

## Gen 32:3-36:43 *Vayishlach* Expanded Chiasm



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**1A) 32:3** And Jacob sent messengers before him to **ESAU** his brother unto the land **OF SEIR**, the field of Edom;

**1B) 32:4-6** And he commanded them, saying: Thus shall you say unto 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. **6** 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;

**1C) 32:7-8** Then Jacob was greatly afraid and was distressed. 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 [i.e., The **COMPANY OF JACOB**];

**1D) 32:9-12** Prayer to God to remember **ABRAHAM'S COVENANT**;

**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**;

**1c) 32:10** 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**;

**central axis) 32:11a** Deliver me, I pray You, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau;

**2c) 32:11b** 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**];

**1E) 32:13-33:11** **GOD BLESSED JACOB** and **CHANGED HIS NAME TO ISRAEL**;

**1a) 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) 32:14-16** Two hundred female goats and twenty male 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; perhaps 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;

**1b) 32:22-25** 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. **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 strained**, as he wrestled with Him;

**1c) 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;

**1d) 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;**

**2d) 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?

**2c) 32:29b** And He blessed him there;

**2b) 32:30-33:10** The **hollow of Jacob's thigh strained**/ The company of **Jacob's wives and children;**

*1a) 32:30-33:1a* And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: For *I have seen God face to face*, and *my life is preserved*. **31** And the sun rose upon him as he passed over Peniel, 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. **33:1** And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men;

*1b) 33:1b* And he divided the children *to Leah, and to Rachel;*

*1c) 33:1c* And to the two *handmaids;*

*1d) 33:2* And he put the *handmaids and their children* foremost, and *Leah and her children* after, and *Rachel and Joseph* last;

**central axis) 33:3-4** **And he himself 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;*

**2d) 33:5** 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;

**2c) 33:6** Then the *handmaids* came near, they and their children, and they bowed down;

**2b) 33:7** And *Leah* also and her children came near, and bowed down; and after came Joseph near *and Rachel*, and they bowed down;

**2a) 33:8-10** 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. **10** And Jacob said: No, I pray you, if now I have found favor in your sight, then receive my present at my hand; inasmuch as *I have seen your face, as one sees the face of God*, and *you were pleased with me*;

**2a) 33:11** Take, I pray you, *my gift* that is brought to you; because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it;

**1F) 33:12-20 JOURNEY** to Succoth and Shechem; **ALTAR** *El-Elohe-Israel*;  
{s+s}

**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 [to Seir]*;

**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*;

**2c) 33:14b-15** Until *I come unto my lord to Seir*. **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) 33:17-20** The *journey* Jacob took;

**1a) 33:17-18** To Succoth, and *to the city of Shechem*;

**1A) 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}

**CENTRAL AXIS) 33:18A AND JACOB CAME IN PEACE**;

**2A) 33:18B TO THE CITY OF SHECHEM**, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Paddanaram; and encamped before the city;

*1b) 33:19a* And *he bought the parcel of ground*, where he had spread his tent;  
*central axis) 33:19b* *From the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father;*  
*2b) 33:19c* For *a hundred pieces of money;*  
*2a) 33:20* And he erected *there* an altar, and called it *El-elohe-Israel* (El is Israel's God); {s}

**CENTRAL AXIS) 34:1-31 DEFILEMENT WITH CANAANITES; {p}**

*1a) 34:1-2* And Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. **2** And Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her; and he took her, and lay with her, and humbled her;

*1b) 34:3-13* **The soul of Shechem cleaved to Dinah the daughter of Jacob;**

*1a.1) 34:3-4* And *his soul cleaved to Dinah the daughter of Jacob*, and he loved the damsel, and spoke comfordingly to the damsel. **4** And Shechem spoke unto his father Hamor, saying: Get me this damsel to wife;

*1a.2) 34:5a* Now Jacob heard that *he had defiled Dinah* his daughter;

*1b) 34:5b* And *his sons were with his cattle in the field*; and Jacob held his peace until they came;

*central axis) 34:6* **And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him;**

*2b) 34:7* And *the sons of Jacob came in from the field* when they heard it; and the men were grieved, and they were very angry; because he had done a vile deed in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done;

*2a.1) 34:8-12* **The soul of my son longs for your daughter;**

**1A) 34:8** And Hamor spoke with them, saying: The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. I pray you **GIVE HER TO HIM TO WIFE;**

**1B) 34:9-10A** And make marriages with us; give your daughters to us, and take our daughters to you; **10** and you shall **DWELL WITH US;**

**CENTRAL AXIS) 34:10B** **AND THE LAND SHALL BE BEFORE YOU;**

**2B) 34:10C** **DWELL** and trade **IN IT**, and get possessions in it;

**2A) 34:11-12** And Shechem said to her father and to her brothers: Let me find favor in your eyes, and what you shall say to me I will give. **12** Ask me ever so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as you shall say to me; but **GIVE ME THE DAMSEL TO WIFE;**

*2a.2) 34:13* And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and spoke, because *he had defiled Dinah* their sister;

1c) 34:14 And said to them: We cannot do this thing, **to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised**; for that would be a reproach unto us;

1d) 34:15a Only on this condition **we will consent unto you**;  
central axis) 34:15b If you will become as we are, **that every male of you become circumcised**;

2d) 34:16 Then **we will give our daughters unto you**, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people;

2c) 34:17-18 But if you will not listen unto us, **to be circumcised**; then **will we take our daughter**, and we will be gone. 18 And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son;

2b) 34:19-30 Shechem delayed not to do the thing, for **he had delight in Jacob's daughter**;

1a) 34:19 And the young man delayed not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter. And **he was honored** above all the house of his father;

1b) 34:20 And **Hamor and Shechem his son** came **unto the gate of their city**, and spoke with the men of their city, saying;

1c) 34:21 These men are peaceable with us; therefore **let them dwell in the land**, and trade in it; for, behold, the land is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters;

central axis) 34:22 **Only on this condition will the men consent to us to dwell with us, to become one people, if every male among us becomes circumcised, as they are circumcised**;

2c) 34:23 Shall not their cattle and their substance and all their beasts be ours? only let us consent to them, and **they will dwell with us**;

2b) 34:24 And **unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son**, all that went out of the gate of his city listened; and every male was circumcised, **all that went out of the gate of his city**;

2a) 34:25-30 Simeon and Levi's revenge of **Dinah's honor**;

1A) 34:25-26 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were in pain, that two of the sons of Jacob, **SIMEON AND LEVI**, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city unawares, and slew all the males. 26 And **THEY SLEW HAMOR AND SHECHEM HIS SON WITH THE EDGE OF THE SWORD**, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went forth;

1B) 34:27A The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and **SPOILED THE CITY**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 34:27B **BECAUSE THEY HAD DEFILED THEIR SISTER**;

**2B) 34:28-29** They took their flocks and their herds and their donkeys, and that which was in the city and that which was in the field; **29** and all their wealth, and all their little ones and their wives, **THEY** took captive and **SPOILED**, even all that was in the house;

**2A) 34:30** And Jacob said to **SIMEON AND LEVI**: You have troubled me, to make me odious unto the inhabitants of the land, even unto the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and, I being few in number, **THEY WILL GATHER THEMSELVES TOGETHER AGAINST ME AND STRIKE ME**; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house;

**2a) 34:31** And they said: Should **one treat our sister as a harlot?** {p}

**2F) 35:1-8** Repentance, **JOURNEY** to Bethel; **ALTAR** *El-bethel*; {p}

**1a.1) 35:1-3** God instructs Jacob to **go to Bethel** and **make an altar**;

**1a.1) 35:1a** And God said to Jacob: **Arise, go up to Bethel**, and dwell there;

**1a.2) 35:1b** And **make there an altar to God**;

**1a.3) 35:1c** **Who appeared to you** when you fled from the face of Esau your brother;

**central axis) 35:2** **Then Jacob said to his household, and to all that were with him: Put away the strange gods that are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your garments**;

**2a.1) 35:3a** And let us **arise**, and **go up to Bethel**;

**2a.2) 35:3b** And I will **make there an altar to God**;

**2a.3) 35:3c** **Who answered me** in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went;

**1a.2) 35:4** And they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hand, and the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob **hid them under the terebinth** which was **by Shechem**;

**central axis) 35:5** **And they journeyed; and a terror of God was on the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob**;

**2a.1) 35:6-7** So **Jacob came to** Luz, which is in the land of Canaan—the same is **Bethel**—he and all the people that were with him. **7** And **he built there an altar**, and called the place *El-bethel* (God of the house of God), because there God was revealed to him, when he fled from the face of his brother;

**2a.2) 35:8** And Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was **buried below Bethel under the oak**; and the name of it was called Allon-bacuth; {p}

**2E) 35:9-10** And **GOD** appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddanaram, and **BLESSED HIM**. **10** And God said to him: Your name is Jacob: Your name shall not be called any more Jacob, but **ISRAEL SHALL BE YOUR NAME**; and He called his name Israel;

2D) 35:11-15 God renews the **ABRAHAMIC COVENANT** with Jacob;

1a) 35:11a And **God said to him**;

1b) 35:11b I am God Almighty. **Be fruitful and multiply**;

1c) 35:11c A nation and a company of nations **shall come of you**;

2c) 35:11d And kings **shall come out of your loins**;

2b) 35:12 And the land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, to you I will give it, and to **your seed after you** will I give the land;

2a) 35:13-15 God went up from him, from **speaking with him**;

1a) 35:13 And God went up from him in *the place where He spoke with him*;

central axis) 35:14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He spoke with him, a pillar of stone, and he poured out a drink-offering on it, and poured oil on it;

2a) 35:15 And Jacob called the name of *the place where God spoke with him*, Bethel;

2C) 35:16-26 The **COMPANY OF JACOB**;

1a) 35:16-21 Benjamin **the son of Jacob**;

1a) 35:16a And *they journeyed* from Bethel;

central axis) 35:16b-20 Benjamin **the son of Jacob**;

1A) 35:16B And there was still some way to come to EPHRATH;

1B) 35:16C-18A And Rachel travailed, and she had hard labor. 17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her: Fear not; for this also is a son for you. 18 And it came to pass, as her soul was departing—for SHE DIED—;

1C) 35:18B That she called his name BEN-ONI;

2C) 35:18C But his father called him BENJAMIN;

2B) 35:19A And RACHEL DIED;

2A) 35:19B-20 And was buried in the way to EPHRATH—the same is Bethlehem. 20 And Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave; the same is the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day;

2a) 35:21 And *Israel journeyed*, and spread his tent beyond Migdal-eder;

central axis) 35:22a And it came to pass, while Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard of it; {p}

2a) 35:22b-26 The **sons of Jacob** were twelve;

1a) 35:22b Now *the sons of Jacob* were twelve;

1b) 35:23-24 *The sons of Leah*: Reuben, Jacob's first-born, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun; 24 *the sons of Rachel*: Joseph and Benjamin;

2b) 35:25-26a And *the sons of* Bilhah, *Rachel's handmaid*: Dan and Naphtali; 26 and *the sons of* Zilpah, *Leah's handmaid*: Gad and Asher;

2a) 35:26b These are *the sons of Jacob*, that were born to him in Paddanaram;

**2B) 35:27-29** And **JACOB CAME TO ISAAC** his father to Mamre, to Kiriatharba—the same is Hebron—where Abraham and Isaac sojourned. **28** And the days of Isaac were a hundred and eighty years. **29** And Isaac expired, and died, and was gathered to his people, old and full of days; and Esau and Jacob his sons buried him; {p}

**2A) 36:1-43 ESAU IN SEIR**, the country of Edom; {s+p+p}

**1a) 36:1-19** The **generations of Esau—Esau is Edom**; {s}

**1a) 36:1** Now these are *the generations of Esau—the same is Edom*;

**1b) 36:2-5a** Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zib-eon the Hivite, **3** and Basemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebaioth. **4** And Adah bore to Esau Eliphaz; and Basemath bore Reuel; **5** and Oholibamah bore Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah [i.e., *Esau's wives and sons*];

**1c) 36:5b** These are *the sons of Esau*, that were born to him in the land of Canaan;

**1d) 36:6** And *Esau* took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the souls of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his possessions, which he had gathered in the land of Canaan; and *went into a land away from his brother Jacob*;

*central axis) 36:7 For their substance was too great for them to dwell together; and the land of their sojournings could not bear them because of their cattle*;

**2d) 36:8** And *Esau dwelt in the mountain-land of Seir*—Esau is Edom;

**2c) 36:9** And these are *the generations of Esau* the father of the Edomites in the mountain-land of Seir;

**2b) 36:10-18** These are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau. **11** And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. **12** And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bore to Eliphaz Amalek. These are the sons of Adah Esau's wife. **13** And these are the sons of Reuel: Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath Esau's wife. **14** And these were the sons of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zib-eon, Esau's wife; and she bore to Esau Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. **15** These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the first-born of Esau: the chief of Teman, the chief of Omar, the chief of Zepho, the chief of Kenaz, **16** the chief of Korah, the chief of Gatam, the chief of Amalek. These are the chiefs that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. These are the sons of Adah. **17** And these are the sons of Reuel Esau's son: the chief of Nahath, the chief of Zerah, the chief of Shammah, the chief of Mizzah. These are the chiefs that came of Reuel in the land of Edom. These are the sons of Basemath Esau's wife. **18** And these are the sons of Oholibamah Esau's wife: the chief of Jeush, the chief of Jalam, the chief of Korah. These are the chiefs that came of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife [i.e., the *sons of Esau's wives*];

**2a) 36:19** These are *the sons of Esau*, and these are their chiefs; *the same is Edom*; {s}

central axis) **36:20-30** The generations of the Horites, who inhabited Seir; {p}

1a) **36:20a** These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land;

1b) **36:20b-21a** Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah, 21 and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan [i.e., the names of the sons of Seir];

1c) **36:21b** These are the chiefs that came of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom;

1d) **36:22-24a** And the children of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna. 23 And these are the children of Shobal: Alvan and Manahath and Ebal, Shepho and Onam. 24 And these are the children of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah;

central axis) **36:24b** This is Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he fed the donkeys of Zibeon his father;

2d) **36:25-28** And these are the children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah. 26 And these are the children of Dishon: Hemdan and Eshban and Ithran and Cheran. 27 These are the children of Ezer: Bilhan and Zaavan and Akan. 28 These are the children of Dishan: Uz and Aran;

2c) **36:29a** These are the chiefs that came of the Horites;

2b) **36:29b-30a** The chief of Lotan, the chief of Shobal, the chief of Zibeon, the chief of Anah, 30 the chief of Dishon, the chief of Ezer, the chief of Dishan [i.e., the names of the chiefs of the Horites];

2a) **36:30b** These are the chiefs that came of the Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir; {p}

2a) **36:31-43** The kings and chiefs of Edom—Esau is the father of the Edomites; {p}

1a) **36:31** And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel;

1b) **36:32-39** And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom; and the name of his city was Dinhabah. 33 And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. 34 And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. 35 And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Be-dad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead; and the name of his city was Avith. 36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. 37 And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the River reigned in his stead. 38 And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. 39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his stead; and the name of the city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-zahab [i.e., the kings of Edom listed by name];

central axis) **36:40a** And these are the names of the chiefs that came of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names;

2b) **36:40b-43a** The chief of Timna, the chief of Alvah, the chief of Jetheth; 41 the chief of Oholibamah, the chief of Elah, the chief of Pinon; 42 the chief of Kenaz, the chief of Teman, the chief of Mibzar; 43 the chief of Magdiel, the chief of Iram [i.e., the chiefs of Esau listed by name];

2a) **36:43b** These are the chiefs of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession. This is Esau the father of the Edomites. {p}