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Chapters 31-41

Jacob Flees with His Family

(Read 31:1-7 and 31:17-31) What are household gods? (Note 31:19)

Laban and Jacob Make a Covenant

(Read 31:22-24 and 31:43-44) How and why were ancient covenants made? (Note 31:43-55)

Jacob Sends Gifts to Appease Esau

(Read 32:3-5) Where is the land of Seir? (Note 32:3) Why does Jacob refer to himself as a servant and Esau as a Lord? (Note 32:4)

Jacob Wrestles at Peniel

(Read 32:22-28) What happened to Jacob at Peniel? (Note 32:22-32)

Jacob and Esau Meet

(Read 33:1-4) How did Jacob foresee the reunion and what actually happened? (Note 33:1-14)

Jacob Comes to Shechem

(Read 33:18-20) What is the significance of Jacob stopping in Shechem? (Note 33:18)

Shechem Defiles Dinah

(Read 34:1-7 and 34:13-24) Who went out of the gate of the city? (Note 34:24)

(Read 34:25-31) Who are Simeon and Levi? (Note 34:25)

Jacob Returns to Bethel

(Read 35:9-12) How do the words spoken to Jacob, parallel those spoken earlier to Abraham? (Note 35:9-12)

The Birth of Benjamin and the Death of Rachel

(Read 35:16-19) Who was Jacob's last son and where was he born? (Note 35:18)

(Read 35:22) Why does Reuben sleep with Jacob's concubine? (Note 35:22)

Esau's Descendants

(Read 36:6-8) Where did Esau settle his family? (Note36:7)

Joseph Dreams of Greatness

(Read Note 37:1-50:26) (Read 37:1-4) What was the relationship between Jacob and Joseph? (Note 37:3)

Joseph is Sold by His Brothers

(Read 37:5-11 and 12-28) How does the conspiracy to kill Joseph unfold? (Note 37:18-28) What is the price paid for a slave? (Note 37:28)

(Read 37:29-33) How is the plan to deceive Jacob soaked with irony? (Note 37:31)

Judah and Tamar

(Read Note 38:1-30) (Read 38:1-11) Does Judah avoid intermarriage with the Canaanites? (Note 38:2)

What was the custom of levirate marriage in ancient Semitic society? (Note 38:8)

Why was the spilling of Onan's seed considered a grave sin? (Note 38:9)

(Read 38:12-16 and 38:24-26) Why was Tamar more in the right than Judah? (Note 38:26)

(Read 38:27-30) What does the Hebrew word "Perez" mean? (Note 38:29)

Joseph and Potiphar's Wife

(Read 39:1-20) Why was the punishment levied on Joseph less than what was called for? (Note 39:20)

The Dreams of Two Prisoners

(Read 40:1-15) What is the fate of the chief butler and the baker? (Note 40:13) (Read 40:16-23)

Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dream

(Read Note 41:1-57) (Read 41:1-14) What was the difference in custom for facial hair between the Egyptians and the Hebrews? (Note 41:14)

(Read 41:13-32) What is the meaning of the doubling of the dreams? (Note 41:32)

Joseph's Rise to Power in Egypt

(Read 41:33-45) What kind of position is Joseph appointed to? (Note 41:39-44)

Who does Joseph marry? (Note 41:45). (Read 41:46-52) How many sons did Joseph have? (Note 41:51-52)