

Steve Greenberg's Handout

Week 25, Aug 12, 2026 Gen 28 Jacobs Dream

Genesis 28:1-5 Jacob was sent to His Uncle Laban to get a Wife and Flee from His Brother Esau's revenge

Gen 28:1 Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged (**commanded**) him and said to him (**Jacob his son**): "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan (**do not marry a Canaanite women, broad designation included Hittites like Esau**).

Correlation passage related to Abraham and his son

Gen 24:2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh,

Gen 24:3 "and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell;

Gen 24:4 "but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

Gen 28:2 "Arise(**Hebrew verb often used as an instruction or a command**), go (**immediately**) to Padan Aram (**meaning the fields/plain of Aram; around the ancient city of Harran, Northwest Mesopotamia**), to the house of Bethuel your mother's father (**or grandfather**); and take yourself a wife from there, (**from one**) of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother (**your uncle Laban's daughters or Jacob's first cousins**) (**standard practice in ancient Near Eastern culture to keep wealth, inheritance, and tribal identity within the family**).

Prophetic reference:

Hos 12:12 Jacob fled to the country of Syria (**Aram- Padan-Aram**); Israel (**Jacob**) served (**worked**) for a spouse, And for a wife he (**paid for by working**) tended sheep.

Gen 28:3 "May God Almighty(**Hebrew El Shaddai**) bless you, And make you fruitful and multiply you (**your descendants**), That you may be an assembly (**great company**) of peoples (**a large nation**);

Prophetic references:

Gen 17:15 Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

Gen 17:16 "And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her."

Gen 35:11 Also God said to him: "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body.

Gen 48:3 Then Jacob said to Joseph: "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me,

gave him a charge (**warning, command**), saying, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,"

Esau seeks to please his father. First he needs to believe and repent, get right with God

Gen 28:7 and that Jacob had obeyed (**after listened to**) his "father and his mother", and had gone to Padan Aram.

Gen 28:8 Also Esau saw (**realized**) that the daughters of Canaan (**his two Canaanite wives**) did not please, his father Isaac.

Gen 28:9 So Esau (**trying to appease his parents**) went to Ishmael (**his uncles family**) 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.

Gen 26:34 When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives (**two local Canaanite women**) Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.

Gen 26:35 And they were a **grief of mind (source of grief and bitterness)** to Isaac and Rebekah.

Genesis 28:10-22 Jacob's Vow at Bethel (Jacob's Dream)

Gen 28:10 Now Jacob went out (**departed**) from Beersheba and went (**or traveled**) toward Haran (**Jacob left his family, He did not know that he would never see his mother again**).

Jacob sets out on his journey to travel 600 miles to Haran

Gen 28:11 So he(**Jacob**) came to a certain place (**good place to set up camp**) and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he(**Jacob**) took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head (**under his head as his head-rest**), and he lay down in that place to sleep (**and he fell asleep**).

Gen 28:12 Then he(**Jacob**) dreamed, and behold, a ladder (**or stairway**) was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there (**he saw**) the angels of God, were ascending and descending on it (**angels going from heaven down to earth and from earth up to heaven**).

Jesus identifies himself as the ladder linking heaven and earth

Jhn 1:51 And He(**Jesus**) said to him(**Nathanael**), "**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 (the bridge, mediator between heaven (God without sin) and earth (sinful man)).**"

Correlation passage:

1Tim 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

The Lord repeats his promises to Abraham (12:3; 7; 13:14–16; 17:7–8; 18:18; 22:17–18) and Isaac (26:3-4 below).

Gen 26:3 "Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.

Gen 26:4 "And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

Gen 35:6 So Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him.

Gen 35:7 And he built an altar there and called the place El Bethel, because there God appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother.

Gen 28:16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the "LORD" is in this place, and I did not know (nor was aware of) it."

Exo 3:2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him(Moses) in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

Exo 3:5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Exo 3:6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

Exo 3:12 So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Gen 28:17 And he(Jacob) was afraid and said, "How awesome (and fearful) is this place! This is none other than the "house of God", and this is the gate of heaven (or gateway to heaven)!"

Jacob describes the presence of God he experienced as the place where God is (House of God).

Gen 28:18 Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar (as a remembrance pillar, to the vision, in his dream), and poured oil (olive oil) on top of it (to consecrate or dedicate it as sacred).

Gen 31:11 "Then the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, saying, 'Jacob.' And I said, 'Here I am.'

Gen 35:14 So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it.

Gen 35:15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

Gen 14:18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.

Gen 14:19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

Gen 14:20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he(Abram) gave him a tithe of all.

Lev 27:30 'And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's. It is holy to the LORD.

Israelite worshipers give a tenth of their income (a “tithe”) to God as an expression of their love and commitment.

End, Prayer

Extra Scriptures: