

Genesis 28 • Towers & Pillars, Altars & Crosses

“For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.”

Jesus: John 5:46

Genesis 25:23 And the **LORD** said to her (*Rebekah*), “**Two nations** are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, **the older shall serve the younger.**”

Genesis 26:34-35 When **Esau was forty years old, he took Judith** the daughter of Beeri the **Hittite to be his wife**, and **Basemath** the daughter of Elon **the Hittite**, and **they made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.**

Genesis 27:41 Now **Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing** with which **his father had blessed him**, and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then **I will kill my brother Jacob.**”

Genesis 27:42 But **the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah**. So she sent and called Jacob her **younger son** and said to him, “**Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you.**

Genesis 27:43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, **flee to Laban my brother in Haran**

Genesis 27:44 and stay with him a while, **until your brother’s fury turns away—**

Genesis 27:45 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 bereft of you both in one day?”**

Genesis 27:46 Then Rebekah said to Isaac, “**I loathe my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one** of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, **what good will my life be to me?”**

Genesis 28:1 Then **Isaac called Jacob** and **blessed him** and **directed him**, “**You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women.**

Genesis 28:2 Arise, go to Paddan-aram to the house of **Bethuel your mother's father**, and take as **your wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother**.

Genesis 28:3 **God Almighty (El Shadday)** **bless you** and make you **fruitful** and **multiply** you, that you may become a **company of peoples**.

Genesis 28:4 May he (*God Almighty*) give the **blessing of Abraham to you** and to **your offspring** with you, that you may **take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!**"

Abraham & Jacob overlap - 15 years

To Abraham:

Genesis 12:3 **I will bless those who bless you**, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and **in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."**

Genesis 12:7a Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, **"To your offspring I will give this land."**

Genesis 13:15 for all the land that you see I will give to you and to **your offspring forever**.

Genesis 17:8 And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, **all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."**

Genesis 22:17 **I will surely bless you**, and **I will surely multiply your offspring** as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,

Genesis 22:18 and **in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed**, because you have obeyed my voice."

To Isaac:

Genesis 26:4 I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And **in your offspring** all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,

Galatians 3:16 Now the **promises were made to Abraham** and to his **offspring**. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your **offspring**,” who is Christ.

Promise to Abraham to Isaac to Jacob...Fulfilled in Christ

Genesis 28:5 Thus **Isaac sent Jacob away**. And he went to **Paddan-aram**, to **Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean**, the brother of **Rebekah**, Jacob’s and Esau’s mother.

Genesis 28:10 **Jacob left Beersheba** and went toward **Haran** (*550 miles*).

Genesis 28:11 And he came to a **certain place** and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking **one of the stones** of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep.

Genesis 28:12 And **he dreamed**, and **behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth**, and **the top of it reached to heaven**. And behold, **the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!**

Genesis 28:13 And behold, the **LORD stood above it** and said, “**I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac**. The land on which you lie **I will give to you and to your offspring**.”

Genesis 28:14 **Your offspring** shall be like **the dust of the earth**, and you shall spread abroad to the **west** and to the **east** and to the **north** and to the **south**, and in you and **your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed**.

Genesis 28:15 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 promised you.**

Genesis 28:16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, **“Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.”**

Genesis 28:17 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.”**

Genesis 28:18 So early in the morning Jacob took **the stone** that he had put under his head and **set it up for a pillar** and **poured oil on the top of it.**

Deuteronomy 16:22 And **you shall not set up a pillar, which the LORD your God hates.**

Genesis 11:4 Then they said, **“Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”**

Exodus 20:24 An **altar** of earth you shall make for me and **sacrifice on it** your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. **In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you.**

Genesis 35:1 **God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.”**

Genesis 35:2 So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, **“Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments.**

Genesis 35:3 Then let us arise and **go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.”**

Genesis 28:19 He called the name of that place **Bethel** (*house of God*), but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Genesis 28:20 Then **Jacob made 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 clothing to wear,

Genesis 28:21 so that I come again to my father’s house **in peace, then the LORD shall be my God,**

Genesis 28:22 and **this stone**, which I have set up for a pillar, **shall be God’s house**. And **of all that you give me** I will give a **full tenth to you.**”

1Peter 2:6 For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a **stone**, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and **whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.**”

John 1:45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “**We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.**”

John 1:46 Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “**Come and see.**”

John 1:47 **Jesus saw Nathanael** coming toward him and said of him, “**Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!**”

John 1:48 Nathanael said to him, “**How do you know me?**” Jesus answered him, “**Before Philip called you**, when you were under the fig tree, **I saw you.**”

John 1:49 Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, **you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!**”

John 1:50 Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘**I saw you under the fig tree,**’ do you believe? **You will see greater things than these.**”

John 1:51 And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **you will see heaven opened**, and the angels of God ascending and descending **on the Son of Man.**”

1Peter 2:24 **He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree**, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. **By his wounds you have been healed.**

Mark 15:37 And **Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.**

Mark 15:38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Hebrews 10:19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the **holy places by the blood of Jesus**,

Hebrews 10:20 by the **new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh**,

John 1:48 Nathanael said to him, “**How do you know me?**” Jesus answered him, “**Before Philip called you**, when you were under the fig tree, **I saw you.**”

How do you know me?

I saw you under the tree, from the tree...

You will see greater things than these...you will see heaven opened

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the **dwelling place of God is with man**. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and **God himself will be with them as their God.**

“Surely the LORD is in this place!