



Rewriting the Story – Jacob

Jacob has more rewriting than perhaps any character in the Bible.

1. Before Jacob was born
Genesis 25:22
“If all is well, why am I like this?”
2. The Supplanter
Genesis 25:26
Grasping Esau’s heel
3. Buys his brother’s birthright
Genesis 25:31
4. Steals his brother’s blessing
Genesis 27

5. Renames 'Luz' to 'Bethel' – 'the house of God'
Genesis 28:19

6. Name changed to 'Israel'
Genesis 32:28

7. Place named 'Peniel' – 'the face of God'
Genesis 32:30

8. Changes 'Bethel' to 'El-Bethel'
Genesis 35:7

9. Changes 'Ben-Oni' (Sorrow) to 'Benjamin' (Son of my Right Hand)
Genesis 35:18

10. Jacob died for 22 years
Genesis 37:35 I shall go down to the grave to my son in mourning
Genesis 45:27 When he heard the words and saw the carts, his spirit revived