

Genesis 33

- 1) What is significant about how Jacob arranged his wives ahead of Esau's approach?
- 2) Why did Jacob "bow seven times?"
- 3) To the surprise of all, what was Esau's attitude and behavior upon meeting Jacob?
 - a. Looking back into chapter 32, to what can Esau's actions be attributed?
- 4) Who did Jacob credit for his children?
- 5) How did Esau respond to the gift offer?
 - a. What did this response say about Esau's own physical and financial situation?
 - b. What did Esau ultimately do with regard to Jacob's gift?
- 6) Esau offered to accompany Jacob on his journey:
 - a. What reason did Jacob give for this being unnecessary?
 - b. Given the past, and the very different backgrounds of the brothers, what other possible reason might Jacob had for declining Esau's offer?
- 7) What did Jacob do at Succoth?
- 8) What did Jacob purchase at Shechem, and what is significant about his buying it *there*?
- 9) What is the meaning of the name of the altar that Jacob built at Shechem?