

— Genesis 27.41 – 28.22 —  
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**Jacob and God**

Gen 27 <sup>41</sup> So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, “The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob.” <sup>42</sup> And the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, “Surely your brother Esau comforts himself concerning you by intending to kill you. <sup>43</sup> Now therefore, my son, obey my voice: arise, flee to my brother Laban in Haran. <sup>44</sup> And stay with him a few days, until your brother’s fury turns away, <sup>45</sup> until your brother’s anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereaved also of you both in one day?” <sup>46</sup> And Rebekah said to Isaac, “I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these who are the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?” 28 <sup>1</sup> Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. <sup>2</sup> Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother’s brother. <sup>3</sup> “May God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may be an assembly of peoples; <sup>4</sup> And give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and your descendants with you, that you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham.” <sup>5</sup> So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Padan Aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau. <sup>6</sup> Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,” <sup>7</sup> and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Padan Aram. <sup>8</sup> Also Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac. <sup>9</sup> So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had. <sup>10</sup> Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: “I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. <sup>14</sup> Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.” <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!” <sup>18</sup> Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. <sup>19</sup> And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously. <sup>20</sup> Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, <sup>21</sup> so that I come back to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. <sup>22</sup> And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God’s house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.”

► The first thing we see is more of Esau’s carnality and cluelessness: (1) In hating Jacob and seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ him (41).

(2) In taking a third \_\_\_\_\_, a daughter of Ishmael (6-9).

► The end result for Jacob is that he officially has the blessing, yet someone is always \_\_\_\_\_ against him.

So Jacob has to \_\_\_\_\_.

► Haran is ~ \_\_\_\_\_ miles north of Beersheba. A day’s journey was \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ miles. Jacob is trying to make it to Luz ~ \_\_\_\_\_ miles to the north, but darkness catches him, so he beds down all alone in the middle of \_\_\_\_\_. As he sleeps, God opens his eyes to the truth: He is not alone, for \_\_\_\_\_ is with him, and he is not in the middle of nowhere, he is at the house of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven.

► In his dream, Jacob sees a \_\_\_\_\_ stretching from earth to heaven, on which \_\_\_\_\_ are going up and down, and from above \_\_\_\_\_ speaks to Jacob. Similar elements are found in other accounts of when the LORD manifests his \_\_\_\_\_.

Eze 1 <sup>4</sup> Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst ... <sup>5</sup> Also from within it came the likeness of ... living creatures ... <sup>13</sup> ... their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth ... <sup>14</sup> And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of

lightning ... <sup>22</sup> The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the living creatures was like the color of an awesome crystal ... <sup>25</sup> A voice came from above the firmament ... <sup>26</sup> And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne ... [and] on ... the throne was a likeness ... of a man high above it.

Exo 40 <sup>34</sup> the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle ... <sup>38</sup> For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel

► Who appeared to Jacob and spoke to him from heaven?

Jn 1 <sup>51</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Jn 3 <sup>13</sup> "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven."

Everything true of the Temple is true of \_\_\_\_\_.

► In God's words to Jacob:

1) He ID's himself as \_\_\_\_\_ (13).

Jn 8 <sup>56</sup> "Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup> Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

2) He repeats the promises of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ given to Abraham (13-14).

Rom 4 <sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would be the heir of the world [*kosmos*] was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Gal 3 <sup>8</sup> And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

Gal 3 <sup>16</sup> Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ ... <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

3) He repeats the foundation of all the promises and blessings – that God will be \_\_\_\_\_ his people (15).

Mt 28 <sup>20</sup> "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

► Jacob responds in \_\_\_\_\_ (20-22).

► What does the Bible teach about God being far and near and with us?

Acts 17 <sup>24</sup> God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup> Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things ... <sup>27</sup> though He is not far from each one of us; <sup>28</sup> for in Him we live and move and have our being

Ps 138 <sup>6</sup> The LORD is on high, yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar.

Ps 139 <sup>1</sup> O LORD, You have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup> You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. <sup>3</sup> You ... are acquainted with all my ways ... <sup>5</sup> You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me ... <sup>7</sup> Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, <sup>10</sup> even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me ... <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.

Rom 8 <sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. <sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?