

### Lesson III.

## JACOB'S MEETING WITH ESAU

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Genesis 33 : 1-15. Study Genesis 32 : 3 to 33 : 17. Read Genesis, chs. 32 to 34. Commit to memory vs. 10, 11.

**GOLDEN TEXT**—Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you.—Ephesians 4 : 32 (Rev. Ver.).

1 And Ja'cob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, E'sau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Le'ah, and unto Ra'chel, and unto the two handmaids.

2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Le'ah and her children after, and Ra'chel and Jo'seph hindermost.

3 And he<sup>1</sup> passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 And E'sau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him : and they wept.

5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children ; and said, *Who are* <sup>s</sup> those with thee ? And he said, Thy children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

6 Then the <sup>3</sup> handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

7 And Le'ah also : with her children came near, and bowed themselves : and after came Jo'seph near and Ra'chel, and they bowed themselves.

8 And he said, What *meanest* thou by all this? <sup>9</sup>drove which I met? And he said, <sup>10</sup>*These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.*

**Revised Version**—<sup>1</sup> himself ; <sup>2</sup> these ; <sup>3</sup> handmaids ;  
thine ; <sup>4</sup> forasmuch as I ; <sup>10</sup> one seeth the ; <sup>11</sup> gift ; <sup>12</sup> that th  
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## LESSON PLAN

### I. The Meeting. 1-7.

II. The Present, 8-11.

### III. The Parting, 12-15.

### DAILY READINGS

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M.—A guilty conscience, Gen. 32: 3-13. T.—Jacob prevails with God, Gen. 32: 24-32. W.—Jacob's meeting with Esau, Gen. 33: 1-17. Th.—A lesson in forgiveness, Matt. 18: 15-22. F.—A lesson in love, 1 Cor. 13. S.—Love your enemies, Luke 6: 27-36. S.—Deliverance from fear. Ps. 34: 1-8.

**Shorter Catechism—***Ques. 53. Which is the third commandment?* A. The third commandment is, 'Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain : for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

## THE LESSON EXPLAINED

**Time and Place**—Over twenty years after last Lesson : near Peniel.

**Connecting Links**—The story of Jacob's twenty years' sojourn in Haran and of his Canaanward return as far as the Jabbok is told in chs. 29, 30, 31, 32 : 1, 2.

Ch. 32 : 3-22 narrate Jacob's preparations for meeting Esau, and Jacob's wrestling with the angel.

### I. The Meeting, 1-7.

Vs. 1, 2. *And Jacob*; who was still at Peniel (see ch. 32 : 30) on the Jabbok river, on the east side of Jordan. *Behold, Esau*. Right in front of Jacob was his injured brother, now a powerful desert chief at the head of his warriors. *Four hundred men*. It seemed hardly likely that Esau could have

9 And E'sau said, I have enough, my brother ; ' keep that thou hast <sup>8</sup> unto thyself.

10 And Ja'cob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: <sup>9</sup>for therefore I have seen thy face, as <sup>10</sup>though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

11 Take, I pray thee, my <sup>11</sup> blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

12 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

13 And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children *are* tender, and <sup>13</sup> the flocks and herds <sup>13</sup> with young *are* with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the <sup>14</sup> flock will die.

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according <sup>16</sup> as the cattle that <sup>18</sup> goeth before me and <sup>17</sup> the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Se'ir.

15 And E'sau said, Let me now leave with thee *some* of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

<sup>4</sup> and her; <sup>5</sup> company; <sup>6</sup> *Omit* These are; <sup>7</sup> let; <sup>8</sup> be  
<sup>9</sup>; <sup>10</sup> with me give suck: and if they overdrive; <sup>11</sup> flocks;  
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**The Question on Missions**—3. What Protestant missions are now carrying on work in the island? The Canadian Presbyterian Church carries on work among the Chinese in the north. The English Presbyterian Church has a mission among the Chinese in the south. The Church of Christ in Japan has a mission to the Japanese.

**Lesson Hymns**—Book of Praise: 474 (Supplemental Lesson), 297, 313, 19 (Ps. Sel.), 527 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 262.

**Special Scripture Reading**—Acts 16 : 25-35. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

**Lantern Slides**—For Lesson, B. 1012, Esau Ran to Meet Jacob. For Question on Missions, F. 5, Map of Canadian Presbyterian Mission in North Formosa. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, Weston, Ont., at \$2.00 a dozen.)

**Stereograph**—For Lesson, The Brook Jabbok Near Where Jacob Met Esau (Underwood & Underwood, see page 165).

brought so large a force with peaceable intentions. *Divided the children*; under their mothers. The reason was the same as for the arrangement of ch. 32 : 7, 8. *Leah*; Jacob's first wife (ch. 29 : 23) into a marriage with whom he was tricked by Laban. *Rachel*; the wife of Jacob's choice, ch. 29 : 18. *The two handmaids*; Zilpah and Bilhah (see ch. 29 : 24, 29). *Rachel and Joseph* *hindmost*; in the place of greatest safety. The mothers and children are arranged in the reverse order of Jacob's affection for them.

Vs. 3, 4. *He . . before them.* He had previously been in the rear (ch. 32 : 23, 24) but now he advances to be the first to meet the anger or the pleasure of his brother. *Bowed . . seven times :* showing to Esau the reverence