

Genesis 32:22 - 32 Jacob Struggles with God

I. Jacob moves his household across the river vv 22-23

- A. Moves family across Jabbok v 22
- B. Moves the rest v 23

II. Jacob alone on North side of river, struggles w/ God vv 24-32

- A. Jacob alone, wrestles w. man until dawn v 24
 - 1. Who is this man?
 - 2. Wrestled (abag) [Hos 12:3-5](#)
- B. Pronouns of v 25,
 - 1. He #1 , the man
 - 2. He # 2 , the man
 - 3. Him #1 Jacob
 - 4. He #3, the man
 - 5. His #1, Jacob ('s thigh)
 - 6. He #4, Jacob
 - 7. Him #2, the man
- C. Man dislocates Jacob's thigh, but struggle doesn't end v 25
- D. The dawn is breaking v 26
 - 1. Man says to let him go
 - 2. Jacob will not; wants a blessing!
- E. The man asks Jacob's name and changes it! v 27-28
 - 1. The man:
 - a) power to grant a blessing v 29
 - b) Power to change Jacob's name v 28
 - c) Hosea identified Him in 12:3-5
 - d) Jacob knows who He was as shown in place name v 30
 - 2. Changes Jacob's name to Israel (strives with God, fighting Prince of God) v28
 - 3. Reason that He changed his name, striven w/ God and w/ men *and prevailed!*
- F. Names of man and the location vv 29-30
 - 1. Man (God) doesn't give name, asks why do *you* ask my name? V 29
 - 2. Man does grant Jacob a blessing v 29
 - 3. Location: Peniel (face of God) v 30
 - 4. Reason: I have seen God face to face *yet survived* v 30, [Ex 33:18-20](#), [1 Ti 6:13-16](#)
- G. Jacob crosses Jabbok at Penuel vv 31-32
 - 1. Limping, then and from then on v 31
 - 2. To this day (Moses' day) Israel doesn't eat the sinew of the hip v 32
 - a) Not commanded in scripture, not from God
 - b) Is a requirement in the Talmud (commentary on scripture)

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Genesis 32:22–32 (LSB)

- 22 And he arose that same night and took his two wives and his two servant-women and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.
- 23 And he took them and sent them across the stream. And he sent across whatever he had.
- 24 Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of dawn.
- 25 And he saw that he had not prevailed against him, so he touched the socket of his thigh; and so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him.
- 26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."
- 27 So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."
- 28 Then He said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed."
- 29 Then Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And he blessed him there.
- 30 So Jacob named the place Peniel, for *he said*, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been delivered."
- 31 And the sun rose upon him just as he crossed over Penuel, and he was limping on his thigh.
- 32 Therefore, to this day the sons of Israel do not eat the sinew of the hip which is on the socket of the thigh because he touched the socket of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

Hosea 12:3–5 (LSB)

- 3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel,
And in his maturity he wrestled with God.
- 4 Indeed, he wrestled with the angel and prevailed;
He wept and sought His favor.
He found Him at Bethel,
And there He spoke with us,
- 5 Even Yahweh, the God of hosts,
Yahweh is His *name* of remembrance.

Exodus 33:18–20 (LSB)

- 18 Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!"
- 19 And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of Yahweh before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."
- 20 But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"

1 Timothy 6:13–16 (LSB)

- 13 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate,
- 14 that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 15 which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
- 16 who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him *be* honor and eternal might! Amen.