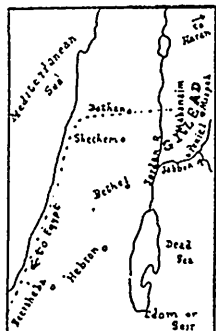


...thy name, etc. What need? He knew Him by what He had done. The name of the angel was to be kept secret, as in Judg. 13: 18. **Peniel**; the face of God". **Seen God face to face.** He now knew God as never before, and was ready to trust Him fully. **My life is preserved.** It seemed to Jacob a wonder that he could come through such an experience and live (compare Ex 33: 20).

## THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

The river JABBOK is an eastern tributary of the Jordan flowing into it about 25 miles north of the Dead Sea, after a course,



not including the windings, of 60 miles. **PENIEL** was probably a prominent ridge near the Jabbok. To reach this river from Haran, Jacob had to travel about 400 miles, with the large caravan made up of his wives and sons and daughters, and the herds and flocks he had acquired while in Haran. His route southward from Damascus lay through Bashan and Gilead, districts on the

eastern side of the Jordan. Notable places on the way were MIZRAIM, where the covenant was made between Jacob and Laban (Gen. 31: 43-55), and MAHANAIM, where Jacob had a vision of angels, Gen. 32: 1, 2. The region from which Esau had come to meet Jacob was the land of SEIR or EDOM, to the south of the Dead Sea, some 80 or 90 miles from the Jabbok.

## AN ORIENTAL SIDELIGHT

"Jacob did not miscalculate the influence of his princely offerings," says Dr. Thomson in, *The Land and the Book*, "and I verily believe there is not an emir or sheikh in all Gilead at this day who would not be appeased by such presents; and, from my personal knowledge of Orientals, I should say that Jacob need not have been in such terror, following in their rear. Far less will now 'make room,' as Solomon says, for any offender, however atrocious, and bring him before great men with acceptance."

## LESSON QUESTIONS

How far was Haran from Beersheba? How long did Jacob live in Haran? Who became his wives? Whither was Jacob now returning? At whose command? Of whom was he in fear?

**9, 10** To whom did he look for help? By what titles does he address God? Give a reason for this. Name two features that mark true prayer. To what worldly position had Jacob now attained? Have we any ground for fear, when God is on our side? (Rom. 8: 31.)

**11, 12** What divine promise does Jacob plead? How has God confirmed His promise of salvation? (Heb. 6: 17, 18.)

**22-25** How had Jacob sought to disarm Esau's anger? Why did he now make haste to reach his brother? Where was Jacob left alone? Who wrestled with him? How long did the struggle continue before Jacob yielded? What at last compelled him to yield? What does Isaiah say about striving with God? (Isa. 45: 9.)

**26-30** To what was Jacob's name changed? What does the new name mean? To whom does the risen Lord promise a new name? (Rev. 2: 17.)

## FOR DISCUSSION

1. Which was the nobler character—Esau or Jacob?
2. Resolved,—That the world's greatest men have been its men of faith.

## A LESSON FOR LIFE

Energy, shrewdness, industry, perseverance—these qualities in Jacob's character we do well to imitate. But unless God is our Pilot, the faster and longer we sail, the further we shall get from the course that leads to the safe and happy haven. There is no fear of wreck or loss, when He has charge of the ship.

**Prove from Scripture—That Christians are kings.**

**Shorter Catechism—Ques. 52.** *What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?* A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

**The Question on Missions—2.** How large is our mission field in Honan? Our mission occupies only about one-fourth of the whole province. Its population is said to be over six millions, and no other Protestant missionaries work in it but those from the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Why did Jacob fear Esau? .....

2. How did God reveal His power to Jacob? .....

3. How did Jacob show his faith in God? .....