

JACOB FLEEING FROM HIS ANGRY BROTHER

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Genesis 28 : 10-22. *Scripture Memory Verse, Rev. 22 : 1.

Golden Text—He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us after our iniquities.—Psalm 103 : 10 (Rev. Ver.).



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10 And Ja'cob went out from Beershe'ba, and went toward Har'an.

11 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.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven : and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of A'braham thy father, and the God of I'saac : the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed ;

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.

15 And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep 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.

16 And Ja'cob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place ; and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place ! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Ja'cob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Beth-el : but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

20 And Ja'cob vowed a vow, saying, If 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,

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace ; then shall the LORD be my God :

22 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.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jacob had hardly got away from his father Isaac's tent after he received the blessing when his brother Esau came in from hunting. He had killed a deer and made a savory dish of venison, which he brought to his father. "Father, sit up and eat the meat I have brought you and give me the blessing you promised me," Esau said.

Then Isaac was much astonished. "Who are you ?" asked the blind, old father. "I am your son Esau." Isaac began to tremble all over. "Where is he who brought me meat and I have eaten it before you came and have given him the blessing ? Your brother Jacob came and deceived me and got the blessing that I meant to give to you," cried the old man.

When Esau heard this he cried bitterly, "Have you only one blessing ? Bless me also, O my father," Esau begged, and his father gave him a blessing also. This blessing would bring Esau riches and power and in the end he would be able to get away from serving his brother Jacob.

Esau hated Jacob because he had taken away both his birthright and his blessing, and he said he would kill Jacob just as soon as the old father Isaac was dead.

Rebekah heard this and told Jacob to go far away to his uncle Laban's house and stay there till Esau got over being angry. Then Isaac called Jacob and forgave him and blessed him again and sent him away to his uncle's home.

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