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We have here Jacob still upon his journey toward Canaan. Never did so many memorable things occur in any march as in this of Jacob's little family. Along the way, he meets with good tidings from his brother, to whom he sent a message to notify his return. He divides his company; he makes his prayer to God, and sends a present to his brother. And then he wrestles with the angel – Matthew Henry.

Jacob returns to Canaan.

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 his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

⁴ He commanded them, saying, Thus you will say to my lord Esau; I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:

⁵ and I have oxen, and asses, flocks and male and female 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 he comes to meet you, and four hundred men with him.

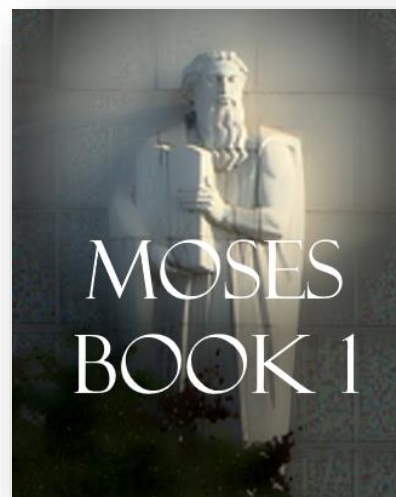
⁷ Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people who were with him, and the flocks, and herds, and camels, into two companies;

⁸ for If Esau comes to one of the companies, and attacks it, then the company that is left will escape.

⁹ And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, Return to your country, and to your kinsman, and I will prosper you:

¹⁰ I am unworthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which you have shown to your servant; for only with my staff I crossed over this Jordan; and now I became two companies.

¹¹ Deliver me, I pray you, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he comes and attacks me, and the mothers with the children.




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¹² And you said, I will surely prosper, **and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.**

 ¹³ So he spent the night there; and he took from what he had with him, a present for his brother Esau;

¹⁴ two hundred female goats, and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams,

 ¹⁵ Thirty milking camels and their colts, forty cows, and ten bulls, twenty female asses, and ten males.

¹⁶ And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every herd by themselves; and said to his servants, Pass on before me, and put a space between herd and herd.

¹⁷ And he commanded one in front, saying, When my brother Esau meets you, and asks you, saying, To whom do you belong? and where are you going? and whose are these in front of you?

¹⁸ then you will say, They belong to your servant Jacob; it is a present sent to my lord Esau: and, behold, also he is behind us.

¹⁹ And he commanded also the second and the third, and all who followed the herds, saying, after this manner you will speak to Esau, when you find him;

²⁰ and you will say, Behold, your servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goes before me. Then afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me.


²¹ So the present passed on before him: while he spent the night in the camp.

²² Now he arose that same night, and took his two wives, and his two maids, and his eleven sons, and crossed the ford of Jabbok.

²³ And he took them, and sent them across the brook, and sent across whatever he had.

 ²⁴ Then Jacob was alone; **and a man wrestled with him until the daybreak.**

²⁵ And when he saw that he did not prevail against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated, while he wrestled with him.

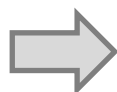
 ²⁶ And he said, Let me go, for the dawn is breaking. And he said, I will not let you go, except you bless me.

²⁷ And he said to him, What is your name? And he said, **Jacob** / the lying scoundrel.

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²⁸ And he said, Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but **Israel**: for as a prince have you power with God and with men, and hast prevailed / **ruled by God**

²⁹ Then Jacob asked him and said, Tell me, please, what is your name? And he said, Why is it that you ask my name? And he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob named the place Peniel: for he said, I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.

³¹ Now the sun rose on him as he crossed over Penuel, **and he limped on his thigh**.

³² Therefore to this day, the children of Israel do not eat the sinew of the hip which in on the socket of the thigh: because He touched the socket of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

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