

# Gen 32:3-33:17 {s} Chiasm



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**1A) 32:3-5** And **JACOB SENT MESSENGERS** before him **TO ESAU HIS BROTHER UNTO THE LAND OF SEIR**, the field of Edom. 4 And he commanded them, saying: Thus shall you say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob: I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now. 5 And I have oxen, and donkeys and flocks, and men-servants and maid-servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight;

**1B.1) 32:6-7A** And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying: We came to your brother Esau, and moreover **HE IS COMING TO MEET YOU**, and **FOUR HUNDRED MEN WITH HIM**. 7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and was distressed;

**1B.2) 32:7B-8** And **HE DIVIDED THE PEOPLE THAT WERE WITH HIM**, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two camps. 8 And he said: If Esau come to the one camp, and smite it, then the camp which is left shall escape;

**1B.3) 32:9-12 JACOB'S PRAYER** for deliverance;

**1a) 32:9a** And Jacob said: O God of **my father Abraham**, and God of **my father Isaac**;

**1b) 32:9b** O YHVH, who said to me: Return to your country, and to your kindred, and **I will do you good**;

central axis) **32:10-11** I am not worthy of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which You have shown to Your servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two camps. Deliver me, I pray You, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and smite me, the mother with the children;

**2b) 32:12a** And You said: **I will surely do you good**;

**2a) 32:12b** And make your seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude (the **promise made to Abraham and Isaac**);

**1B.4) 32:13-21 JACOB'S PRESENT** for Esau;

**1a) 32:13a** And **he lodged there that night**;

**1b) 32:13b** And took of that which he had with him **a present** for Esau his brother;

**1c) 32:14-20** Two hundred she-goats and twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty milk camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals. 16 And he delivered

them into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself; and said to his servants: **Pass over before me**, and put a space between drove and drove;

central axis) 32:17-20A And he commanded the foremost, saying: When Esau my brother meets you, and asks you, saying: Whose are you, and where do you go, and whose are these before you? 18 then you shall say: They are your servant Jacob's; it is a present sent to my lord, even to Esau; and, behold, he also is behind us. 19 And he commanded also the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying: In this manner shall you speak to Esau, when you find him; 20 and you shall say: Moreover, behold, your servant Jacob is behind us;

2c) 32:20b For he said: I will appease him with the present **that goes before me**, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept me;

2b) 32:21a So **the present** passed over before him;

2a) 32:21b And **he himself lodged that night** in the camp;

1C.1.1) 32:22-23 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two handmaids, and his eleven children, and passed over the ford of the Jabbok. 23 And he took them, and **SENT THEM OVER THE STREAM**, and sent over that which he had;

1C.1.2) 32:24 And Jacob was left alone; and **THERE WRESTLED A MAN WITH HIM** until the breaking of the day;

1C.2) 32:25 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 strained, as he wrestled with Him;

1D) 32:26 And He said: Let me go, for the day breaks. And he said: I will not let you go, **UNLESS YOU BLESS ME**;

1E) 32:27 And He said to him: **WHAT IS YOUR NAME?** And he said: Jacob;

CENTRAL AXIS) 32:28 AND HE SAID: YOUR NAME SHALL BE CALLED NO MORE JACOB, BUT ISRAEL; FOR YOU HAVE STRUGGLED WITH GOD AND WITH MEN, AND HAVE PREVAILED;

2E) 32:29A And Jacob asked Him, and said: **TELL ME**, I pray You, **YOUR NAME**. And He said: Why is it that you ask after My name?

2D) 32:29B And **HE BLESSED HIM** there;

2C.1.2) 32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: For **I HAVE SEEN GOD FACE TO FACE**, and my life is preserved;

2C.1.1) 32:31A And the sun rose upon him as **HE PASSED OVER PENIEL**;

2C.2) 32:31B-32 And he limped on his thigh. 32 Therefore the children of Israel eat not the muscle that shrank which is on the hollow of the thigh, to this day; because **HE TOUCHED THE HOLLOW OF JACOB'S THIGH**, even in the muscle that shrank;

2B.1) 33:1A And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, **ESAU CAME**, and **WITH HIM FOUR HUNDRED MEN**;

2B.2) 33:1B-3 And **HE DIVIDED THE CHILDREN TO LEAH, AND TO RACHEL, AND TO THE TWO HANDMAIDS**. 2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph last. 3 And he himself passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother;

2B.3) 33:4-7 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 these with you? And he said: The children whom God has graciously given your servant. 6 Then the handmaids came near, they and their children, and they bowed down. 7 And Leah also and her children came near, and bowed down; and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed down (**JACOB'S PRAYER ANSWERED**);

2B.4) 33:8-11 Esau receives **JACOB'S PRESENT**;

1a) 33:8-9 And he said: What do you mean by all this camp which I met? And he said: To find favor in the sight of my lord. 9 And Esau said: **I have enough**; my brother, let that which you have be yours;

1b) 33:10a And Jacob said: No, I pray you, if now I have found favor in your sight, then **receive my present** at my hand;

central axis) 33:10b Inasmuch as I have seen your face, as one sees the face of God, and you were pleased with me;

2b) 33:11a **Take, I pray you, my gift** that is brought to you; because God has dealt graciously with me;

2a) 33:11b And because **I have enough**. And he urged him, and he took it;

2A) 33:12-17 {s} **ESAU RETURNED THAT DAY ON HIS WAY TO SEIR**;

1a) 33:12a And he said: Let us take **our journey**;

1b) 33:12b And **let us go**;

1c) 33:12c And **I will go before you**;

1d) 33:13 And he said to him: My lord knows that **the children** are tender, and that **the flocks and herds** which are nursing are a care to me; and if they overdrive them one day, all the flocks will die;

central axis) **33:14a** Let my lord, I pray you, pass over before his servant;  
**2d) 33:14b** And I will journey on gently, **according to the pace of the livestock** that are before me and **according to the pace of the children**, until I come unto my lord to Seir;  
**2c) 33:15** And Esau said: Let me now **leave with you some of the people that are with me**. And he said: What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord;  
**2b) 33:16** So **Esau returned that day** on his way to Seir;  
**2a) 33:17** And Jacob **journeyed** to Succoth, and built him a house, and made booths for his cattle. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth. {s}