

Vayishlach, Gen 32:4-36:43 (end)

Gen. 32:1

Early in the morning, Laban kissed his sons and daughters and bade them good-bye; then Laban left on his journey homeward. 2 Jacob went on his way, and **angels** of God encountered him. 3 When he saw them, Jacob said, “This is God’s camp.” So he named that place Mahanaim.

Gen. 32:4

Jacob sent **messengers** ahead to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, 5 and instructed them as follows, “Thus shall you say, ‘To my lord Esau, thus says your servant Jacob: I stayed with Laban and remained until now; 6 I have acquired cattle, asses, sheep, and male and female slaves; and I send this message to my lord in the hope of gaining your favor.’” 7 The **messengers** returned to Jacob, saying, “We came to your brother Esau; he himself is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him.” 8 Jacob was greatly frightened; in his anxiety, he divided the people with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, 9 thinking, “If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, the other camp may yet escape.”

וַיַּעֲקֹב הָלַךְ לְדַרְכּוֹ וַיִּפְגְּעוּ-בּוֹ מַלְאָכֵי אֱלֹהִים: Gen. 32:2

Gen. 32:4

וַיִּשְׁלַח יַעֲקֹב מַלְאָכִים לְפָנָיו אֶל-עֵשָׂו אָחִיו אֲרֻצָּה שְׁעִיר שָׂדֵה אֱדוֹם:

Gen. 32:7

וַיָּשָׁבוּ הַמַּלְאָכִים אֶל-יַעֲקֹב לֵאמֹר בָּאנוּ אֶל-אָחִיךָ אֶל-עֵשָׂו וְגַם הִלָּךְ לִקְרַאתְךָ וְאֲרַבַּע-מֵאוֹת אִישׁ עִמּוֹ:

17/198 occurrences of **מַלְאָךְ** are found in Genesis, starting with

Gen. 16:7

וַיִּמְצָאָהּ מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה עַל-עֵינַי הַמַּיִם בַּמְדְּבָר עַל-הָעֵינַן בְּדֶרֶךְ שׁוּר:

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Gen. 48:16

הַמַּלְאָךְ הַגָּאֵל אֹתִי מִכָּל-רָע יְבָרֶךְ אֶת-הַנְּעָרִים וַיְקַרְא בְּהֵם שְׁמִי וְשֵׁם אֲבֹתָי אַבְרָהָם וַיְצַחֵק וַיְדַבֵּר לָרֹב בְּקִרְבֵּי הָאָרֶץ:

... when Jacob blesses Ephraim and Manasseh:

“The God in whose ways my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has been my shepherd from my birth to this day — 16 The Angel who has redeemed me from all harm — Bless the lads. In them may my name be recalled, And the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, And may they be teeming multitudes upon the earth.”