

Timeline of Truth – Jacob and Esau Meet (Gen 33:1-20)

<p>¹ Now Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and there, Esau was coming, and with him were four hundred men.</p>	<p>1. What Jacob Saw</p>
<p>So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two maidservants. ² And he put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children behind, and Rachel and Joseph last.</p>	<p>2. What Jacob Did</p>
<p>³ Then he crossed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.</p>	<p>3. Jacob Approaches First</p>
<p>⁴ But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.</p>	<p>4. Esau’s Surprising Greeting</p>
<p>⁵ And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, "Who <i>are</i> these with you?" So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." ⁶ Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and bowed down. ⁷ And Leah also came near with her children, and they bowed down. Afterward Joseph and Rachel came near, and they bowed down.</p>	<p>5. Jacob Introduces His Family to Esau</p>
<p>⁸ Then Esau said, "What <i>do you mean</i> by all this company which I met?" And he said, "<i>These are</i> to find favor in the sight of my lord." ⁹ But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." ¹⁰ And Jacob said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me. ¹¹ "Please, take my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." So he urged him, and he took <i>it</i>.</p>	<p>6. Jacob Confirms His Gifts to Esau</p>
<p>¹² Then Esau said, "Let us take our journey; let us go, and I will go before you." ¹³ But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children <i>are</i> weak, and the flocks and herds which are nursing <i>are</i> with me. And if the men should drive them hard one day, all the flock will die. ¹⁴ "Please let my lord go on ahead before his servant. I will lead on slowly at a pace which the livestock that go before me, and the children, are able to endure, until I come to my lord in Seir."</p>	<p>7. Esau’s First Offer of Help</p>
<p>¹⁵ And Esau said, "Now let me leave with you <i>some</i> of the people who <i>are</i> with me." But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord." ¹⁶ So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. [<i>“hairy”</i>]</p>	<p>8. Esau’s Second Offer of Help</p>
<p>¹⁷ And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth. ¹⁸ Then Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which <i>is</i> in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan Aram; and he pitched his tent before the city. ¹⁹ And he bought the parcel of land, where he had pitched his tent, from the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money. ²⁰ Then he erected an altar there and called it El Elohe Israel.</p>	<p>9. Jacob’s Continued Travels</p>

