

• **LESSON 18 (May 10)** • **Genesis 31-33** •

## **The Beginning of Israel**

- ❖ What small insight might we have about Jacob and the way he perceives his relationship with Yahweh in Genesis 31:5?
- ❖ How do Rachel and Leah feel about Jacob's plan according to Genesis 31:14-16?
- ❖ What do we learn about Laban in Genesis 31:19?
- ❖ Notice again how Jacob describes Yahweh in Genesis 31:42. How would you characterize his **present frame of mind and faith**? See also Genesis 31:53.
- ❖ **Take the time to carefully read Genesis 32. What was Jacob's last interaction with Esau like? How does he feel about Esau now, and what does he do in anticipation of his upcoming face-to-face encounter with Esau?**
- ❖ What happens in Genesis 32:22-32 and how does it fundamentally change Jacob?
- ❖ What happens in Genesis 33 as Jacob and Esau finally come face-to-face after many years of separation?
- ❖ "There he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel" (Gen 33:20). What does El-Elohe-Israel mean and what does the name of this altar finally reveal about Jacob?

