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Ch. 33

Contrary to Jacob's expectations, who was afraid of meeting his older brother Esau, Esau ran out to meet Jacob, hugged him, and cried (verse 4). The enmity between the brothers, which had started with Jacob's deception, was reconciled after 20 years. This reconciliation was not brought about by Jacob's scheme or bribery, but was entirely the result of God's work. After meeting Esau, Jacob's family settled in the city of Shechem, built an altar, and worshiped. What did they call it?

*El-Elohe-Israel means "God is the God of Israel (Jacob's name)." I hope that we too can live a life where we can confess, 'El-Elohe (my name) - God is the God of (.....)'.

Ch. 34

This chapter records the rape of Jacob's daughter Dinah by Shechem, the son of Hamor, the chieftain of city of Shechem, in Canaan, where Jacob and his family settled. In revenge, Simeon and Levi made a false treaty, slaughtered all the men there, and plundered their property. When we see Jacob say to Simeon and Levi, "My numbers are (.....), and if they gather themselves against me and attack me, I shall be (.....), both I and my household" (v. 30), it seems that he was trying to maintain good relations with the world. Let's think about how I would have acted as a holy people of God if I were in this situation.

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Ch. 35

Jacob returned safely to Canaan, his relationship with Esau, whom he had feared so much, was restored, and he settled in the city of Shechem as a successful man. However, he forgot something. He had vowed to return to Bethel and build an altar to God (28:20-22). God reminded Jacob of that vow through the incident with Dinah in the previous chapter. How did Jacob prepare his household before going up to Bethel and building the altar?

*Today, let us put away our ungodly things in the world, purify ourselves and put on new clothes in Christ, and live a life worthy of the people of God's kingdom.

Ch. 36

This chapter is about Esau and his descendants. After the death of his father Isaac, Esau became too wealthy to live with Jacob, so he left Jacob and went to (.....) (vv. 6-7). Esau's family had five sons and ten grandsons from his three wives, and it can be said that they grew and developed much faster than Jacob's family. It seems that worldly success usually grows much faster than spiritual greatness.

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Ch. 37

The central character of the story that continues from chapter 37 to the end of Genesis is Joseph. Jacob loved Joseph, the son he had through Rachel, more than his other sons in his old age, and made him a coat of many colors. When his jealous brothers tried to kill Joseph, who were the two brothers who said not to kill Joseph?

*Joseph was unjustly sold into slavery by his brothers, but God did not give up on Joseph. Even in this process, God is shaping Joseph and carrying out God's plan.

Ch. 38

Judah's family story in chapter 38, when connected to chapter 37, shows how corrupt Jacob's family became by being immersed in Canaanite culture, and when compared to chapter 39, it shows how different they are from Joseph. Among the twins born to Tamar, which of them became the ancestor of Jesus? (Matthew 1:3,16)

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Ch. 39

Although Joseph was sold by his brothers and became a slave in Egypt, the important key phrase that explains Joseph's life is "The Lord was with Joseph." (verses 2, 3, 21, 23), and the evidence of God's presence was Joseph's success.

- 1) Verse 2: The Lord was (.....) Joseph, and he became a successful man.
- 2) Verse 3: His master saw that the Lord was (.....) him and that the Lord caused all that he did to (.....) in his hands.
- 3) Verse 21: The Lord was (.....) Joseph,
- 4) Verse 23: because the Lord was (.....) him. And whatever he did, the Lord made it (.....).

Ch. 40

As Joseph's time of suffering continued, he may have become discouraged and his faith in God may have weakened, but Joseph did not lose the dreams God had given him. Joseph, who had dreamed since childhood (chapter 37), interprets whose dreams in prison?

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Ch. 41

Joseph finally stands before Pharaoh. Two years had passed since he interpreted the dream of Pharaoh's cupbearer. If Joseph, the dreamer, was sold to Egypt because of his dreams as a boy, Pharaoh's dreams in Egypt became the tools that helped Joseph rise to the position of prime minister of Egypt. Write the names and meanings of Joseph's two sons who were born after he became prime minister.

- 1) First son's name and meaning:
- 2) Second son's name and meaning:

*Through the process of naming his children, Joseph tells us that God's grace was always with him throughout his entire life..

Ch. 42

Seven years had passed. Just as Pharaoh had dreamed, a great famine had struck not only Egypt but the entire ancient Near East (41:57). Twenty years after being sold to his brothers at the age of 17 and brought to Egypt, Joseph finally met his brothers who had come to buy grain. This emotional reunion was the fulfillment of Joseph's first dream (verse 9). What was that dream? (Genesis 37:7)

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Ch. 43

The famine was not going away, and the food they had bought was gone. No matter how much Jacob delayed (v. 10) and insisted, the brothers had to take Benjamin to Egypt. When Joseph finally met his own brother Benjamin, how did he feel? (v. 30)

How much more food did Joseph give Benjamin? (v. 34)

Ch. 44

Joseph puts his half-brothers to the final test over Benjamin. When Joseph's silver cup is found in Benjamin's sack, the brothers are shocked and fearful. Will they abandon Benjamin as they once abandoned Joseph? However, the brothers have changed. Not Benjamin, but they all offer to become slaves. Judah says, "God has found out the (.....) of his servants. We and the one whose cup was found will become my lord's slaves." Although Jacob's family had countless problems, God is molding them into God's people. Our families and churches also have many problems, but I pray that this year will be a year in which we can expect and experience the hand of God who deals with and molds each of us and all of us together.