



WRESTLEMANIA

Genesis 32

Ephesians 1:11 (ESV)

**In him we have obtained an inheritance,
having been predestined according to the
purpose of him who works all things
according to the counsel of his will,**



1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)

who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith--

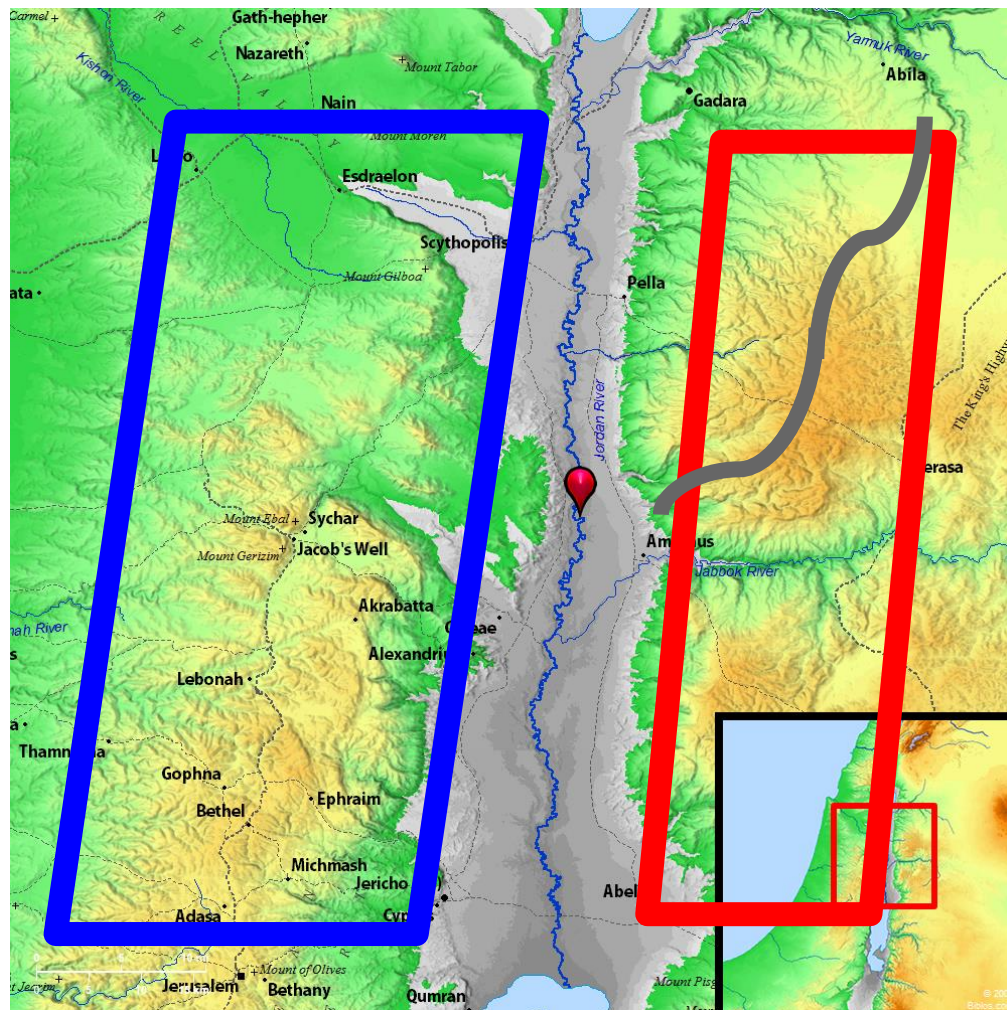
1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)

--more precious than gold that perishes
though it is tested by fire--may be found to
result in praise and glory and honor at the
revelation of Jesus Christ.



The Scene:

- **Promised Life**
- **Past Life**



Past Life

The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger."

Past Life

The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.-Gen 25:22-23,25-26 (ESV)

Past Life

Esau's name translates meaning Hairy

Jacob's name translates meaning Heel -Grabber

Past Life



Past Life

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.-Gen 25:27-28



Past Life

Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now."



Past Life

Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Past Life

He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am."-Gen 27:24 (ESV)



Past Life

Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob." -Gen 27:42 (ESV)



Past Life

Jacob fled to the land of Aram; there Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he guarded sheep.-Hosea 12:12 (ESV)



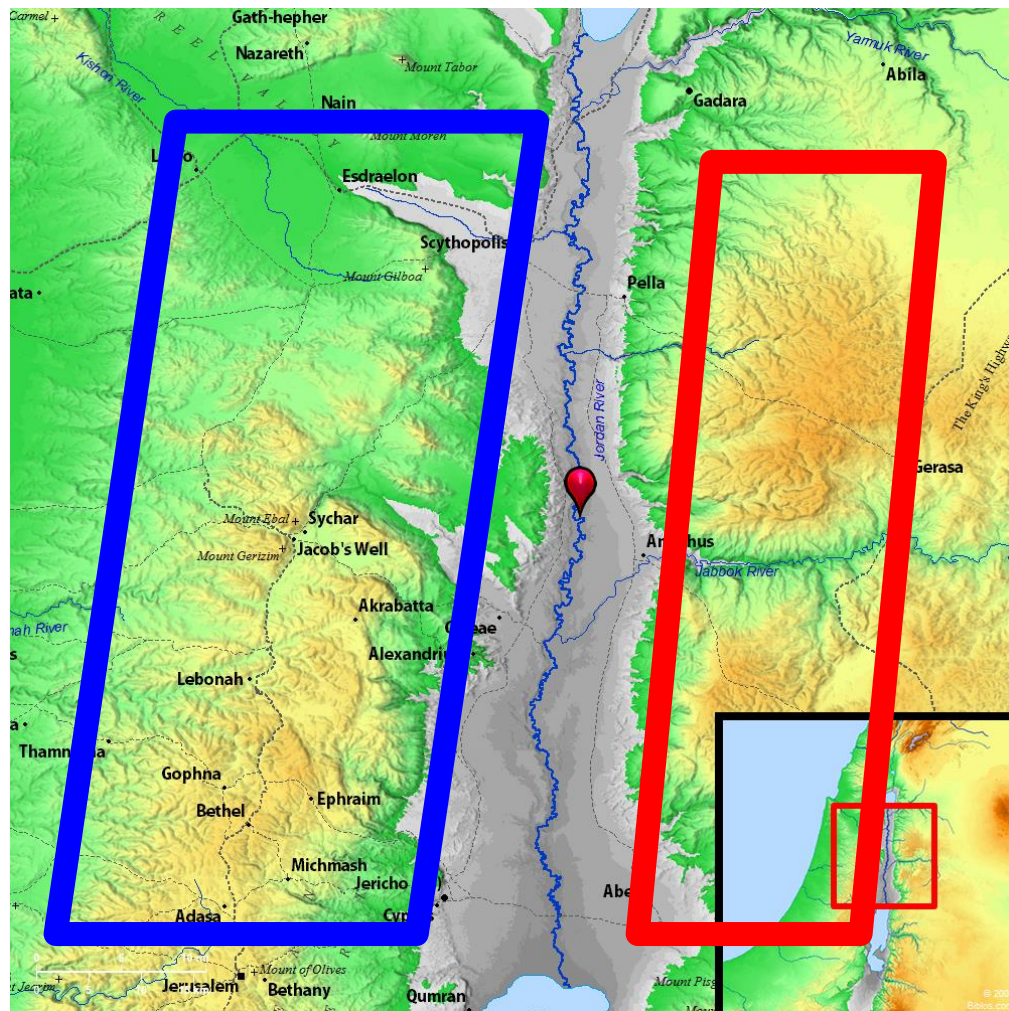
Past Life

And Jacob tricked Laban the Aramean, by not telling him that he intended to flee. He fled with all that he had and arose and crossed the Euphrates, and set his face toward the hill country of Gilead.-Gen 31:20-21(ESV)



The Scene:

- **Promised Life**
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Promised Life

There above it stood the LORD, and he said: “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.

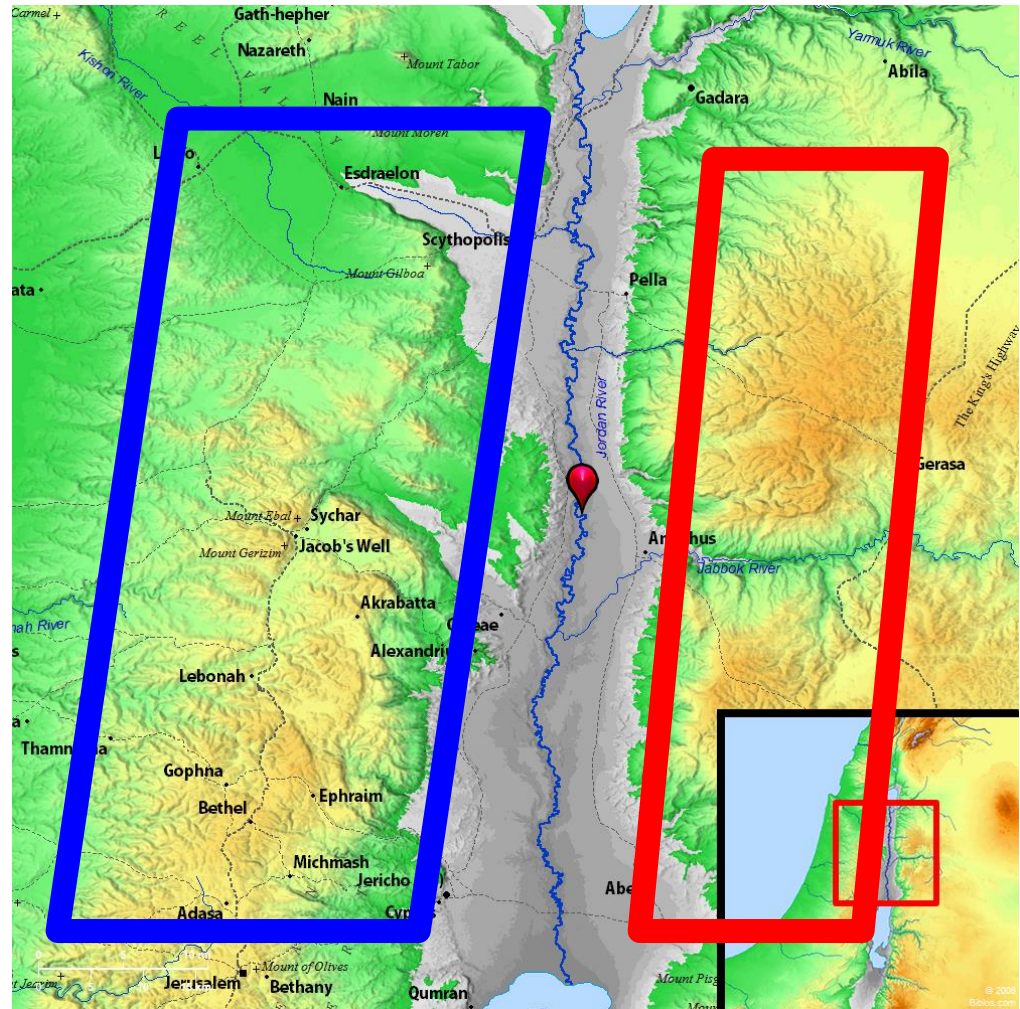


Promised Life:

Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.-Gen 28:13-14 (ESV)

The Scene:

- **Promised Life**
- **Past Life**



Present Life: (Genesis 32)

And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, instructing them, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, 'I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now. I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants.



Present Life: (Genesis 32)

**I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.'" And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him." -
Gen 32:3-6**



Present Life: (Genesis 32)

Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, thinking, "If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape." -Gen 32:7-8



Present Life: (Genesis 32)

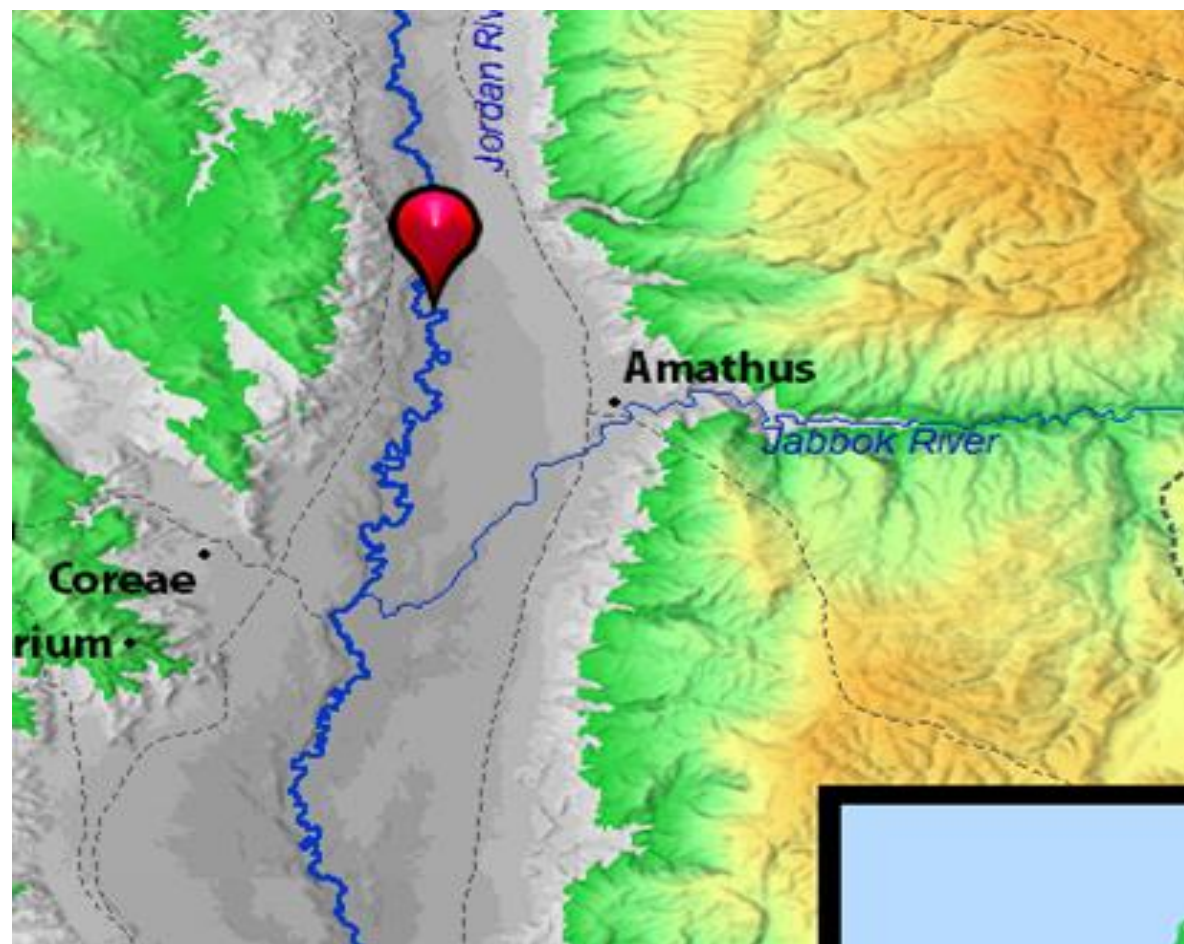
And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,' I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps..."

Present Life: (Genesis 32)

...Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. But you said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'" -Gen 32:11-12 (ESV)

Present Life: (Genesis 32)

The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone....



Present Life: (Genesis 32)

...And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."...

Present Life: (Genesis 32)

...And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. -Gen 32:22-29 (ESV)

A New Name:

Jacob: Heel-Grabber

Israel: Prince of God



Present Life: (Genesis 33)

And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two female servants. And he put the servants with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all....

Present Life: (Genesis 33)

.... He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.-Gen 33:1-4

Main Point:

***God may Break You
in order for a
Breakthrough.***



1. You can be following God and still fear your past.(v. 7)
2. You can't payoff your past. (v. 20)
3. Our past can keep us from living our full life. (v. 7-8)
4. When fear of your past approaches you, remember God's Promises and own your fear. (v. 11-12)

5. God will allow you to wrestle with Him. (v. 24-29)
 6. Wrestling with God is not a bad place to be. (vs30-31)
 7. God does not recognize your past name.
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John 1:12 (ESV)

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

Rev 2:17 (ESV)

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

Application:
Believe what God says
and not what your past
says.



Genesis 33:16-17 (NKJV)

**So Esau returned that day on his way..Then
Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem.**



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