

The Life Of Jacob – The Blessing

I. Jacob Journeys To Haran

- A. God speaks to Jacob – **Genesis 28:12-15** 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 Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: 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.
- B. Jacob's response – **Genesis 28:19-22** ¹⁹ And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first. ²⁰ And Jacob 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.
1. *Hebrew* – “I shall repeatedly tithe it to you”
- C. Jacob stays in Haran for 20 years

II. Jacob Returns To Israel

- A. Jacob sends word to Esau – **Genesis 32:3** ³ And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

- B. Esau comes towards Jacob with 400 men
- C. Jacob wrestles all night – to restore his relationship with Esau
- D. God changes Jacob’s name to Israel – “Prince of God” and blesses Him
- E. Jacob gives a gift of \$24,000 in animals to Esau

III. Jacob Moves To Shechem (2 Years)

- A. Daughter Dinah raped
- B. Simeon and Levi kill men of Shechem
- C. Jacob’s sin – forgot his vow to God

Ecclesiastes 10:8⁸ He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

IV. God Rescues Jacob

- A. God tells Jacob to get to Bethel – **Genesis 35:1 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.**
- B. God talks to Jacob – **Genesis 35:11-15¹¹ And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; ¹² And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. ¹³ And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him. ¹⁴ And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. ¹⁵ And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bethel.**
- C. Jacob fulfills his vows at Bethel and pays his tithes