

Genesis 33:1-2 (NLT)

[1] Then Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming with his 400 men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and his two servant wives. [2] He put the servant wives and their children at the front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last.

Genesis 33:3-4 (NLT)

[3] Then Jacob went on ahead. As he approached his brother, he bowed to the ground seven times before him. [4]

Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. And they both wept.

Genesis 33:5 (NLT)

[5] Then Esau looked at the women and children and asked, “Who are these people with you?” “These are the children God has graciously given to me, your servant,” Jacob replied.

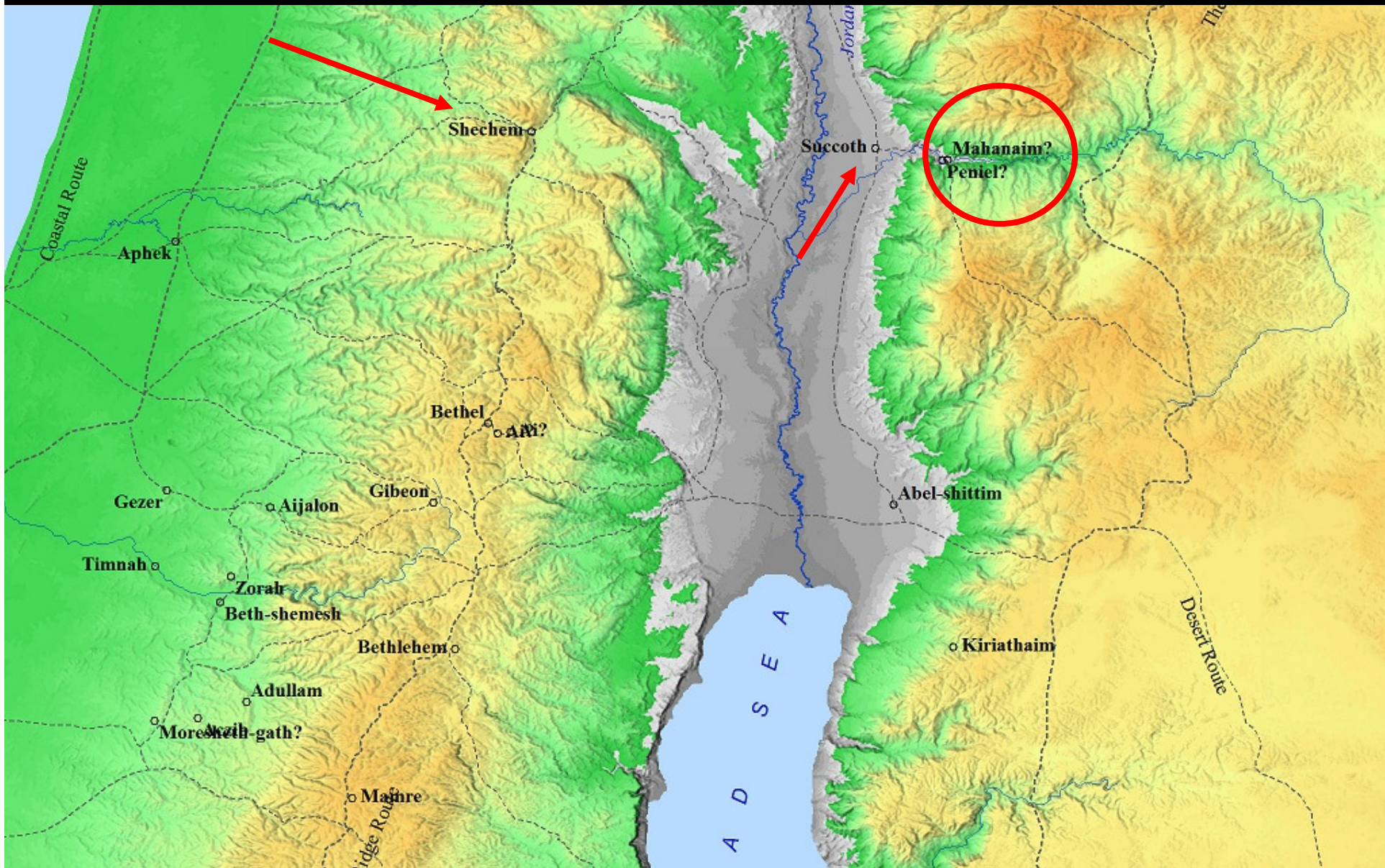
FORGIVENESS

Granted

Genesis 33:1-20

Genesis 25:23 (NIV)

The LORD said to her, "**Two nations are in your womb**, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and **the OLDER will serve the YOUNGER.**"



By purchasing **LAND** in Shechem
Jacob showed that he
regarded Canaan as his
PERMANENT home
and the home of his
descendants. Constable

Two Things Happen at the ALTAR

- Jacob **Accepts** his **NEW** Name
- Jacob **Fulfills** his **VOW** to God

→ God's **PLANS** can

NEVER

be **stopped** by men

- even **Godless** men

Ezra 1:1 (NIV)

In the first year of **Cyrus king of Persia**,
in order to FULFILL the WORD OF the
LORD spoken by Jeremiah, **the LORD**
moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia
to MAKE a proclamation throughout
his realm and to put it in writing:

Proverbs 21:1 (NET)

The king's heart

is in the hand of the **LORD**

like channels of water;

HE TURNS IT wherever

HE wants.

Colossians 3:13-14 (NIV)

Bear with each other and

FORGIVE whatever grievances

you may have **against** one another.

FORGIVE AS the Lord FORGAVE you.

[14] And over all these virtues

put on love, which binds them all together

in perfect unity.

FORGIVENESS = is giving up my **RIGHT**
to **HURT YOU** for hurting me

REFUSING to Forgive means that I am
seeking **REVENGE** in some way

I MUST FORGIVE because...

- I have been **FORGIVEN** much
- it sets me **FREE**
- it is **COMMANDED**

Jacob **HAD** to meet Esau. Making things
RIGHT and seeking **RECONCILIATION**

had become a heart-necessity for Jacob.

As Jacob had grown in grace, **his**
CONSCIENCE would **NOT** allow him to
sidestep any attempt at reconciliation.

Meeting **Esau** was a **spiritual necessity.**

CONSCIENCE -

is our internal sense of

RIGHT and **WRONG**

Hebrews 9:13-14 (NIV)

The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. [14] How much more, then, will the **BLOOD OF CHRIST**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, **CLEANSE our CONSCIENCES from acts that lead to death, SO THAT** we may **SERVE** the living God!

How can we have a **CLEAN** Conscience?

- by **ACCEPTING** Jesus as Lord and Savior - **Salvation**
- by **CONFESSING** our sin when we fall - **Sanctification**

QUESTIONS

1. Why is it hard to seek **FORGIVNESS**?
2. Why is it hard to **OFFER** Forgiveness?
3. Why is a **CLEAN** Conscience so important?