

## SYNCHRONIZING THE HOLY BIBLE (KJV&NAS) and JASHER

The story format is for easier reading. Duplications removed.

Jacob's story continues, Part 11

By Maralyn B. Dyck

**Introduction:** Where the Dead Sea Scrolls are the same as the Bible, I have, for the most part, used the Dead Sea Scrolls for this story. The Bible version, of course, you can read from the Bible. My comments are in brackets. The Holy Bible will be in black normal writing and the scrolls will be in Italics. Remember, the scrolls are not divine scripture, but they appear to be very accurate as far as history is concerned; they give more details which are very interesting. Various interpreters could have changed things a bit over the years.

### **Genesis 35-36; Jasher 35-40**

*And all the kings of the Amorites came and took their stand in the field to consult with their counsellors what was to be done with the sons of Jacob, for they were still afraid of them, saying, Behold, two of them slew the whole of the city of Shechem.*

*And the Lord heard the prayers of Isaac and Jacob, and he filled the hearts of all these kings advisers with great fear and terror that they unanimously exclaimed, Are you silly this day, or is there no understanding in you, that you wil fight with the Hebrews, and why will you take delight in your own destruction this day?*

*Behold two of them came to the city of Shechem without fear or terror, and they killed all the inhabitant of the city, that no man stood up against them, and how will you be able to fight with them all?*

*Surely you know that their God is exceedingly fond of them, and has done mighty things for them, such as have not been done from days of old, and amongst all the gods of nations, there i none an do like unto His mighty deeds.*

*Surely he delivered their father Abraham, the Hebrew, from the hand of Nimrod, and from the hand of all his people who had many times sought to slay him.*

*He delivered him also from he fire in which king Nimrod had cast him, and his God delivered him from it.*

*And who else can do the like? Surely it was Abraham who slew the five kings of Elam, when they had touched his brother's son who in those days dwelt in Sodom.*

*And took his servant that was faithful in his house and a few of his men, and they pursued the kings of Elam in one night and killed them, and restored to his brother's son all his property which they had taken from him.*

*And surely you know the God of these Hebrews is much delighted with them, and they are also delighted with Him, for they know that he delivered them from all their enemies.*

*And behold through his love toward his God, Abraham took his only and precious son and intended to bring him up as a burnt offering to his God, and had it not been for God who prevented him from doing this, he would then have done it through his love to his God.*

*And God saw all his works, and swore unto him, and promised him that he would deliver his sons and all his seed from every trouble that would befall them, because he had done this thing, and through his love to his God stifled his compassion for his child.*

*And have you not heard what their God did to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to Abimelech king of Gerar, through taking Abraham's wife, who said of her, She is my sister, lest they might slay him on account of her, and think of taking her for a wife? And God did unto them and their people all that you heard of.*

*And behold, we ourselves saw with our eyes that Esau, the brother of Jacob, came to him with four hundred men, with the intention of slaying him, for he called to mind that he had taken away from him his father's blessing.*

*And he went to meet him when he came from Syria, to smite the mother with the children, and who delivered him from his hands but his God in whom he trusted? He delivered him from the hand of his brother and also from the hands of his enemies, and surely he again will protect them.*

*Who does not know that it was their God who inspired them with strength to do to the town of Shehem the evil which you heard of?*

*Could it then be with their own strength that two men could destroy such a large city as Shechem had it not been for their God in whom they trusted? He said and did unto them all this to slay the inhabitants of the city in their city.*

*And can you then prevail over them who have come forth together from your city to fight with the whole of them, even if a thousand times and many more should come to your assistance?*

*Surely you know and understand that you do not come to fight with them, but you come to war with their god who made choice of them, and you have therefore all come this day to be destroyed.*

*Now therefore refrain from this evil which you are endeavouring to bring upon yourselves, and it will be better for you not to go to battle with them, although they are but few in numbers, because their God is with them.*

*And when the kings of the Amorites heard all the words of their advisers, their hearts were filled with terror, and they were afraid of the sons of Jacob and would not fight against them.*

*And they inclined their ears to the words of their advisers, and they listened to all their words, and the words of the counsellors greatly pleased the kings, and they did so.*

*And the kings turned and refrained from the sons of Jacob, for they durst not approach them to make war with them, for they were greatly afraid of them, and their hearts melted within them from their fear of them.*

*For this proceedeth from the Lord to them, for he heard the prayers of his servants Isaac and Jacob, for they trusted in him; and all these kings returned with their camp on that day, each to his own city, and they did not at that time fight with the sons of Jacob.*

*And the sons of Jacob kept their station that day till evening opposite mount Sihon, and seeing that these kings did not come to fight against them, the sons of Jacob returned home.*

Then God said to Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and live there; and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.

So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, Put away the foreign gods which are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your garments; and let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and has been with me wherever I have gone.

So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods which they had, and the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was near Shechem.

As they journeyed, there was a great terror upon the cities which were around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.

So Jacob came to Luz [Bethel], which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him. And he built an altar there, and called the place Ell-bethel, because there God had revealed Himself to him, when he fled from his brother.

Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the oak; it was named Allon-bacuth.

Then God appeared to Jacob again when he came from Paddan-aram, and He blessed him. And God said to him, Your name is Jacob; You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.

Thus he called him Israel. God also said to him, I am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and the land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give it to you.

Then God went up from him in the place where He had spoken with him.

*And Jacob was ninety-nine years old when he went up to Bethel, and Jacob and his sons and all the people that were with him, remained in Bethel in Luz. Jacob and his sons remained in Bethel six months.*

*At that time Rebecca the daughter of Bethuel, the mother of Jacob, also died at that time in Hebron, the same is Kireath-arba, and she was buried in the cave of Machpelah which Abraham had bought from the children of Heth.*

*And the life of Rebecca was one hundred and thirty-three years, and she died and when Jacob heard that his mother Rebecca was dead he wept bitterly for his mother, and made a great mourning for her.*

*And Laban the Syrian died in those days, for God smote him because he transgressed the covenant that existed between him and Jacob.*

*And Jacob was a hundred years old when the Lord appeared unto him, and blessed him and called his name Israel, and Rachel the wife of Jacob conceived in those days.*

*And at that time Jacob and all belonging to him journeyed from Bethel to go to his father's house, to Hebron.*

And Isaac breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people, an old man of ripe age; and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

[I am going to skip the list of generations from both books at this time and keep the actual story of Jacob going. Both the Bible and Jasher can furnish those details for you if you need them. This set is in a story format only.]

*Whilst they were going on the road, and there was yet but a little way to come to Ephrath, Rachel bare a son and she had hard labor and she died.*

*And Jacob buried her in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem, and he set a pillar upon her grave, which is there unto this day; and the days of Rachel were forty-five years and she died.*

*And Jacob called the name of his son that was born to him, which Rachel bare unto him, Benjamin, for he was born to him in the land on the right hand.*

*And it was after the death of Rachel, that Jacob pitched his tent in the tent of her handmaid Bilhah.*

*And Reuben was jealous for his mother Leah on account of this, and he was filled with anger, and he rose up in his anger and went and entered the tent of Bilhah and he thence removed his father's bed.*

*At that time the portion of birthright, together with the kingly and priestly offices, was removed from the sons of Reuben, for he had profaned his father's bed, and the birthright was given unto Joseph, the kingly office to Judah, and the priesthood unto Levi, because Reuben had defiled his father's bed.*

[Skipping more generational lists.]

*And in the one hundred and fifth year of the life of Jacob, that is the ninth year of Jacob's dwelling with his children in the land of Canaan, he came from Padan-aram.*

*And in those days Jacob journeyed with his children from Hebron, and they went and returned to the city of Shechem, they and all belonging to them, and they dwelt there, for the children of Jacob obtained good and fat pasture land for their cattle in the city of Shechem, the city of Shechem having then been rebuilt and there were in it about three hundred men and women.*

*And Jacob and his children and all belonging to him dwelt in the part of the field which Jacob had bought from Hamor the father of Shechem, when he came from Padan-aram before Simeon and Levi had smitten the city.*

*And all those kings of the Canaanites and Amorites that surrounded the city of Shechem, heard that the sons of Jacob had again come to Shechem and dwelt there.*

*And they said, Shall the sons of Jacob the Hebrew again come to the city and dwell therein, after that they have smitten its inhabitants and driven them out? shall they now return and also drive out those who are dwelling there in the city or slay them?*

*And all the kings of Canaan again assembled, and they came together to make war with Jacob and his sons.*

*And Jashub king of Tapnach sent also to all his neighboring kings, to Elan king of Gaash, and to Thuri king of Shiloh, and to Parathon king of Chazar, and to Susi king of Sarton, and to Laban king of Bethchoran, and to shabir king of Othnaymah, saying, Come up to me, and let us smite Jacob the Hebrew and his sons, and all belonging to him, for they are again come to Shechem to possess it and to slay its inhabitants as before.*

*And all these kings assembled together and came with all their camps, a people exceedingly plentiful like the sand upon the seashore, and they were all opposite to Tapnach.*

*And Jashub king of Tapnach went forth to them with all his army, and he encamped with them opposite to Tapnach without the city, and all these kings they divided into seven divisions, being seven camps against the sons of Jacob.*

*And they sent a declaration to Jacob and his son, saying, Come you all forth to us that we may have an interview together in the plain, and revenge the cause of the men of Shechem whom you slew in their city, and you will now again return to the city of Shechem and dwell therein, and slay its inhabitants as before.*

*And the sons of Jacob heard this and their anger was kindled exceedingly at the words of the kings of Canaan, and ten of the sons of Jacob hastened and rose up, and each of them girt on his weapons of war; and there were one hundred and two of their servants with them equipped in battle array.*

*And all these men, the sons of Jacob with their servants, went toward these kings, and Jacob their father was with them, and they all stood upon the heap of Shechem.*

*And Jacob prayed to the Lord for his sons, and he spread forth his hands to the Lord, and he said, O god, thou art an Almighty God, thou art our father, thou didst form us and we are the works of thine hands; I pray thee deliver my sons through thy mercy from the hand of their enemies, who are this day coming to fight with them and save them from their hand, for in thy hand is power and might, to save the few from the many.*

*And give unto my sons, thy servants, strength of heart and might to fight with their enemies, to subdue them, and let not my sons and their servants die through the hands of the children of Canaan.*

*But if it seemeth good in thine eyes to take away the lives of my sons and their servants, take them in thy great mercy through the hands of thy ministers, that they may not perish this day by the hands of the kings of the Amorites.*

*And when Jacob ceased praying to the Lord the earth shook from its place, and the sun darkened, and all these kings were terrified and a great consternation seized them.*

*And the Lord hearkened to the prayer of Jacob, and the Lord impressed the hearts of all the kings and their hosts with the terror and awe of the sons of Jacob.*

*For the Lord caused them to hear the voice of chariots, and the voice of mighty horses from the sons of Jacob, and the voice of a great army accompanying them.*

*And these kings were seized with great terror at the sons of Jacob, and whilst they were standing in their quarters, behold the sons of Jacob advanced upon them, with one hundred and twelve men, with a great and tremendous shouting.*

*And when the kings saw the sons of Jacob advancing toward them, they were still more panic struck, and they were inclined to retreat from before the sons of Jacob as at first, and not to fight with them.*

*But they did not retreat, saying, It would be a disgrace to us thus twice to retreat from before the Hebrews. And the sons of Jacob came near and advanced against all these kings and their armies, and they saw, and behold it was a very mighty people, numerous as the sand of the sea.*

*And the sons of Jacob called unto the Lord and said, Help us O Lord, help us and answer us, for we trust in thee, and let us not die by the hands of these uncircumcised men, who this day have come against us.*

*And the sons of Jacob girt on their weapons of war, and they took in their hands each man his shield and his javelin, and they approached to battle.*

*And Judah, the son of Jacob, ran first before his brethren, and ten of his servants with him, and he went towards these kings.*

*And Jashub, king of Tapnach, also came forth first with his army before Judah, and Judah saw Jashub and his army coming toward him, and Judah's wrath was kindled, and his anger burned within him, and he approached to battle in which Judah ventured his life.*

*And Jashub and all his army were advancing toward Judah, and he was riding upon a very strong and powerful horse, and Jashub was a very valiant man, and covered with iron and brass from head to foot.*

*And whilst he was upon the horse, he shot arrows with both hands from before and behind, as was his manner in all his battles, and he never missed the place to which he aimed his arrows.*

*And when Jashub came to fight with Judah, and was darting many arrow against Judah, the Lord bound the hand of Jashub, and all the arrows that he shot rebounded upon his own men.*

*And notwithstanding this, Jashub kept advancing toward Judah, to challenge him with the arrows, but the distance between them was about thirty cubits, and when Judah saw Jashub darting forth his arrows against him,, he ran to him with his wrath-excited might.*

*And Judah took up a large stone from the ground, and its weight was fifty shekels, and Judah ran towards Jashub, and with the stone struck him on his shield, that Jashub was stunned with the blow, and fell off from his horse to the ground.*

*And the shield burst asunder out of the hand of Jashub, and through the force of the blow sprang to the distance of about fifteen cubits, and the shield fell before the second camp.*

*And the kings that came with Jashub saw at a distance the strength of Judah, the son of Jacob, and what he had done to Jashub, and they were terribly afraid of Judah.*



*And they assembled near Jashub's camp, seeing his confusion, and Judah drew his sword and smote forty-two men of the camp of Jashub, and the whole of Jashub's camp fled from before Judah, and no man stood against him, and they left Jashub and fled from him, and Jashub was still prostrate upon the ground.*

*And Jashub seeing that all the men of his camp had fled from him, hastened and rose up with terror against Judah, and stood upon his legs opposite Judah.*

*And Jashub had a single combat with Judah, placing shield toward shield, and Jashub's men all fled, for they were greatly afraid of Judah.*

*And Jashub took his spear in his hand to strike Judah upon his head, but Judah had quickly placed his shield to his head against Jashub's spear, so that the shield of Judah received the blow from Jashub's spear, and the shield was split in two.*

*And when Judah saw that his shield was split, he hastily drew his sword and smote Jashub at his ankles, and cut off his feet so that Jashub fell upon the ground, and the spear fell from his hand.*

*And Judah hastily picked up Jashub's spear, with which he severed his head and cast it next to his feet.*

[ A vicious and gruesome war continued for days! Jacob and his sons killed all seven kings and hundreds of their men; they tracked them back to their cities and killed the men in all seven cities. They took women and children, cattle and spoils from all the cities back to their home. The other kings of Canaan became very fearful; they gathered together and went to Jacob and pleaded with him to make a peace treaty between their cities and they would also stay away from them. After a lot of discussion, they agreed. They gave them the spoil they had taken from the other cities and said goodbye. Occasionally, they would come by with tributes for Jacob and his men. This was the last war they fought for many years. It covers pages; if you want the details, buy the book of Jasher. It is very gruesome.]

[The next issue will take you back to Hebron to their home where Isaac had lived and died and will begin the story of Joseph, specifically, along with more about his brothers and his father Jacob.]

*(Continued in the next article.)*

**Ancient Book of Jubilees by Ken Johnson, Th.D., The Books of Enoch by Joseph B. Lumpkin, Ancient Book of Jasher by Ken Johnson, Th.D. OR all three in one volume called Genesis by Rob Skiba.  
Available on Amazon.**

