

I. Genesis 31

- A. The relationship between Laban and Jacob grew hostile and God told Jacob to return home
- B. Jacob left with all that belonged to him (while Rachel took Laban's household idol's) and it took Laban 3 days to realize they were gone and another 7 to catch up with them
- C. Laban was upset and Jacob was afraid of what he would do / after they quarreled about who took the idol (it was hiding under Rachel) they made an agreement
- D. They built a monument as a boundary line for the two families in Mizpah of Gilead

II. Genesis 32

- A. As they continued home Jacob was greeted by numerous angels / He sent messengers ahead to tell Esau that he was coming home
- B. Esau responded that he would meet Jacob with 400 men, which scared Jacob into splitting up his family just in case there was a massacre
- C. In vs. 9-10 Jacob prays to "the God of his fathers" / He makes reference with crossing Jordan with only his staff
- D. Jacob tries to send gifts to his brother and waits the night
- E. God shows up and wrestles with Jacob all night / he touches his hip and dislocates it / Jacob asks for a blessing
- F. God changes his name to Israel / place is named Peniel or Penuel

III. Genesis 33

- A. Jacob sees Esau and bows down 7 times, but Esau forgives Jacob
- B. Jacob moves to a place called Succoth and makes booths for his animals and lives here near Shechem
- C. Jacob worships the true living God

IV. Genesis 34

- A. While living near the Hivites, the prince named Shechem raped Israel's daughter Dinah
- B. Shechem then told his dad to make a deal with Israel's family so he could marry Dinah
- C. The brothers were furious, but agreed to a covenant if all the males of the Hivites were circumcised
- D. The males did it and on the third day, while they were in pain from the circumcision Levi and Simeon went into the city and killed every man in vengeance for their sister and took Dinah home
- E. This brought trouble on the house of Jacob

V. Genesis 35

- A. God told Jacob to arise and go to Bethel
- B. Jacob ordered everyone to cleanse themselves of idols and start fresh worshipping God
- C. God spoke to Jacob at Bethel reaffirming the covenant and Jacob renamed Bethel, El Bethel meaning "God of the House of God"
- D. Rueben slept with his step mom and Rachel died giving birth to Benjamin

VI. Genesis 36

- A. Esau's family becomes too large to live with Jacob's and so he moves south and becomes the father of the Edomites
- B. The Edomites had kings way before Israel ever did

VII. Genesis 37 (Around 1900 BC)

- A. Joseph is about 17 and a big tattle tale
- B. However his father loves him best and makes him a beautiful robe to wear
- C. Joseph begins to have dreams / Everyone is collecting wheat in the field and the wheat stands up straight and everybody's wheat bows down to his / In another dream the sun, moon, and 11 stars all bow down to him
- D. Joseph went to check on his brothers in the field and as he was approaching they made a plan to kill him
- E. Some brothers disagreed so they threw him in a pit instead, when a caravan of Ishmaelites came by the brothers agreed to sell him into slavery and make a profit (20 pieces of silver (8 ounces) / worth about \$150 today)
- F. They took his coat, smeared blood from a dead animal on it and told Israel that Jacob had been eaten by a wild animal

VIII. Genesis 38 (fast forward about 2 years)

- A. Sounds like a made for TV movie
- B. Judah married Shua they had three boys / Judah married Er (the oldest) to a girl named Tamar, however Er was evil and God killed him before they had kids
- C. Judah tried to get Er's brother to give her children but he didn't and God killed him too
- D. The third brother Shelah grew older and was never given to Tamar for children so Tamar dressed like a prostitute and slept with Judah, taking his ring and staff as collateral for payment
- E. When payment came, she was nowhere to be found / months later Tamar turns up pregnant and Judah finds out it's his children
- F. Tamar gives birth to twins

IX. Genesis 39 (Rewind back to Joseph)

- A. Joseph was sold to a man named Potiphar and was blessed / Joseph was placed in control over Potiphar's whole house
- B. Potiphar's wife was very impressed with Joseph and wanted to sleep with him
- C. Joseph declined but one day she grabbed him and forced him to sleep with her, he ran as his clothes tore off
- D. Potiphar's wife falsely accused Joseph of trying to rape her and Joseph was thrown in prison where he gains favor again

X. Genesis 40

- A. Joseph was doing time with the Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker
- B. One night both of the guys had dreams / the next morning Joseph offered to interpret them, since that gift was from God
- C. Cupbearer's dream
 - 1. 3 vines grew up in front of him bursting with grapes / he squeezed the grapes into the cup and handed it to Pharaoh
 - a) Joseph said that in 3 days Pharaoh would restore the cupbearer to his job
 - b) Joseph asked the cupbearer to put in a good word to Pharaoh for him

D. Baker's dream

1. 3 baskets of white bread were sitting on his head and in the top basket were all sorts of baked goods for Pharaoh / The birds were eating the goods out of the basket on his head

a) Joseph said that in 3 days Pharaoh would hang the baker and the birds would eat his flesh

E. In 3 days everything Joseph said came true and the cupbearer forgot about Joseph