

## BSF Scripture for Lesson #21

### FIRST DAY:

#### 1. Read the lesson notes and References

### SECOND DAY:

## Read Genesis 32:1-8

### Jacob Prepares to Meet Esau

[32:1] Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of God met him. [2] When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is the camp of God!" So he named that place Mahanaim.

[3] Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom. [4] He instructed them: "This is what you are to say to my master Esau: 'Your servant Jacob says, I have been staying with Laban and have remained there till now. [5] I have cattle and donkeys, sheep and goats, menservants and maidservants. Now I am sending this message to my lord, that I may find favor in your eyes.'"

[6] When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, "We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him."

[7] In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. [8] He thought, "If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape."

### Question 3a

## 2 Kings 6:8-23;

### Elisha Traps Blinded Arameans

[8] Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."

[9] The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." [10] So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God.

Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

[11] This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Will you not tell me which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

[12] "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

[13] "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." [14] Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

[15] When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked.

[16] "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

[17] And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

[18] As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike these people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

[19] Elisha told them, "This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to Samaria.

[20] After they entered the city, Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these men so they can see." Then the LORD opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria.

[21] When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, "Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?"

[22] "Do not kill them," he answered. "Would you kill men you have captured with your own sword or

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bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master.”  
[23] So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory.

**Psalm 34:7;** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

**Daniel 6:22;** [22] My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king.”

**1 Corinthians 6:2-3;** [2] Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? [3] Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

**Hebrews 1:14;** [14] Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

### Question 3b

**Genesis 25:27-34; 27:35-41; 32:6;**

[27] The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents.  
[28] Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

[29] Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. [30] He said to Jacob, “Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!” (That is why he was also called Edom. )

[31] Jacob replied, “First sell me your birthright. ”

[32] “Look, I am about to die,” Esau said. “What good is the birthright to me?”

[33] But Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

[34] Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.

So Esau despised his birthright.

[35] But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing.”

[36] Esau said, “Isn't he rightly named Jacob ? He has deceived me these two times: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!” Then he asked, “Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?”

[37] Isaac answered Esau, “I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?”

[38] Esau said to his father, “Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!” Then Esau wept aloud.

[39] His father Isaac answered him,

“Your dwelling will be  
away from the earth's richness,  
away from the dew of heaven above.

[40] You will live by the sword  
and you will serve your brother.  
But when you grow restless,  
you will throw his yoke  
from off your neck. ”

### Jacob Flees to Laban

[41] Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

[6] When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, “We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him.”

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### FOURTH DAY

### THIRD DAY

#### Read Genesis 32:9-21

[9] Then Jacob prayed, “O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who said to me, ‘Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,’ [10] I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two groups. [11] Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. [12] But you have said, ‘I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.’”

[13] He spent the night there, and from what he had with him he selected a gift for his brother Esau: [14] two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, [15] thirty female camels with their young, forty cows and ten bulls, and twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. [16] He put them in the care of his servants, each herd by itself, and said to his servants, “Go ahead of me, and keep some space between the herds.”

[17] He instructed the one in the lead: “When my brother Esau meets you and asks, ‘To whom do you belong, and where are you going, and who owns all these animals in front of you?’ [18] then you are to say, ‘They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a gift sent to my lord Esau, and he is coming behind us.’”

[19] He also instructed the second, the third and all the others who followed the herds: “You are to say the same thing to Esau when you meet him. [20] And be sure to say, ‘Your servant Jacob is coming behind us.’” For he thought, “I will pacify him with these gifts I am sending on ahead; later, when I see him, perhaps he will receive me.” [21] So Jacob's gifts went on ahead of him, but he himself spent the night in the camp.

#### Read Genesis 32:22-32

#### Jacob Wrestles With God

[22] That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. [23] After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. [24] So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. [25] When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. [26] Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

[27] The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

[28] Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome.”

[29] Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

[30] So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

[31] The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

[32] Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

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### **FIFTH DAY**

#### **Read Genesis 33**

##### **Jacob Meets Esau**

[33:1] Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two maidservants. [2] He put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear. [3] He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.

[4] But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. [5] Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. “Who are these with you?” he asked.

Jacob answered, “They are the children God has graciously given your servant.”

[6] Then the maidservants and their children approached and bowed down. [7] Next, Leah and her children came and bowed down. Last of all came Joseph and Rachel, and they too bowed down.

[8] Esau asked, “What do you mean by all these droves I met?”

“To find favor in your eyes, my lord,” he said.

[9] But Esau said, “I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself.”

[10] “No, please!” said Jacob. “If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably. [11] Please accept the present that was brought to you, for God has been gracious to me and I have all I need.” And because Jacob insisted, Esau accepted it.

[12] Then Esau said, “Let us be on our way; I’ll accompany you.”

[13] But Jacob said to him, “My lord knows that the children are tender and that I must care for the ewes and cows that are nursing their young. If they are

driven hard just one day, all the animals will die.

[14] So let my lord go on ahead of his servant, while I move along slowly at the pace of the droves before me and that of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir.”

[15] Esau said, “Then let me leave some of my men with you.”

“But why do that?” Jacob asked. “Just let me find favor in the eyes of my lord.”

[16] So that day Esau started on his way back to Seir.

[17] Jacob, however, went to Succoth, where he built a place for himself and made shelters for his livestock. That is why the place is called Succoth.

[18] After Jacob came from Paddan Aram, he arrived safely at the city of Shechem in Canaan and camped within sight of the city. [19] For a hundred pieces of silver, he bought from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, the plot of ground where he pitched his tent. [20] There he set up an altar and called it El Elohe Israel.

#### **Question 14b**

#### **Genesis 31:3 and 35:1;**

[3] Then the LORD said to Jacob, “Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you.”

[35:1] Then God said to Jacob, “Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau.”

### **SIXTH DAY**

#### **Review Genesis 32-33**

**See above verses: days 2-5**