

# Genesis 28

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## **Jacob Sent to Laban**

<sup>1</sup> And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

<sup>2</sup> Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

<sup>3</sup> And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

<sup>4</sup> And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

<sup>5</sup> And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

<sup>6</sup> When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

<sup>7</sup> And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram;

<sup>8</sup> And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;

<sup>9</sup> Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

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## **Jacob's Dream at Bethel**

**10** And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.

**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 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.

**16** And Jacob 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 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, 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 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.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

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### Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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### Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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### Genesis 28:1

**Parallel theme:** Genesis 6:2; 24:3; 24:37; 27:46; 34:9; 34:16. **Blessing:** Genesis 27:4; 48:15; 49:28; Deuteronomy 33:1

**Genesis 28:2** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 24:10; 24:29; 24:50; 25:20; 28:5; 32:10; 35:9; 46:15; Hosea 12:12

### **Genesis 28:3**

**References God:** Genesis 35:11; 43:14; Exodus 6:3; Revelation 21:22. **Blessing:** Genesis 1:28; 9:1; 24:60; 48:3. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 13:16; 2 Corinthians 6:18

### **Genesis 28:4**

**Sin:** Galatians 3:14; Ephesians 1:3. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 12:7; Psalms 39:12. **Blessing:** Psalms 72:17; Galatians 3:8

**Genesis 28:6** **Blessing:** Genesis 27:33; 28:1

**Genesis 28:7** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 27:43; Exodus 20:12; Leviticus 19:3; Proverbs 1:8; 30:17; Ephesians 6:1; 6:3; Colossians 3:20

**Genesis 28:8** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 24:3; 28:1; 1 Samuel 8:6

**Genesis 28:9** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 26:34; 36:3; 36:13; 36:18

**Genesis 28:10** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 11:31; 32:10; Hosea 12:12; Acts 7:2

**Genesis 28:11** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 28:18; Matthew 8:20; 2 Corinthians 1:5

### **Genesis 28:12**

**References God:** Genesis 20:3; Isaiah 41:10; John 1:51; Hebrews 1:1. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 15:1; 15:12; Numbers 12:6; Daniel 7:1; Matthew 1:20; Hebrews 1:14

**Genesis 28:13** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 13:15. **References God:** Genesis 26:24; 32:9; 35:1; 48:3; Exodus 3:6; Matthew 22:32; Hebrews 11:16. **References Abraham:** Genesis 35:12. **References Lord:** Genesis 12:7

### **Genesis 28:14**

**Blessing:** Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; Acts 3:25; Galatians 3:8. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 13:14; 13:16; Galatians 3:16; Revelation 7:9

**Genesis 28:15** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 26:3; 26:24; 31:3; Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:5; Isaiah 41:10; 43:2; Jeremiah 1:19; Matthew 18:20; 24:35

**Genesis 28:16** **References Lord:** Exodus 15:11; Joshua 5:15; Isaiah 8:13. **Parallel theme:** Exodus 3:5; Job 9:11; 33:14; Psalms 68:35

**Genesis 28:17**

**References God:** Genesis 28:22; Exodus 3:6; Judges 13:22; 2 Chronicles 5:14; Ecclesiastes 5:1; 1 Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 10:21; 1 Peter 4:17. **Parallel theme:** Luke 2:9; Revelation 1:17

**Genesis 28:18** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 22:3; 31:13; 31:45; 35:14; 35:20; Numbers 7:1; 1 Samuel 7:12; Psalms 119:60; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Isaiah 19:19

**Genesis 28:19** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 12:8; 35:1; 48:3; 1 Kings 12:29; Hosea 4:15

**Genesis 28:20** **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 15:8; Psalms 61:8; 66:13; 116:14; 116:18; Isaiah 19:21; John 1:16; Acts 18:18; 1 Timothy 6:8. **References God:** Genesis 31:13

**Genesis 28:21** **References God:** Exodus 15:2; Deuteronomy 26:17; 2 Kings 5:17. **Peace:** Judges 11:31; 2 Samuel 19:24; 19:30. **References Lord:** 2 Samuel 15:8

**Genesis 28:22** **References God:** Genesis 14:20; 28:17; 35:1; 35:7. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 33:20

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