



## Genesis Lesson 26 Chapter 32

*Despite all the family dysfunction, the lying, cheating and stealing, God is using Jacob's family to carry out His eternal plan of salvation. He is certainly making it clear that it is not by man's goodness or power that His purposes are accomplished or His promises fulfilled. Jacob has dealt with Laban for the last time, and he now continues on his journey to Canaan. It seems he is a changed man since his days*

*of deception and betrayal, maybe because of his experience with Laban and being the one betrayed and lied to. God has prospered him within the trials and has deepened his faith. More trials will face him as he returns to the place of covenant promise passed to him from his forefathers, but Jacob and his sons are becoming prominent players in God's redemption plan.*

### READ CHAPTER 32



*In verses 1-3 there are some interchangeable words that are translated slightly different. In verse 1 the word "angels" of God is the same as the word "messengers" in verse 3. According to The Complete Word Study Dictionary of the Old Testament by Warren Baker, the Hebrew word is malak which is a noun that means a messenger, an angel. The term often denotes one sent (used sometimes as angels, other times as humans) on business or diplomacy by another (human) personage. Also the word "camp" (NIV or NAS) "host" (KJV) in verse 2 is the Hebrew word machanah which means "a camp, an army, and a company." The name Mahanaim is a dual form of this same word and means dual camps or armies. "It seems to be used by Jacob to indicate that God had encamped in the midst of Jacob and his family." (Baker, page 597)*

1. *Why would it be important for Jacob to be assured that God was ready to protect him at this point in his journey?*





***Prayer requests:***

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***Group time notes:***

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