

~GOD THE GOD OF ISRAEL (81)

- The name given by Jacob to the first altar that he built after he returned from Haran.
- As a result of his encounter at Peniel with the angel of Yehowah, Jacob was given the name Israel, and after a peaceable meeting with his brother Esau, he dwelt at Succoth and then Shechem. Here he acquired a tract of land from the sons of Hamor and pitched his tent upon it.
- Finally Jacob was left by himself. Then a man began to grapple with him until the dawn ascended. ([Genesis 32:24](#))
- When he got to see that he had not prevailed over him, then he touched the socket of his thigh joint, and the socket of Jacob's thigh joint got out of place during his grappling with him. ([Genesis 32:25](#))
- After that he said; Let me go, for the dawn has ascended. To this he said; I am not going to let you go until you first bless me. ([Genesis 32:26](#))
- So he said to him; What is your name? To which he said; Jacob. ([Genesis 32:27](#))
- Then he said; Your name will no longer be called Jacob but Israel, for you have contended with **God** and with men so that you at last prevailed. ([Genesis 32:28](#))
- In turn Jacob inquired and said; Tell me, please, your name. However, he said; Why is it that you inquire for my name? With that he blessed him there. ([Genesis 32:29](#))
- Hence Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, because, to quote him, I have seen **God** face to face and yet my soul was delivered. ([Genesis 32:30](#))
- In time Jacob raised his eyes and looked, and here Esau was coming and with him four hundred men. Consequently he divided off the children to Leah and to Rachel and to the two maidservants. ([Genesis 33:1](#))

- **And he put the maidservants and their children foremost and Leah and her children after them and Rachel and Joseph to the rear of them. (Genesis 33:2)**
- **And he himself passed on ahead of them and proceeded to bow down to the earth seven times until he got near to his brother. (Genesis 33:3)**
- **And Esau went running to meet him, and he began to embrace him and fall upon his neck and kiss him, and they burst into tears. (Genesis 33:4)**
- **And Jacob pulled out for Succoth, and he proceeded to build himself a house and for his herd he made booths. That was why he called the name of the place Succoth. (Genesis 33:17)**
- **In time Jacob came safe and sound to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, while he was coming from Paddanaram, and he pitched camp in front of the city. (Genesis 33:18)**
- **Then he acquired a tract of the field where he pitched his tent at the hand of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem, for a hundred pieces of money. (Genesis 33:19)**
- **After that he set up there an altar and called it **God** the God of Israel, or God Is the God of Israel.**
- **After that he set up there an altar and called it **God** the God of Israel. (Genesis 33:20)**
- **In identifying himself by his newly given name Israel with the name of the altar, Jacob indicated his acceptance and appreciation of that name and of **God's** guiding him safely back into the Promised Land. The expression occurs only once in the Scriptures.**