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***Recap of 3/15/09:***

*1. As Jacob is about to enter the land of Canaan, he is greeted by angels. He names the place Mahanaim which means “two camps,” referring to his camp and to the angel’s camp. It is a reminder to him of God’s care and presence with him. It was also a reminder to him of the spiritual nature of the battle ahead.*

*2. Paul reminds believers in the New Testament that the battles they face are not physical alone but are spiritual. “We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, powers,…” (Ephesians 6:10-12). Spiritual warfare requires spiritual means (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).*

*3. Angels are mentioned almost 400 times in the Old and New Testaments. They are created beings (Psalm 148:2-5), they do not procreate (Matthew 22:30), they are personal beings (exhibiting intellect, emotion and will), they are spirit beings (Hebrews 1:14, “ministering spirits) thus they do not have a body though they can appear as human, they do not die, and their main ministry is to serve those who are the heirs of salvation (Hebrews 1:14).*

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**Genesis 32:1-33:30**

 I. Jacob and the angels 32:1-21

 II. Jacob and God 32:22-32

III. Jacob and Esau 33:1-30