

Out of the frying pan into the fire = Laban behind Esau out front

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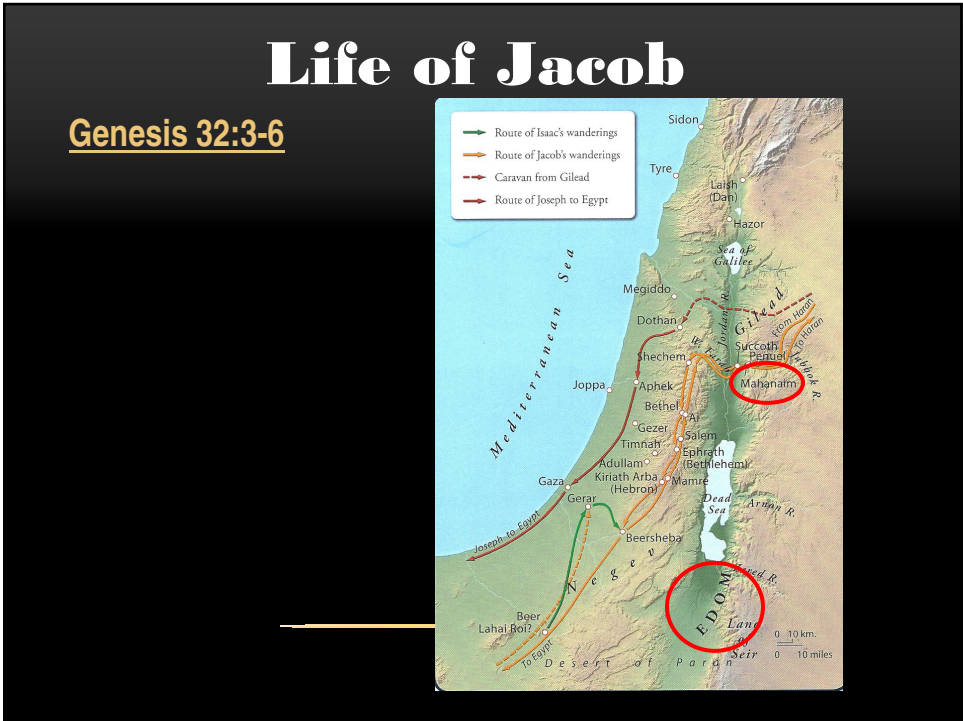
## Genesis 31:55-32:2





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## Genesis 32:7-12

- a) God kept him safe in escaping Esau and finding a place to land despite his treachery 20 years earlier*
  - b) God led him to his Grandfather's family*
  - c) God gave him 2 wives, 2 maidservants, 11 sons and a daughter*
  - d) God made him exceedingly wealthy even though Laban constantly cheated him*
  - e) And God freed him from Laban when he very well could have died at his hand*
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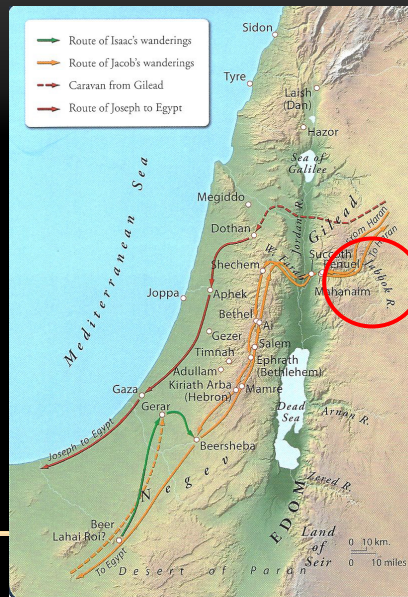
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Jacob's reasons for God to intervene:

- 1) God has been there for his family in the past*
  - 2) Jacob is only doing that which God told him to do – return home*
  - 3) God promised him He would treat him well and prosper him*
  - 4) He doesn't want God to look bad*
  - 5) Drawing on the covenant God made with his grandad Abraham*
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Genesis 32:22-32



*Jabbok River*



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## Genesis 32:22-32

Genesis 27:36a Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing."

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## Genesis 32:22-32

- *God rules, God heals*
- *Hos. 12:4a He strove with the angel and prevailed;*

God rules and you know this and wrestle with Him yet!

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Genesis 32:22-32

*What does God see that I am not seeing?*

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Peniel



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## Final Observation:

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## Final Observation:

*1. Knows God is FOR HIM*

*2. Jacob moves forward with a new name AND a NEW LIMP*

His LIMP is HIS REMINDER...it is sacred to him

His weakness will remind him of God's rule and strength

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