

Genesis 33:1-20 **Jacob made peace with Esau and continued on to the land of Canaan**

1 Now Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and there, Esau was coming, and with him were four hundred men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two maidservants. **2** And he put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children behind, and Rachel and Joseph last. **3** Then he crossed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. **5** And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, "Who are these with you?" And he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." **6** Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and bowed down. **7** And Leah also came near with her children, and they bowed down. Afterward Joseph and Rachel came near, and they bowed down. **8** Then Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company which I met?" And he said, "These are to find favor in the sight of my lord." **9** But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." **10** And Jacob said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me. **11** Please, take my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." And he urged him, and he took it.

12 Then Esau said, "Let us take our journey; let us go, and I will go before you." **13** But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are weak, and the flocks and herds which are nursing are with me. And if the men should drive them hard one day, all the flock will die. **14** Please let my lord go on ahead before his servant. I will lead on slowly at a pace which the livestock that go before me, and the children, are able to endure, until I come to my lord in Seir."

15 And Esau said, "Now let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord." **16** So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. **17** And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

18 Then Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan Aram; and he pitched his tent before the city. **19** And he bought the parcel of land, where he had pitched his tent, from the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money. **20** Then he erected an altar there and called it El Elohe Israel. NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ Jacob saw Esau coming with 400 men, so he divided his wives and their children with the handmaids and their children first followed by Leah and her children with Rachel and Joseph in the rear and then Jacob went ahead of them all to meet Esau.
- ✧ Jacob humbled himself and bowed down to Esau seven times.
- ✧ God had touched the heart of Esau and Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him with a kiss weeping.
- ✧ Jacob introduced his family as they arrived and Esau asked about the droves Jacob had sent ahead which Esau had met and Jacob replied that they are a gift of what Elohiym (God) had given him intended to make peace with adoney (my lord) referring to Esau.

- ✧ Jacob said that seeing the face of Esau was like seeing “the face of Elohiym (God) and you were pleased with me.”
- ✧ Esau offered to go ahead or to leave some of the men with him to help but Jacob declined so they would not be driven too fast for the young to keep up saying, “until I come to adoney (my lord) in Seir. So Esau returned to Seir.
- ✧ Jacob journeyed to Succoth where he built a house and made booths for his livestock and named the place Succoth which means booths.

According to my Bible map Succoth is located east of the Jordan river, due east of Shechem which is west of the Jordan river about 30 miles north of Jerusalem.

Shechem is located between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim in the place where Israel was located when the blessing was pronounced from Mount Gerizim and the curse was pronounced from Mount Ebal where a copy of the law of Moses was written on the stone altar. [[Deuteronomy 11:29](#), [Joshua 8:30-33](#)]

Succoth is the same word the Jews of today call the feast of Tabernacles which is the feast of Booths. [[Leviticus 23:33-34](#)]

- ✧ From Succoth Jacob crossed the Jordan river and went to Shechem in the Land of Canaan.
- ✧ There he purchased a parcel of land from the children of Hamor, Shechem’s father, for 100 pieces of money, where he pitched his tent.
- ✧ Jacob built an altar there which he called El Elohey Yisrael (God the God of Israel).

This is the same place where God had appeared to Abraham when he first came into the Land of Canaan and promised to give the land to Abraham, and where Abraham built an altar to Yehowah. [[Genesis 12:4-7](#)]