

Questions for Genesis Chapters 32 and 33

Please answer these questions without any source except your Bible (no commentary, Bible margin notes, etc.)

Pray before you do the questions and ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word.

Think about these questions. They are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word.

Have fun! Enjoy your time with God and His word.

1. a) Who was Jacob planning to meet in ch. 32:3? b) How had their relationship ended 20 years ago?

2. Jacob seemed to have great fear and distress in ch. 32:7. What did he do according to vs. 7-21 to alleviate his fear?

3. a) What fear do you have right now? b) How are you choosing to handle it? Jacob claimed God's words to help him. c) What verses do you claim from God's word to help you in fearful times? If you have no verses, look up Psalm 34:6-9; II Chronicles 20:15-17; and Philippians 4:6-7.

4. a) Who was traveling with Jacob according to ch. 32:1? b) Who was traveling with Esau? c) Who do you think was the safest and why?

5. a) With whom did Jacob wrestle in ch. 32:22-32? b) Do you think Jacob was the stronger? Why or why not? c) What was Jacob's new name?

6. a) What is the spiritual significance for you in this wrestling with God scene? b) What does it teach you?

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7. a) How did Jacob line up his family to encounter Esau? b) What does this line up say about Jacob's feelings for them? c) How have you responded to being the favored or non-favored in your family?

8. What do you think Jacob's bowing seven times while approaching his brother represented in ch. 33:3?

9. How did Esau respond to Jacob? Was this a surprise to you and why?

10. What relationship needs to be restored in your life? Read I Peter 3:9; Psalm 139:24; Matthew 5:23 and Galatians 6:1. Do any of these passages convict you, instruct you or challenge you and why?

11. What happens in ch. 33 to let you know that deception was still part of Jacob's way of life?