

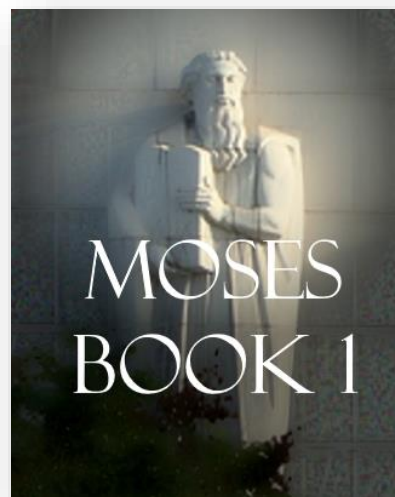
GENESIS 33 vs 1

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We read in the previous chapter, how Jacob had power with God, and prevailed at Mahanaim – two armies. Here we find what power he had with men, too, and how his brother Esau was pacified, and suddenly reconciled to him; for it is written, when a man's way is pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him – Proverbs 16. Here is a very friendly meeting between Jacob and Esau – Matthew Henry.

Jacob and Esau reconcile.



¹ And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children to Leah, and to Rachel, and to the two handmaids.

² And he put the maids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindmost.

³ And he 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.

⁵ And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Whose are those? And he said, The children which God has graciously given your servant.

⁶ Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

⁷ And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

⁸ And he said, What do you mean by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.

⁹ And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that you have to thyself.

¹⁰ And Jacob said, Nay, I pray you, if now I have found grace in your sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen your face, as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me.

¹¹ Take, I pray you, my blessing 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.

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¹² And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before you.

¹³ And he said to him, My lord knows that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

¹⁴ Let my lord, I pray you, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goes before me and the children be able to endure, until I come to my lord to Seir.

¹⁵ And Esau said, Let me now leave you some of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needs it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

¹⁶ So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

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.

¹⁸ And Jacob came to a city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched his tent before the city.

¹⁹ And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred pieces of money.

²⁰ And he erected there an altar, and called it El-elohe-Israel.

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