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## **The Blessing Conveyed to Jacob**

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### **Genesis 28:10-22**

**Introduction:** In this lesson, we find that Jacob has left his home because of his life being in danger from his brother, Esau. Jacob has tricked Esau into selling him his birthright, and Jacob and his mother, Rebekah, have deceived Isaac into blessing Jacob, when he believed he was blessing Esau. But, even though he thought he was talking to Esau, it was God's will that Jacob be blessed as Isaac spoke, who did it BY FAITH in God. All of the blessings spoken of have their foundation in what God foresaw about these boys, concerning what they would regard as important in life. In time, God blessed Jacob because of his reverence and obedience.

**Genesis 25:22-24**, And the children **struggled** together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. And the LORD said unto her, **Two nations** are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall **be stronger** than the other people; and **the elder** shall **serve the younger**. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were TWINS in her womb.

**Hebrews 11:20**, By FAITH Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

**NOTE:** God **foreknew** everything concerning the unborn twins, but he **chose** to tell Rebekah a part of what was foreknown. First, two DIFFERENT kinds of people were about to be launched into the stream of history, **one weak**, the other **STRONGER**. In the light of such knowledge, could God have chosen the weaker? And what is meant by "two manner of people"? Esau's life quickly followed the pattern God had foreseen. He was a **profane** (IRREVERENT) person and a **fornicator** (Hebrews 12:16). Thus, Esau was rejected and Jacob chosen because of God's foreknowledge of what would take place in the lives of both of them.

When Isaac blessed his sons, the scriptures relate that he did so "by faith concerning things to come" (Hebrews 11:20); and it is arbitrary and contrary to reason for anyone to suppose that God made choice between those brothers without taking into account the "things to come." Nothing in the election of Jacob and the exclusion of his brother had any bearing at all upon the **eternal destiny** of either, each individual having still been left **free to choose** the direction of his life; but it was concerned primarily, if not indeed totally, with the building of the nation of the **covenant people**.

(Source: Coffman Commentaries on the Old & New Testament [classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/](http://classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/))

**Genesis 28:10**, And Jacob went out from **Beersheba**, and went toward **Haran**.

**NOTE:** **From Beersheba. toward Haran** .... Haran was some 500 miles from Beersheba, and this first event on the way to be mentioned by the sacred record occurred evidently

about the **third night** after his departure. Bethel was some fifty or sixty miles distant from Beersheba.

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**Genesis 28:11-12**, And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there **all night**, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he **dreamed**, and beheld a **ladder (stair-case)** set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and beheld the **angels** of God ascending and descending on it.

**NOTE:** There can be no doubt that this use of the original term was common among the early Hebrews; as Josephus, describing the town of Ptolemais (Acre), says it was bounded by a mountain, which, from its projecting sides, was called "**the ladder**," and the **stairs** that led down to the city are, in the original, termed **a ladder** (Ne 3:15) though they were only a **flight of steps** cut in the side of the rock. But whether the image presented to the mental eye of Jacob were a common ladder, or such a mountain pile as has been described, the design of this vision was to afford **comfort, encouragement, and confidence** to the lonely fugitive, both in his present circumstances and as to his future prospects. His thoughts during the day must have been painful--he would be his own self-accuser that he had brought exile and privation upon himself--and above all, that though he had obtained the **forgiveness** of his father, he had much reason to fear lest God might have forsaken him. Solitude affords time for **reflection**; and it was now that God began to bring Jacob under a course of religious instruction and training. To dispel his fears and allay (subdue or destroy) the inward tumult of his mind, nothing was better fitted than the vision of the gigantic ladder, which reached from himself to heaven, and on which the **angels** were continually ascending and descending from God Himself on their benevolent errands (John 1:51). (Source: Jamieson, Fausset, Brown Commentary [classic.studylight.org/com/jfb/](http://classic.studylight.org/com/jfb/))

**Genesis 24:40**, And he (Abraham) said unto me, The Lord, before whom I walk, WILL send his **angel** with thee, and **prosper** thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house...

**Hebrews 1:13-14**, But to which of the **angels** said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they **not all ministering** spirits, **sent** forth to minister **for** them who shall be heirs of salvation?

**Thought 1.** Even today, Yahweh gives dreams to people, known as night visions to share information and/or communicate with them. The thoughts and images from him are literal and/or symbolic in nature. And the symbols seen may be physical things and/or spiritual things that he uses to reveal truth. In any case, it's always "truth".

**Daniel 2:19**, Then was the secret **revealed** unto Daniel in a **night vision**. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

**Acts 2:15-17**, For these are **not** drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to **pass** in the **last days**, saith God, I will pour out of my **Spirit** upon **ALL flesh**: and your **sons** and your **daughters** shall **PROPHECY**...

**Prophecy defined 4395, to foretell events, speak** [SERMONIZE, lecture, PREACH] **under inspiration, exercise the prophetic office.**

**Acts 2:17-18** ...and your young men shall see **visions**, and your old men shall dream **dreams**: And on my **servants** and on my **handmaidens** I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall **prophecy**...

**Thought 2.** We must also know that Satan will bring thoughts and images at night during sleep. And sometimes, he'll mix the truth with lies in order to mislead, deceive, or produce

fear in the minds of God's people. But, since the Lord wants us to know the truth, we can trust his Spirit to reveal to us when the thoughts and images are not from him. So, we should never believe anything, thoughts, images or teachings while awake, or asleep in a dream, until we have examined them in order to know that they're from the Lord.

And God's written word is the primary tool used to examine what's of him, or not of him. Also, it's easy when we know that the Lord will never contradict his revealed written word.

The next thing that we should know is that truths that we are aware of, as we live physically in this world will also be used by the Lord to help us to understand what he's saying to us. So, what comes from him will never contradict physical or spiritual truths.

**2 Corinthians 10:4-5** ...(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [pertaining to flesh {the human body}], but **mighty** through God to the pulling down of **strong holds [argument {persuasive reasoning, DEBATE}.];**) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth **itself** against the knowledge of God, and bringing into **captivity** every **thought** to the **obedience** of Christ...

**1 Thessalonians 5:21-22**, **Prove (discern, examine) ALL** things; **hold fast** that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.

**Genesis 28:13**, *And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy SEED...*

**The LORD defined 3068 Yhovah yeh-ho-vaw', the self-Existent or Eternal; JEHOVAH, Jewish national name of God: --Jehovah, the Lord (RULER).**  
JEHOVAH, the Scripture name of the Supreme (highest authority) Being.

**NOTE:** **Jehovah** is a Latinization of the Hebrew יהוה, a vocalization of the Tetragrammaton יהוה (YHWH), the proper name of the God of Israel in the Hebrew Bible, which has also been transcribed as "Yehowah" or "**Yahweh**" יהוה appears 6,518 times in the traditional Masoretic Text, in addition to 305 instances of יהוה (*Jehovih*). The earliest available Latin text to use a vocalization similar to *Jehovah* dates from the 13th century. (Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jehovah>)

**God defined 430, 'elohiym el-o-heem'; especially with the article) of the SUPREME (Highest in Authority) GOD.**

God, the Supreme Being; the eternal and infinite Spirit, the CREATOR, and the Sovereign (Supreme in power) of the universe; Jehovah.

**Genesis 28:14**, *And thy SEED shall be as the **dust** of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy SEED shall all the **families** of the earth **be blessed**.*

**Thought 1.** This prophecy from the Lord is given for a number of reasons. First, the Lord wanted Jacob to KNOW his will to bless him, and him BE a blessing, as he had promised Abraham. This prophecy would comfort, and strengthen him now, and in the future.

**1 Corinthians 14:3-4** ...he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to **edification (building)**, and **exhortation**, and **comfort**. He that speaketh in an unknown **tongue** edifieth himself; but he that **prophesieth** edifieth the church.

**1 Timothy 1:18-19**, This **charge** I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest **war** a good **warfare**...

**Genesis 28:15**, *And, behold, I am **WITH** thee, and will KEEP (protect) thee in all places*

whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will **not leave thee**, until I have **done that** which I have spoken to thee of.

**NOTE:** The Lord stood above it, and said-- That Jacob might be at no loss to know the purport of the vision, he heard the divine voice; and the announcement of His name, together with a **renewal** of the **covenant**, and an assurance of **personal protection**, produced at once the most solemnizing and inspiring effect on his mind.  
(Source: Jamieson, Fausset, Brown Commentary [classic.studylight.org/com/jfb](http://classic.studylight.org/com/jfb))

**Exodus 23:20**, Behold, I send an **Angel** before thee, to **keep (guard; protect)** thee in the way, and to **bring thee** into the place which I have prepared.

**Genesis 28:16-19**, And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How **dreadful (be had in reverence)** is this place! this is none other but the **house** (holy place) of God, and this is the gate of heaven. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the **stone** that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a **pillar (memorial stone)**, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called **Luz** at the first.

**NOTE:** a. Jacob was right in sensing the presence of the Lord there, but he was wrong in perhaps thinking God was IN some places and not in others. David knew this: *Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?* (Psalm 139:7)  
b. From his fleshly perspective, Jacob puts too much emphasis on a particular place: **How awesome is this place!** He doesn't realize that if the presence of the Lord is not with him in every place, then God can never fulfill His promise to him.  
c. The city of **Bethel** plays an important (though not glorious) role in Israel's history. It is second only to Jerusalem in the number of times mentioned in the Old Testament.  
i. Later, when speaking to Jacob, God refers to Himself as *the God of Bethel* (Gen. 31:13).  
(Source: David Guzik's Commentaries on the Bible [classic.studylight.org/com/guz](http://classic.studylight.org/com/guz))

**Genesis 28:20-22**, And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, **if (since, SEEING) God (the supreme [Highest in authority] God) WILL be with me, and WILL keep me in this way that I go, and WILL give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; THEN shall the LORD be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.**

**Thought 1.** Now, because of the things that Jacob has seen and heard in his dream, he has gained the most important thing in life: wisdom from God. And the BEGINNING of wisdom IS the FEAR of the Lord. So, he submits, believes his words, and then makes a vow.  
An acronym for the things that produce reverence is **PASS**. When people **SEE** God's **Power**, **Authority**, **Sacredness**, or anything that can be called **Sublimeness** (state of being sublime: height in excellence, great; respectable), they gain REVERENCE for him.

**Proverbs 9:10**, The **FEAR** of the Lord **IS** the **beginning** of **wisdom**...

**Fear defined 3374, reverence** (profound [deep] respect and esteem [high regard] mingled with FEAR and affection [LOVE]). (1913 Webs.)  
The FEAR acceptable to God, is a filial (becoming a child in relation to his parents) fear, an awful reverence of the divine nature, proceeding from a just esteem (high value) of his perfections, which produces in us an inclination to his service and an unwillingness to offend him. It differs from AWE, which is an emotion compounded of fear, dread or terror, with admiration of something great, but not necessarily implying LOVE or affection.)

**Proverbs 16:6**, By **mercy (loving-kindness)** and **truth** iniquity is **purged**: and by the FEAR of the Lord men depart from evil.

**Proverbs 14:2**, He that **walketh** in his uprightness (*know is right*) **feareth** the Lord...