

Genesis 31:27-55

V27-30

V30 – Why did you steal my gods? Hilarious/Sad @ same time!

Psalm 96:5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the Lord made the heavens.

* **Pictures of Idols/gods**

V31-50

V50 – Why do we do what is right? Because man there?

* If for no other reason, let me give you a couple:

1 Thessalonians 2:4-5 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness— God is witness.

Proverbs 5:21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, And He ponders all his paths.

Hebrews 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Genesis 32

V1-3

Map – Mahanaim/Edom

V4-21

* What's going on? V7 Afraid/Distressed, V11 Deliver me/Attack, V20 Appease him...

* **“Four hundred men** under the leadership of the wild man from Edom could be dangerous” (Wycliffe Bible Commentary)

* Not only Rebekah feeling effects of deception/lies 20+ years ago!

* Why harping on this??? Emphasis Bible places on things!

V22-32

* “Wrestling for a Blessing,” “Jacob Wrestles with an Angel,”

“Can a Man Whip God?” “Wrestling with God”

1. Who did he wrestle with? V24/Man; V28/God; V30/God

Exodus 33:20 But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.”

Hosea 12:2-4 Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed.

2. Name Change – Jacob (heel catcher) to Israel (Prince w/God)

Genesis 32:28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. From “sarah” (saw/raw) =contend with & “el” = “god”

3. Still Dietary Law – Part/Porging/making Kosher – sciatic nerve out

Chapter 33

V1-5

V5 – The children who God has graciously given your servant!

V6-17

* “Israel” still has a little “Jacob” in him – Deceives/Lies to Esau

V14 Go ahead “until I come to my lord in Seir”

V16 So Esau returned to Seir

V17 Jacob journeyed to Succoth

V18 Jacob came safely to Shechem in Canaan

* Maybe he meant until ‘some day’ when I come to visit you

* Maybe he really knew he should return to Canaan – God told him to But afraid to tell Esau????

V18-20

V20 Called the altar “El Elohe Israel” = God God of Israel