

Lesson II.

JACOB AT BETHEL

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Genesis 28 : 10-22—Memory Verses, 20-22.

Golden Text—I am with thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest.—Genesis 28 : 15.



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 beheld a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven : and beheld 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

While Rebekah wished to send Jacob away and thus save him from Esau's anger, she did not want to tell Isaac of the quarrel between the two brothers. So she went to Isaac one day and said : "Is it not time that Jacob was married ? Let us send him away now to look for a wife."

Isaac agreed to this at once, and calling Jacob, said to him : "Do not marry one of the heathen women of this land, but go to Haran, where your uncle Laban lives, and ask for one of his daughters to be your wife."

After his father had blessed him, Jacob set out on his long journey alone. When he had walked many weary miles, the night came

on. Jacob had no tent or house to sleep in, and there was no soft grass to lie upon, so he stretched himself upon the hard ground, and with a stone for his pillow and the starry night above him, he fell asleep.

Then a beautiful dream came to Jacob, a dream which God sent to comfort him in his loneliness. In this dream a ladder was set up on the earth, while the top of it reached to heaven, and on the steps were bright shining angels going up and coming down.

And God stood beside Jacob and said : "I am the Lord God of thy fathers, Abraham and Isaac. I will be with you to take care of you wherever you go, and will one day