

LAVAN BREAKS TRUST WITH LEAH AND RACHEL

- Rachel steals the family gods
- Jacob was unaware of what Rachel had done
- God tells Lavan not to do anything to harm Jacob and his family



Rachel took the family gods because the one who possessed the family gods indicated the one who would inherit the family wealth and authority.



AREA WHERE JACOB FLED AND MET LABAN AND RACHEL

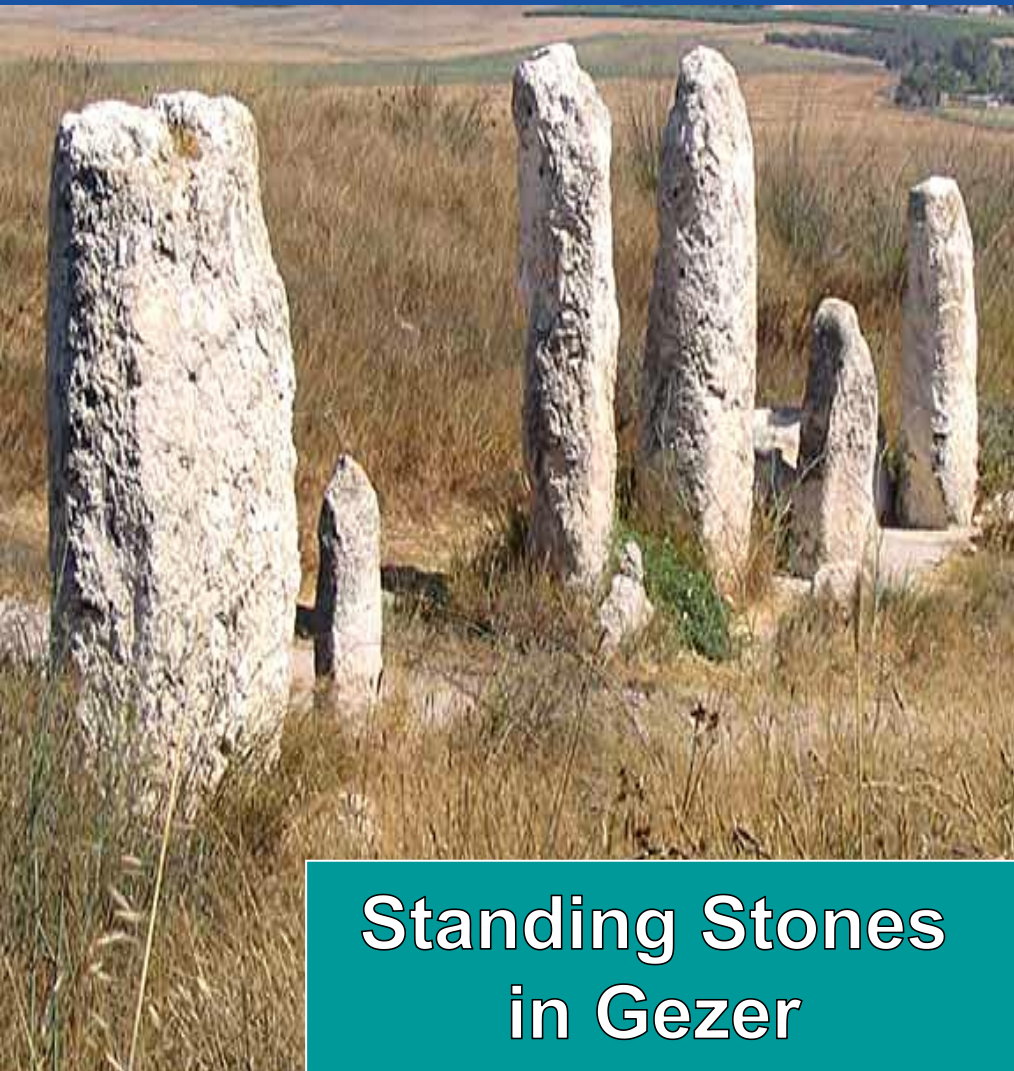
Laban catches Jacob here

LABAN'S GODS ARE THE ISSUE

- Laban confronts Jacob, and Jacob tells him whoever stole his gods will die!
- Rachel hides them by sitting on them
- She is on her monthly cycle
- Laban would become ritually impure if he touched Rachel or whatever she touched



JACOB AND LABAN CUT A COVENANT



- Jacob is angry with Laban and tells him off
- Laban replies that all that Jacob owns should belong to him!
- A treaty is made, Jacob agrees not to take any more wives
- A pact not to war is made
- Standing stones are set-up as a witness to the covenant
- *Jeg arshudutha* is Chaldean, *Galeed* is Hebrew
- Means “pile of witnesses”

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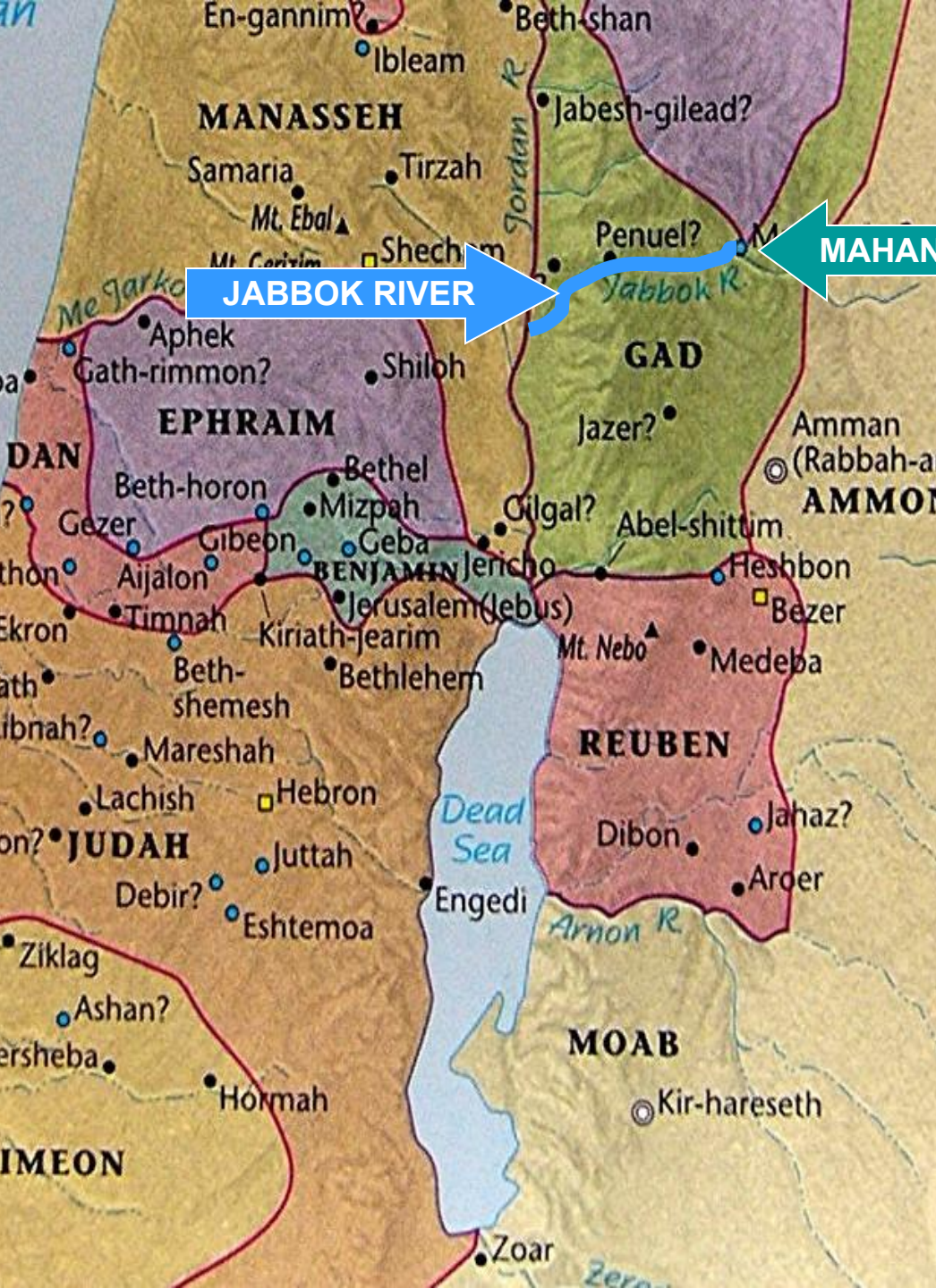


- Jacob is probably in his 90's
- Says "angels of God met Jacob..."
- ***Malachim elohim*** = messengers of God
- Upon journey to leave Canaan, Jacob encountered angels
- Upon journey to come back, encountered angels
- Named the place Mahanaim.....means 2 camps

JACOB MUST FACE ESAU

- Esau has sworn to kill Jacob
- Messengers find Esau, and report Esau is coming with 400 men!
- Jacob fears the worst is going to happen
- Divides his family into two groups (Mahanim)
- Jacob begs God for help





JACOB WAITED AT THE JABBOK

JABBOK RIVER

MAHANAIM

- The Jordan River was visible from where Jacob camped
- Jacob offered Esau 550 animals as gifts

THE WRESTLING MATCH

- At first, says Jacob wrestled with a “man”
- *Ish* = man
- Jacob’s hip dislocated to end the match
- Vs 29 & 31 changes to saying the being was “*Elohim*” (God)
- An Angel is the “bearer of the divine Word”
- An Angel brings a divine message from God, OR, carries out an instruction



MALACH ELOHIM USED IN MANY CONTEXTS

- The best overall translation that more gets the meaning right is probably ***“Messengers of the Divine Word”***
- Prophets Haggai and Malachi were called ***“malach elohim”***
- The distinctions between malach Elohim and Yehoveh are often blurred in Scripture
- In the Burning Bush, it was ***“malach Elohim”***
- Similar issue with Yeshua
- He is 1) Bearer of the Divine word (Angel)
2) THE Divine Word (God)
3) Flesh and blood (Man)

BLESS ME!!



- Jacob recognized this was no ordinary man
- All Believers must wrestle with God over control of our lives
- We WILL go forward with scars from the past
- Jacob went forward with a permanent disability

JACOB'S NAME IS CHANGED TO ISRAEL

- Because Jacob finally yielded to God, he got a new name
- Israel probably means a Prince with God
- When we fight God, this is no chance of victory on our terms
- Our only victory comes when WE (our SELF) are defeated
- “.....that is why the children of Israel to this day....”
- Shows a redaction
- This was written looking BACK in time
- Jacob received a new name to describe his new nature