

BROTHERS MEET
(Genesis 33:1-20)

- I. REUNION of Estranged BROTHERS (Gen. 33:1-7)
 - A. Esau approaches with 400 MEN
 - B. Jacob arranges his FAMILY in CLIMACTIC order
 - 1. Evidence of CONFIDENCE not FEAR
 - 2. Demonstrating RESPECTFUL protocol
 - C. Jacob takes the LEAD and goes to meet Esau FIRST
 - D. Jacob identifies Esau's POLITICAL SUPERIORITY
 - E. Esau greets Jacob with AFFECTION
 - 1. Esau had shown NO PREVIOUS EVIDENCE of a change of heart
 - 2. GOD changed Esau in answer to JACOB'S PRAYER (32:11)
 - F. Jacob PRESENTS his FAMILY
 - 1. Identifies them as a GIFT from GOD
 - 2. Sets the stage for future JEALOUSY among his SONS
- II. RECONCILIATION of Old ADVERSARIES (Gen. 33:8-11)
 - A. Jacob explains that the GIFTS were to gain Esau's FAVOR
 - B. Esau initially REFUSES the gift, saying he has PLENTY
 - C. Jacob INSISTS that Esau take the gift
 - 1. Necessary to be ASSURED of RECONCILIATION

- 2. Unnecessary for Jacob's SUPPORT
- III. REMOVAL of Temptation to COMPROMISE (Gen. 33:12-17)
- A. Esau offered to GUIDE Jacob to ESAU'S territory
 - 1. Jacob would be SURRENDERING CONTROL to Esau
 - 2. Jacob would be trusting ESAU for their PROTECTION
 - B. Jacob DECLINES his offer
 - 1. Must consider the CHILDREN
 - 2. Must consider the LIVESTOCK
 - C. Esau offers to leave MEN to ASSIST Jacob
 - D. Jacob REJECTS this offer
 - E. Jacob SETTLED temporarily in Succoth
 - 1. Where he's left HALF of his ANIMALS
 - 2. Seir unlikely to SUPPORT both of their ESTATES
- IV. RELOCATION to SHECHEM (Gen. 33:18-20)
- A. Arrived at a place of HISTORIC significance
 - B. Implies Jacob's OBEDIENCE and God's FAITHFULNESS
 - C. Demonstrates Jacob's FAITH
- V. Lessons
- A. Provides a model for EVANGELISM
 - B. Provides a model for RECONCILIATION