Gen 28:10-32:2 Vayetze Expanded Chiasm



1A) 28:10-12 And Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. 11 And he arrived unto a certain place, and tarried there

all night, because the sun was set; and he took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep. **12** And he dreamed, and behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it [i.e., **JACOB MET THE ANGELS OF GOD**];

1B) 28:13-22 JACOB'S COVENANT with God;

- 1a) 28:13a And behold, YHVH stood beside him, and said: I am YHVH, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac;
- 1b) 28:13b-15 YHVH's vow to Jacob;
 - 1a) 28:13b-14 The land on which you lie, to you I will give it, and to your seed.
 14 And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south, and in you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed [i.e., that which YHVH has vowed to Jacob];

1b) 28:15a And behold, *I am with you*, and will keep you wherever you go; *central axis) 28:15b And will bring you back into this land*; *2b) 28:15c* For *Lutil not loave you*.

2b) 28:15c For *I will not leave you*;

2a) 28:15d Until I have done that of which I have spoken to you;

- **1c)** 28:16-17 And Jacob awoke out of his sleep, and said: Surely YHVH is in this place; and I knew it not. 17 And he was afraid, and said: How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!
- central axis) 28:18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon top of it;
- **2c) 28:19** And he called the name of that place **Bethel**; but the name of the city was previously Luz;
- **2b)** 28:20-21a And Jacob vowed a vow, saying: If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and clothing to put on, so that I come back to my father's house in peace;
- 2a) 28:21b-22 Then YHVH shall be my God, 22 and this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house, and of all that You shall give me I will surely give the tenth unto You;

1C) 29:1-14 JACOB ARRIVED TO LABAN;

- 1a) 29:1 Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the children of the East;
- 1b) 29:2-3 The well from which they watered the sheep, and the stone upon the well's mouth;
 - 1a) 29:2a And he looked, and behold, a well in the field, and lo, three flocks of sheep lying there by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks;
 1b) 20:2b And the stand upon the wall's mouth was much.

1b) 29:2b And the stone upon the well's mouth was great;

central axis) 29:3a And there all the flocks were gathered; 2b) 29:3b And they rolled the stone from the well's mouth;

2a) 29:3c And *watered the sheep*, and put the stone back upon the well's mouth in its place;

- 1c) 29:4-6 And Jacob said unto them: My brethren, where are you from? And they said: We are from Haran. 5 And he said unto them: Do you know Laban the son of Nahor? And they said: We know him. 6 And he said unto them: Is it well with him? And they said: It is well; and behold, Rachel his daughter comes with the sheep;
- 1d) 29:7a And he said: Lo, it is yet high day, it is not time for the cattle to be gathered together; water the sheep;

central axis) 29:7b And go and feed them;

- 2d) 29:8 And they said: We cannot, until all the flocks are gathered together, and they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep;
- **2c) 29:9** While he was yet speaking with them, **Rachel came with her father's sheep**, for she tended them;
- 2b) 29:10 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;
- 2a) 29:11-14 Jacob arrived at his destination, Laban's household in Haran; *Ia.1*) 29:11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept; *Ia.2*) 29:12a And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son:
 - 1b) 29:12b And she ran and told her father;
 - central axis) 29:13a And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son;
 - 2b 29:13b That he ran to meet him;
 - 2a.1) 29:13c And embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house;
 - *2a.2) 29:13d-14* And he told Laban all these things. 14 And Laban said to him: Surely *you are my bone and my flesh*. And he abode with him for a month;

CENTRAL AXIS) 29:15-30:43: JACOB'S WIVES 29:16-30 / CHILDREN 29:31-30:24 / FLOCKS 30:25-43; [i.e., GOD FULFILLED HIS PROMISE TO JACOB];

29:15-30 JACOB'S WIVES;

- 1a) 29:15-20a I will serve you seven years for Rachel;
 - 1a) 29:15 And Laban said unto Jacob: Because you are my brother, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?
 - *1b) 29:16* Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was *Leah*, *and* the name of the younger was *Rachel*;
 - *2b) 29:17* And *Leah*'s eyes were weak; but *Rachel* was of beautiful form and fair to look upon;
 - 2a) 29:18-20 I will serve you seven years for Rachel; 1A) 29:18A And JACOB LOVED RACHEL;

- **1B) 29:18B** And he said: **I WILL SERVE YOU SEVEN YEARS FOR RACHEL** your younger daughter;
- CENTRAL AXIS) 29:19 AND LABAN SAID: IT IS BETTER THAT I GIVE HER TO YOU, THAN THAT I SHOULD GIVE HER TO ANOTHER MAN; ABIDE WITH ME;
- 2B) 29:20A And JACOB SERVED SEVEN YEARS FOR RACHEL;
- 2A) 29:20B And they seemed unto him but a few days, for THE LOVE HE HAD TO HER;
- 1b) 29:21a And Jacob said unto Laban: Give me my wife;
- 1c) 29:21b For my days are fulfilled;
- 1d) 29:21c That I may go in unto her;
- central axis) 29:22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast;
- 2d) 29:23-24 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 Zilpah his handmaid unto his daughter Leah for a handmaid;
- 2c) 29:25-28a Fulfill Leah's week;
 - 1a) 29:25-27a And it came to pass in the morning that, behold, it was Leah. and he said to Laban: What is this you have done unto me? Did not I serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?
 26 And Laban said: It is not so done in our place, to give the younger before the first-born. 27 Fulfill the week of this one;
 - central axis) 29:27b And we will give you the other also for the service which you shall serve with me yet seven other years;
 2a) 29:28a And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week;
- 2b) 29:28b-30a And he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife. 29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her handmaid. 30a And he went in also unto Rachel;
- 2a) 29:30b And he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years;

29:31-30:24 JACOB'S CHILDREN;

- 1a) 29:31-30:2 YHVH opened Leah's womb, and she bore four sons to Jacob, but Rachel was barren;
 - 1a) 29:31 And YHVH saw that Leah was hated, and He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren;
 - 1b) 29:32-35a Leah conceived and bore four sons to Jacob;
 - 1A) 29:32A And LEAH CONCEIVED, and BORE A SON;
 - 1B) 29:32B And she CALLED HIS NAME REUBEN;
 - **1C) 29:32**C For she said: Because YHVH has looked upon my affliction; for NOW MY HUSBAND WILL LOVE ME;
 - 1D) 29:33A And SHE CONCEIVED AGAIN, AND BORE A SON;
 - CENTRAL AXIS) 29:33B AND SAID: BECAUSE YHVH HAS HEARD THAT I AM HATED, HE HAS THEREFORE GIVEN ME THIS SON ALSO. AND SHE CALLED HIS NAME SIMEON;
 - 2D) 29:34A And SHE CONCEIVED AGAIN, AND BORE A SON;

- 2C) 29:34B And said: NOW this time WILL MY HUSBAND BE JOINED UNTO
 - ME, because I have borne him three sons;
- 2B) 29:34C Therefore was HIS NAME CALLED LEVI;
- 2A) 29:35A And SHE CONCEIVED again, and BORE A SON;
- central axis) 29:35b And she said: This time will I praise YHVH. Therefore she called his name Judah;
- *2b) 29:35c* And *she left off bearing*;
- 2a) 30:1-2 Rachel bore Jacob no children;
 - 1A) 30:1A And when Rachel saw that SHE BORE JACOB NO CHILDREN;
 - 1B) 30:1B Rachel ENVIED her sister;
 - CENTRAL AXIS) 30:1C AND SHE SAID TO JACOB: GIVE ME CHILDREN, OR ELSE I DIE;
 - **2B) 30:2A** And Jacob's **ANGER** was kindled against Rachel;
 - 2A) 30:2B And he said: Am I in God's stead, who has WITHHELD FROM YOU THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB?
- 1b) 30:3-13 Rachel and Leah give their handmaids to Jacob to wife;
 - 1a) 30:3-8 And she said: Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; that she may bear upon my knees, and I also may be built up through her. 4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife; and Jacob went in to her. 5 And Bilhah conceived, and bore Jacob a son. 6 And Rachel said: God has judged me, and has also heard my voice, and has given me a son. Therefore she called his name Dan. 7 And Bilhah Rachel's handmaid conceived again, and bore Jacob a second son. 8 And Rachel said: With mighty wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and have prevailed. And she called his name Naphtali;

central axis) 30:9a When Leah saw that she had left off bearing; 2a) 30:9b-13 She took Zilpah her handmaid, and gave her to Jacob

- *to wife*. 10 And Zilpah Leah's handmaid *bore Jacob a son*. 11 And Leah said: Fortune is come! And she called his name Gad. 12 And Zilpah Leah's handmaid *bore Jacob a second son*. 13 And Leah said: Happy am I! For the daughters will call me happy. And she called his name Asher;
- 1c) 30:14a And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah;
- 1d) 30:14b Then Rachel said to Leah: Give me, I pray you, of your son's mandrakes;
- central axis) 30:15a And she said unto her: Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband?
- 2d) 30:15b And would you take away my son's mandrakes also?
- 2c) 30:15c And Rachel said: Therefore he shall lie with you tonight for your son's mandrakes. 16 And Jacob came from the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said: You must come in unto me; for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night;

2b) 30:17-18 And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bore Jacob a fifth son. 18 And Leah said: God has given me my hire, because I gave my handmaid unto my husband. And she called his name Issachar;

2a) 30:19-24 YHVH opened Rachel's womb, and she bore Joseph to Jacob; Ia) 30:19-21 Leah conceived, and bore Zebulun;

- 1A) 30:19 And LEAH conceived again, and BORE A SIXTH SON to Jacob;
- **1B) 30:20A** And Leah said: God has endowed me with a good dowry; now will **MY HUSBAND DWELL WITH ME**;
- CENTRAL AXIS) 30:20B BECAUSE I HAVE BORNE HIM SIX SONS;
- 2B) 30:20C And she called his name ZEBULUN [which means, DWELLING];
- 2A) 30:21 And afterwards SHE BORE A DAUGHTER, and called her name Dinah;
- central axis) 30:22 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb;
- 2a) 30:23-24 And she conceived, and bore a son, and said: God has taken away my reproach. 24 And she called his name Joseph, saying: YHVH add to me another son;

30:25-43 JACOB'S FLOCKS;

- 1a) 30:25-26a And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban: Send me away, that I may go to my own place, and to my country. 26 Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go;
- 1b) 30:26b-29 Laban negotiates for Jacob to remain as YHVH has blessed him for his sake;
 - 1a) 30:26b For you know my service with which I have served you;
 1b) 30:27a And Laban said to him: If now I have found favor in your eyes;
 - central axis) 30:27b I have observed the signs, and YHVH has blessed me for your sake;
 - 2b) 30:28 And he said: Appoint me your wages, and I will give it;
 - *2a) 30:29* And he said to him: *You know how I have served you*, and how your livestock have fared with me;
- **1c) 30:30** For you had little before I came, and **you have increased abundantly**; and YHVH has blessed you wherever I turned. And now when shall I provide for my own house also?
- 1d) 30:31-33 Jacob negotiates for the blemished among Laban's flock;
 - 1a) 30:31 And he said: What shall I give you? And Jacob said: You shall not give me anything; if you will do this thing for me, I will again feed your flock and keep it;
 - 1b) 30:32a I will pass through all your flock today, removing from there every speckled and spotted one, and every dark one among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats;
 - 1c) 30:32b And of such shall be my hire;
 - central axis) 30:33a So shall my righteousness witness against me hereafter;

- 2c) 30:33b When you shall come to look over my hire that is before you;
- *2b) 30:33c* Every one that is not *speckled and spotted* among the goats, *and dark* among the sheep;
- 2a) 30:33d That if found with me shall be counted stolen;

central axis) 30:34 And Laban said: Behold, may it be according to your word;

2d) 30:35-42 Jacob separates the blemished among the flock for his own;
1a) 30:35a And he removed that day the he-goats that were streaked and spotted, and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white in it, and all the dark ones among the sheep;
1b) 30:35b And gave them into the hand of his sons;

central axis) 30:36a And he set three days' journey between himself and Jacob;

- 2b) 30:36b And Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks;
- 2a) 30:37-42 Jacob increased the blemished among Laban's flock, and separated them for his own;
 - 1A) 30:37-39 And Jacob took rods of fresh poplar, and of the almond and of the plane-tree; and peeled white streaks in them, making the white appear which was in the rods. 38 And he set the rods which he had peeled over against the flocks in the gutters in the watering-troughs where the flocks came to drink; and they conceived when they came to drink. 39 And THE FLOCKS CONCEIVED AT THE SIGHT OF THE RODS, and the flocks brought forth streaked, speckled, and spotted;
 - **1B) 30:40** And Jacob SEPARATED the lambs;
 - CENTRAL AXIS) **30:40**B HE ALSO SET THE FACES OF THE FLOCKS TO-WARD THE STREAKED AND ALL THE DARK IN THE FLOCK OF LABAN;
 - **2B) 30:40**C And put his own droves **APART**, and put them not with Laban's flock;
 - 2A) 30:41-42 And it came to pass, whenever the stronger of the flock conceived, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the flock in the gutters, that THEY MIGHT CONCEIVE AMONG THE RODS; 42 but when the flock were feeble, he put them not in; so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's;
- **2c) 30:43 And the man increased exceedingly**, and had large flocks, and maid-servants and men-servants, and camels and donkeys;
- **2b) 31:1-2** Now Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has acquired all this wealth. **2** And Jacob saw the countenance of Laban, and indeed **it was not favorable toward him as before**;
- 2a) 31:3 Then YHVH said to Jacob: Return to the land of your fathers and to your family, and I will be with you;

2C) 31:4-24 JACOB FLED FROM LABAN;

- 1a) 31:4-5a And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field to his flock, 5 and said to them: I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before;
- 1b) 31:5b-18 Jacob gathered his wives, children, flocks, and fled from Laban to go to Isaac his father;
 - *1a) 31:5b-9* God caused *Laban's livestock to come to Jacob as wages*; 1A) 31:5B But the GOD OF MY FATHER HAS BEEN WITH ME;
 - **1B) 31:6-7**A And you know that with all my power I have served your father. 7 And your father has mocked me, and CHANGED MY WAGES TEN TIMES;
 - CENTRAL AXIS) 31:7B BUT GOD SUFFERED HIM NOT TO HURT ME;
 - **2B) 31:8 IF HE SAID**: The speckled shall be your wages; then all the flock bore speckled; **AND IF HE SAID**: The streaked shall be your wages; then bore all the flock streaked;
 - 2A) 31:9 Thus GOD HAS TAKEN AWAY THE LIVESTOCK OF YOUR FATHER, and GIVEN THEM TO ME;
 - 1b) 31:10-13 And it came to pass at the time that the flock conceived, that I lifted up my eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the he-goats which leaped upon the flock were streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted. 11 And the angel of God said to me in the dream: Jacob; and I said: Here am I. 12 And he said: Lift up now your eyes, and see, all the he-goats which leap upon the flock are streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted; for I have seen all that Laban has done to you. 13 I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar, where you vowed a vow to Me. Now arise, get you out from this land, and return to the land of your birth;
 - *Ic) 31:14* And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him: *Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house*?
 - *central axis) 31:15 Are we not accounted by him strangers? For he has sold us, and has also quite devoured our price*;
 - *2c) 31:16a* For all *the riches which God has taken away from our fa-ther, that is ours and our children's*;
 - 2b) 31:16b Now then, whatever God has said to you, do;
 - 2a) 31:17-18 Jacob carried away all his livestock which he had gained as wages;
 - 1A) 31:17 Then JACOB ROSE UP, and set his sons and his wives on the camels;
 - **1B) 31:18**A And he carried away all his livestock, and all his substance WHICH HE HAD GATHERED;
 - CENTRAL AXIS) 31:18B THE LIVESTOCK HE HAD GAINED;
 - **2B) 31:18**C WHICH HE HAD GATHERED in Paddanaram;
 - 2A) 31:18D TO GO TO ISAAC HIS FATHER to the land of Canaan;
- central axis) 31:19 Now Laban was gone to shear his sheep. And Rachel stole the teraphim that were her father's;
- 2b) 31:20-24a Jacob fled with all that he had, and Laban pursued him;
 - *Ia) 31:20* And Jacob outwitted *Laban the Aramean*, in that he told him not that he fled;

Ib) 31:21 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the River, and *set his face toward the mountain of Gilead*;

- *central axis) 31:22 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled*;
- *2b) 31:23* And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey, and *he overtook him in the mountain of Gilead*;
- *2a) 31:24a* And God came to *Laban the Aramean* in a dream of the night, and said to him;
- 2a) 31:24b Take heed to yourself that you speak not to Jacob either good or bad;

2B) 31:25-55 JACOB'S COVENANT with Laban;

- 1a) 31:25a And Laban came up with Jacob;
- **1b) 31:25b** Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountain; and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mountain of Gilead;
- 1c) 31:26-30 Laban was angry and rebuked Jacob;
 - 1a) 31:26-27b Why have you stolen away from me secretly;
 - 1A) 31:26A And Laban said to Jacob: What have you done, that you have OUT-WITTED ME;
 - **1B) 31:26B** And **CARRIED AWAY MY DAUGHTERS** as though captives taken with the sword?
 - **2B) 31:27**A Why did you FLEE SECRETLY;
 - 2A) 31:27B And OUTWIT ME, and not tell me;
 - *1b) 31:27c-28a* That I might have *sent you away* with mirth and with songs, with timbrel and with harp? **28** And you did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters;
 - 1c) 31:28b Now you have done foolishly;

central axis) 31:29a It is in the power of my hand to do you harm;

- *2c) 31:29b* But the God of your father spoke unto me last night, saying: Take heed to yourself that you *speak to Jacob neither good nor bad*;
- *2b) 31:30a* And now *you are surely gone*, because you greatly long for your father's house;
- 2a) 31:30b But why have you stolen my gods?

central axis) 31:31-35 Laban searched among Jacob's things for the household idols;

- 1a) 31:31-32a And Jacob answered and said to Laban: Because I was afraid, for I said: Perhaps you would take your daughters from me by force. 32 With whomever you find your gods, he shall not live; in the presence of our brethren, discern what I have of yours, and take it with you;
- 1b) 31:32b For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them;
- *Ic) 31:33a* And *Laban went* into Jacob's tent, and *into Leah's tent*, and into the tent of the two maid-servants;

central axis) 31:33b But he found them not;

2c) 31:33c And he went out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent;

2b) 31:34-35a Now Rachel had taken the household idols, put them in the camel's saddle, and sat upon them. And Laban searched about all the tent,

but found them not. **35** And she said to her father: Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise up before you, for the manner of women is upon me; **2a**) **31:35b** And he searched, but **found not the household idols**;

2c) 31:36-42 Jacob was angry and rebuked Laban;

- *Ia) 31:36a* And Jacob was angry and *rebuked Laban*;
- 1b) 31:36b-37 And Jacob answered and said to Laban: What is my trespass? What is my sin, that you have so hotly pursued after me? 37 Although you have searched all my things, what have you found of your household things? Set it here before my brethren and your brethren, that they may judge between us both;

1c) 31:38a These twenty years I have been with you;

central axis) 31:38b-40 Your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your flock. 39 That which was torn of beasts I did not bring unto you; I bore the loss of it; of my hand you required 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 fled from my eyes;

2c) 31:41-42a These twenty years I have been in your house: I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock; and you have changed my wages ten times. 42 Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the Fear of Isaac, had been on my side, surely now you would have sent me away empty;

2b) 31:42b God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands; *2a) 31:42c* And *rebuked you* last night;

2b) 31:43-54 Jacob's covenant with Laban at Galeed;

- 1a) 31:43-44a And Laban answered and said unto Jacob: The daughters are my daughters, and the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks; and all that you see is mine. And what can I do this day to these my daughters, or to their children whom they have borne? 44 And now come, let us make a covenant, you and I;
- 1b.1) 31:44b And let it be for a witness between you and me;

1b.2) 31:45-46 And Jacob took a stone, and *set it up as a pillar*. 46 And Jacob said unto his brethren: Gather stones. And they took stones, and *made a heap*, and they ate there by the heap;

1c) 31:47 And Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed;

central axis) 31:48a And Laban said: This heap is a witness between you and me this day;

- 2c) 31:48b-50a Therefore its name was called Galeed, 49 and Mizpah, for he said: May YHVH watch between you and me, when we are absent one from another. 50 If you shall afflict my daughters, and if you shall take wives besides my daughters, although no man is with us;
- 2b.1) 31:50b See, God is witness between you and me;

2b.2) 31:51-52a And Laban said to Jacob: *Behold this heap*, and *behold the pillar*, which I have set up between you and me. 52 This heap is a witness, and the pillar is a witness,

2a) 31:52b-54 That I will not pass beyond this heap to you, and that you shall not pass beyond 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 between us. And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac. 54 And Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his brethren to eat bread; and they ate bread, and tarried all night on the mountain;

2a) 31:55 And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them. And Laban departed and returned to his place;

2A) 32:1-2 And JACOB WENT on his way, AND THE ANGELS OF GOD MET HIM. 2 And Jacob said when he saw them: This is God's camp. And he called the name of that place Mahanaim. {p}