

Family Ups and Downs **Genesis 33-36**

I. Reunion with Esau – 33:1-16

1. In one sense nothing has changed – 1-3
Esau still coming toward him with 400 men - 1
Jacob follows the plan he had made – 2, 3
But all has changed because God is in control
2. Esau runs to meet & warmly greet him – 4-7
He meets all of Jacob's family
3. Jacob insists on giving Esau his gift – 8-11
4. Jacob declines Esau's offer – 12-15
5. They go their separate ways – 16-17
Esau returns to his home

II. Jacob Settles in Canaan – 33:17-34:31

1. Jacob settles in Succoth – 33:17-20
He pitched his tent toward the city - 18
He bought a parcel of land -19
He erected an altar & worshipped God
Called it "God, the God of Israel"
2. Daughter Dinah attracted to the city – 34:1
Like Lot Jacob's choice will affect his family
3. She is sexually defiled by a man there – 2
He is a young prince named Shechem
4. He desires marriage with Dinah – 3, 4
Wants his father to arrange for this marriage
5. Jacob heard but waited for sons return – 5
He remains silent
6. Shechem's father approaches Jacob – 6
He tries to make a marriage agreement
7. Jacob's sons are very angry - 7
8. The sons lay down a prerequisite – 8-17
All the men of the city must be circumcised
9. Hamor presents to men of the city – 18-24
Intermarriage can bring gain for us - 23
10. After circumcision they are killed – 25-29
Simeon & Levi slaughter all men of the city
They take all the possessions of the city
11. Jacob's response to his sons – 30-31
He realizes he can no longer stay in that place

III. Back to Bethel – 35:1-15

1. God directs Jacob to return to Bethel – 35:1
Place where God appeared & Jacob vowed
2. Going back means putting away idols – 2-4
Time to put away idols and be cleansed
Time to rebuild the altar of the Lord
His family & servants gave up all their idols
3. God protects them from retaliation – 5, 6
Fear of God kept people from pursuing them
4. Jacob rebuilds God's altar at Bethel – 7
He renames it "the God of the house of God"

5. God appears to Jacob with a blessing – 9-13
He is finally back, out of Padanaram - 9
God reaffirms his new name is Israel - 10
God reaffirms His covenant promises – 11
God reaffirms His gift of the land to Jacob – 12
6. Jacob builds memorial & worships – 14,15
God is now truly Jacob's God

IV. The Sorrows of Life – 35:16-29

1. Back with God, not exempt from sorrow
Sorrow and death are a part of this life
2. Death of a beloved wife – 16-20
Rachel dies in childbirth – Benjamin is born
3. Disgraceful act of Jacob's son – 21, 22
Reuben has sex with his father's concubine
4. Jacob's sons are listed – 23-26
Listed with the mother who gave birth to them
5. Death of an aged father – 27-29
Jacob sees his father before he dies

V. Generations of Esau – 36:1-43

1. Esau is son of Isaac, not forgotten by God
2. Esau intermarried with Canaanites – 2
3. He left Canaan to separate from Jacob – 6-9
He became the father of Edomites
4. Esau's descendants will oppose Israel
Amalek – 36:12 note Exodus 17:8-16
Edom opposed Israel's march to Canaan
Numbers 20:14-21
Fought against Saul & David
1 Samuel 14:47; 1 Kings 11:15,16