

JACOB'S JOURNEY THROUGH CANAAN

Genesis 33:16 - 36:43

After their momentous meeting near Peniel, Esau returned to Mt. Seir, and Jacob began a slow journey through the land of Canaan toward his father Isaac's home. Notice now the places where he went, locate each place on a map, and notice what happened at each place:

A. The Journey Begun: Read Genesis 33:16-34:31

1. What did Jacob do at Succoth, his first stop on the journey? Genesis 33:17

2. What two things did he do at Shechem?
 - a. Genesis 33:19a _____
 - b. Genesis 33:20 _____
3. Which of his children became involved in a terrible sin there? Genesis 34:2

4. When the men of that place offered to make marriages with them (Genesis 34:8-14), on what condition did they agree to do this? Genesis 34:15-17

5. After the men of Shechem had carried out their part of the agreement, which two sons of Jacob took revenge on the men of that city, and how?
Genesis 34:25-29

6. Because of this, what did Jacob fear the people of the land would do to him? Genesis 34:30

B. The Journey Continued: Read Genesis 35:1-26

1. About this time, Who intervened in the life of Jacob? Genesis 35:1a

2. What two things did He tell him to do? Genesis 35:1b
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
3. What two things did Jacob compel his family to do before they again began their journey? Genesis 35:2-4

4. What prevented the people of the land from pursuing Jacob, as he had feared they would do? Genesis 35:5

5. What three things did God then do for Jacob? Genesis 35:9-12
 - a. (two items) _____
 - b. _____
 - c. of what do verses 11, 12 remind you? _____
6. What did Jacob then do? Genesis 35:14, 15

7. What two events occurred when they were near Ephrath, or Bethlehem? Genesis 35:16-20

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8. Where did Jacob go next? Genesis 35:21

9. Which of his sons committed a terrible sin there? Genesis 35:22

C. The Journey Completed: Read Genesis 35:27-29

1. At what city did Jacob and his family at last arrive? Genesis 35:27

2. Who was there to greet them? Genesis 35:27a

3. Why do you suppose Rebekah is not mentioned as being there? (*THINK!*)

4. Had she kept her promise to send for Jacob as soon as Esau's wrath had subsided?
Genesis 27:43-45

5. Why do you suppose this was so?

6. Evidently, what happened shortly after Jacob had arrived home again? Genesis 35:29

7. Where did Esau and all his family go to live after this? Genesis 36:6, 8a

8. Why did the brothers have to separate? Genesis 36:7

9. Of whom did Esau become the father? Genesis 36:9a

10. What two kinds of rulers were among Esau's descendants?
Genesis 36:15a, 31

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was this a completely happy homecoming for Jacob? What do you suppose caused so much sorrow in his life, and in the lives of his children? If he had turned to God earlier, might things have been any different?

2. How long will I wait before I give myself completely to God? Will that be too late to assure a full measure of God's blessing and happiness for my own life, and the lives of my children? (See Ecclesiastes 12:1)
