



The Son of Man

Pt. 1

- 1. God answered Jacob's prayer for deliverance (Gen. 32:9-12) with a face-to-face encounter and blessing that ensured victory over men but only after breaking his own strength to rely on God's strength.
 - --This is what God would do with "Jacob" in the Courses of Punishment, disabling them so that they rely on Him to be true Israel indeed. First God disabled Israel under the captivities to the Gentiles. He will one day bring them back to Himself and they will rely on Him and enter into the land and Kingdom.

- 2. The One who is the fulfiller of the OT, who is God who knows the heart and souls of men, the Christ/Messiah, Son of God/King of Israel, the One who struggled with Jacob and renamed him Israel 2,000 yrs. Before, the One who connects God and man, Heaven and Earth, the One who does all this is there in Nathaniel's presence, face-to-face, interacting with him!
- 3. Like Jacob, the Believing Remnant would need to learn that deliverance doesn't come by compromising or accommodating the enemy (for Jacob Esau; for Israel—Egypt and others; for Believing Remnant in Jesus's day and out in the Tribulation Period that would be the Vain Religious System—the apostate nation.

 --It comes through the provisions of the gracious LORD.

- 4. God crippled Jacob and blessed him—Gen. 28-32 and John:
 - a. It happened before he re-entered the Promised Land (John was baptizing on the other side of the Jordan).
 - b. It involved a re-naming (Gen. 32:28) (represented in the renaming of Simon to Cephas/Peter and Nathaniel named as an Israelite without guile).
 - c. In answer to prayer for deliverance, God gave a face-to-face encounter with the God-Man (Peniel--Gen. 32:30) (that is what the disciples will be doing when they look upon Jesus—Philip, If you have seen me you have seen the Father (Jn.1:14,14:9)
 - d. Jacob wrestled with the God-Man, (Who are You? What's Your Name?) The disciples will wrestle with the God-Man, the Lord Jesus Christ, esp. regarding His suffering, death and resurrection-trying to get their own way). But He never gives up on His Own (Gen. 32:24, 30).

- e. Jacob clung to God through it all, the Bel. Remnant of Israel will continue to cling to Him (Jn. 6:68).
- f. The Man asks Jacob what is his name, forcing him to reveal his whole nature—sinful deceiver (Gen. 32:27). John called on Israel, esp., the Bel. Remnant to come out and acknowledge and confess their national sin and enter Israel's cleansing program beginning with his water baptism. Then Jacob, truly/indeed Israel would be blessed. God first fought against Jacob to remove self-dependence, pride and rebelliousness (for Israel, the 5 COPs). After He will fight for Israel in dependence on Him in faith.
 - --As Jacob, Jacob used God's things for his own fleshly pursuits.
 - --As Israel, he will use God's things for God's purposes.

- g. The name Israel would remind the nation that in overcoming in this fight with God and men, they could overcome all other things now relying on God's power rather than their own (Gen. 32:28; Jn. 16:33; 1 Jn. 2:13-14, 4:4, 5:4-5; Rev. 2 -3,17:14, 21:7).
 - --If they could be face-to-face with God and survive, they can be face-to-face with any man and survive.
 - --Jacob/Israel learned that it was useless to struggle—a crippled in the flesh Jacob becomes a strong in faith Israel.

- 5. Jacob's prayer for deliverance was met with a face-to-face encounter with God in the person of this Man-God.
 - --Perhaps Nathaniel was praying under the fig tree for his and Israel's deliverance through the King and His Kingdom of Righteousness, Peace and Prosperity. God provided for him face-to-face encounter with the God Man, the Son of God, who would bless him immeasurably more than what Jacob/Israel received—leading them to His Own SON OF MAN title (Dan. 7:13-14).
 - 6. Through Jacob's struggling and then clinging, Jacob secured for the nation a new name—Israel—and the promise of his and its ultimate victory and blessing.

- 7. Jesus goes back to John the B's (Ram) Lamb of God (1:36) and supersedes it with His Own preferred self-designation: The Son of Man.
 - a. The Lamb of God (2X in Gospel of John) identification disappears and does not re-appear again until Revelation, during the Tribulation Period and the pouring out of the wrath of the (Ram) Lamb where it explodes onto the scene in no fewer than 29 times.
 - b. Jesus replaces it with the Son of Man title that explodes in the Gospel Accounts (no fewer than 89 times) and then disappears re-appearing only 2 times in Revelation.