

“Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel.”

Introduction: “Genesis 32 resumes the story of the Esau conflict, left unresolved in 27:45. In that verse, Jacob fled for his life, empty-handed. Now by the command of God (31:13) he returns to Esau and the land as a prosperous man...The continuity of this text is with 27:1-45. In the intervening materials, nothing has changed in his relationship to his brother. On the one hand, Jacob is still estranged from Esau. On the other hand, he is blessed by God.” - Walter Brueggemann, *Genesis*

Psalm 20:1, “May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!”

Hosea 12:4, “He [Jacob] strove with the angel and prevailed; he wept and sought his favor.”

Outline:

I. Jacob's CAMP (32:1-21)

- A. Mahanaim = TWO CAMPS
- B. Communication with ESAU (32:3-8)
 - 1. Esau is coming with 400 men.
- C. Jacob PRAYS (32:9-12)
 - 1. 3 Aspects of Jacob's prayer:
 - a) HUMILITY
 - b) PETITIONS
 - c) REMINDING God of his promises.
- D. Jacob PAYS (32:13-21)

II. Jacob's COMPETITION (32:22-32)

- A. Who is this man?
- B. Why does this happen at night?
- C. What's with the thigh?
- D. Did Jacob ever really see God's face?
- E. What does Israel mean?