

## EPISODE NO. 32

### Gen. 32:22-32

#### The Wrestling Match

Twenty years later, Jacob returned to Canaan. 22 At night, Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two slave-women, and his eleven sons, and they crossed the Jabbok Stream at a shallow spot. 23 After he had taken them across the stream, he brought over what he owned.

24 Then Jacob was left alone. A Man wrestled with him all night until just before dawn.

25 When the Man realized that He could not break Jacob's hold on him, the Man touched Jacob's hip-joint, so that it was wrenched as he wrestled with the Man. 26 Then the Man said, "Let me go, because the sun is coming up!"

But Jacob answered, "I will NOT let you go unless You bless me!"

27 Then the Man asked him, "What is your name?"

He answered, "Jacob."

28 Then the Man said, "You will no longer be named 'Jacob.' Instead, your new name will be 'Israel.' Why? Because you have struggled with God and with men, but you have won!"

29 Then Jacob asked: "Please tell me Your Name."

But the Man answered, "Why are you asking for My Name?" The Man blessed him then and there.

30 Therefore, Jacob named that place "Peniel." He thought, "I saw God face-to-face, yet my life was spared!"

31 The sun got higher and higher as he was leaving Peniel. Jacob was limping because of his sprained hip.

32 (To this very day, this is why the sons of Israel do not eat the sinew of the tendon which is around the hip-joint. It was because the Man touched Jacob's hip-joint there.)