

# The Highwaymen

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JACOB, the heel grabber struggles



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- King David captures the City of Jerusalem, taking it from the Jebusites, making it the Capital of Judah around 1000 B.C.
- Around 638 A.D. Muslim Arabs capture Jerusalem, later building the Dome of the Rock Shrine where the Jewish Temple had been destroyed by Rome.

**Few who study the Holy Scripture would choose Jacob as a model of character and virtue. At least not in the early years before he became ISRAEL- a man changed by Almighty GOD.**

**To appreciate the Power of GOD to change an mortal man, we will consider this man's beginnings.** Genesis 25:21 "And Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said unto her, **Two Nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one**

people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were TWINS in her Womb. And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's HEEL; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old (60) when she bare them.

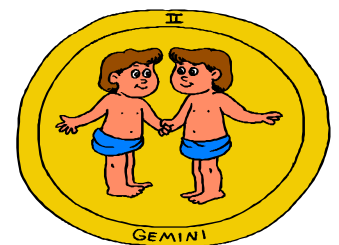
**From the Womb, Jacob was called a "heel grabber" already fighting to make his way into the world. Already determined to be the "first born".**

**The rightful heir of**

**Isaac his father. Some might think of "inheritance" as a material benefit. But who would see Jacob as the fore-runner of "The Christ"?**

**How so? Some may ask.**

**By the Mighty GOD of Jacob, who was able to transform the heel grabber into "a prince with GOD" or ISRAEL- one who struggles with GOD and man.**

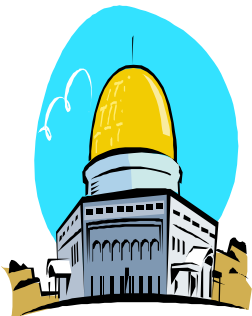


## TWO NATIONS IN ONE WOMB

**Can two nations be born from one womb? You would think they could be 'one family', derived from one Father and the same 'Mother'? Can two Manner of peoples**

**be raised up in one Country and peacefully co-exist? Will they make one big happy family? Or will one be**

**stronger than the other? Will the elder serve the younger? Will Esau serve Jacob Israel? Or will these rivals in Utero continue the struggle beyond the Womb? Pray for the Peace of "Mother Jerusalem!"**



# The Inheritance “Birthright” Purchased



**Isn't life and the future all about the choices we have made in the past, and the choices we are making in the very present?**

**The Creator, Created mankind with 'freedom of choice', and often HE responds to the choices we make before Him, should they be Wise or un-wise!**

**He is The Great Father who is pleased when His children 'make right decisions' based upon Wisdom He Provides for them. A Wise Father always hopes that there are**

**some very important benefits in the life of his children that will not be compromised or sold for temporary pleasures.**

Genesis 25:27-34 “And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents. And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob. And Jacob sold (made) pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint: And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called

Edom (the Edomites were descendants of Esau. Idumea—land South, and South East of Palestine, South of the Dead Sea. Petra was it's Capital). And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy Birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this Birthright do to me? And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his Birthright unto Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of Lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau Despised his Birthright.” —(Verses K.J.V.)

**In Christ, we have received a 'Great Birthright'. We have become heirs of GOD Himself. Value this “Birthright” more than “the Temporary pleasures” of the body. Make Wise Choices!**

## Jacob Values what Esau despised/ the Right of the Firstborn.

**Jacob may have been a deceiver, but he was wise enough to value the “Birthright” -that his brother despised. Jacob knew the immense Value of The Inheritance of**

**The Firstborn Son. JESUS CHRIST is GOD'S First Born Son. He has Inherited all that GOD has made. Including this “blue Ball” we call Earth.**

**By being 'Born Again of the Holy Spirit' of Christ; we become joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. May we never despise or devalue that “New Birth” Right!**

Romans 8:17

“And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”

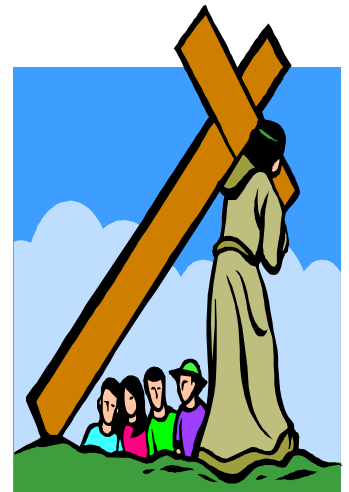
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## JESUS CHRIST, THE FIRST BORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN

**GOD'S Firstborn is His Favorite Son! His desire is to transform lowly mankind (like Jacob) into the IMAGE OF HIS SON. Thus, 'our struggle with GOD and man'.. Do we struggle in our desire to be Pleasing**

**to GOD? GOD is Creating In us 'this desire'. Romans 8:29 “For whom He did Foreknow, He also did Predestinate to be Conformed To the Image of His Son, that He (JESUS) might be the Firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom**

He did Predestinate, them He also Called: and whom He called, them He also Justified: and whom He justified, them He also Glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?” -K.J.V.



## JACOB NAMED..... "ISRAEL"

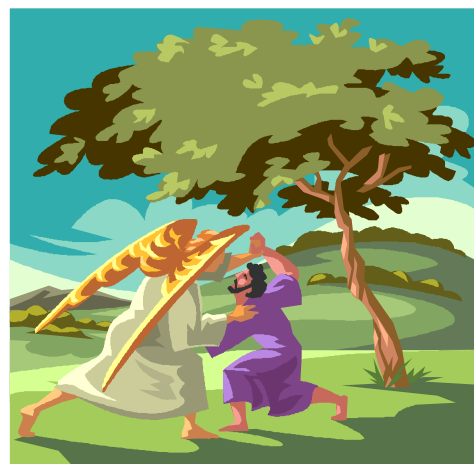
**We can call ourselves what we please, but our Creator is the one who gives us our 'true name' Whether we are 'Jacob' and want to be "Israel" or Esau and want to be "Israel". Our Creator determines our Vision and Potential!**

### **Can Jacob be "Israel"?**

Genesis 32:9-32 "And Jacob said, O GOD of my father Abraham, and GOD of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, **Return to thy Country**, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee: I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the Truth, which Thou hast showed unto Thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become Two Bands. Deliver me, I pray Thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of

Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the Mother with the children. And Thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy 'seed' as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude. And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother; ...And Jacob was left alone; and there **Wrestled** a man with him **until the breaking of the day**. And when He saw that He prevailed not against him, He touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh **was out of joint, as he Wrestled With Him**. And He said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me. And He said unto him, **What is thy name?** And he said, **Jacob**. And He said, thy name shall be called no more Jacob, **but Israel; for as a Prince hast thou power with GOD and with men, and hast prevailed**. And Jacob asked Him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, Thy name. And he

said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after My name? And He Blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and **he halted upon his thigh**. Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because He touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that **shrank.**" (K.J.V.)



## **Jacob "Israel" makes a Promise to The LORD GOD!**

**King Solomon, Israel's Greatest King, next to JESUS, had this to say about making Promises to Almighty GOD.** Eccl 5:1-6

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the House of GOD, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools (making promises to GOD you won't keep): for they consider not that they do evil." Be not rash with

thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before GOD: for GOD is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few... When thou vowest a **vow** unto GOD, defer not to pay it; for He hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not **vow**, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither

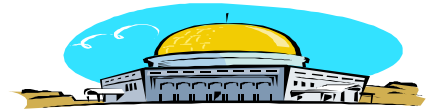
say thou before The Angel, that It was an Error: wherefore should GOD be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?" Genesis 28:20 "And Jacob vowed a **vow**, saying, "If GOD will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my Father's house in peace; **then shall The LORD be my GOD:**" Will Jacob "ISRAEL" Keep his **vow** to The LORD now that he is back in The Land?



## Encouragement !

**Sometimes we seem to get in a rut of making “unwise choices” Did Esau change his ways? Did he try to please his father, and his father’s GOD? NO! Instead he vowed to kill Jacob after Isaac was dead. Then he saw what displeased his father Isaac, and did exactly that.** Genesis 28:6 “When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padanaram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he Blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of **Canaan**; And that Jacob Obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram; -And Esau Seeing that the daughters of **Canaan** pleased Not Isaac his father; Then went Esau unto **Ishmael**, and took unto the wives which he had ‘Mahalath’ the daughter of **Ishmael**, Abraham's son (by Hagar, the Egyptian), the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

This was a deliberate act of Rebellion on the part of Esau, against, both his Father and his Father’s GOD, and an Alliance with both the Canaanites (soon to be disposed from The Promised Land) and the Ishmaelites.



## HEAVEN’S HOLY LADDER SEEN BY JACOB/ISRAEL

**Will Jacob/Israel Obey his Fathers Isaac and Abraham and possess the land of Promise?** Genesis 28:1-22

“And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; And give thee The Blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest **Inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.** And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

And he lighted upon a Certain Place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the **stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.** And he dreamed, and **Behold a ladder set up on**

**Earth, and the Top of it reached To Heaven: and Behold The Angels of GOD Ascending and Descending on it. And Behold, The LORD**

**STOOD ABOVE IT,** and said, I am the LORD GOD of Abraham thy father, and the GOD of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the **West**, and to the **East**, and to the **North**, and to the **South**: and In thee and In thy seed shall All the families of the earth be Blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into This Land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, **Surely The LORD Is In This Place, and I knew it not.** And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! **This is none other than**

**the House of GOD, AND THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN.** And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a Pillar, and poured Oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place **Bethel**: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first. And Jacob vowed a **VOW**, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, **So that I Come Again to my father's house in peace; then shall The LORD Be My GOD:** And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, **Shall Be GOD'S House:** and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.”  
——K.J.V.