

## JACOB LEAVES HOME

Genesis 26:34,35; 27:41- 28:22

Esau hated Jacob because he had gotten the blessing from Isaac. So he planned to kill his brother Jacob after Isaac's death. Esau must have told others of his plan, for Rebekah heard of the plot.

Rebekah called her son Jacob and told him, "Your brother Esau comforts himself with the thought that when your father is dead, he will kill you. Now my son, do what I tell you. I want you to flee to Haran, and go to my brother Laban. Stay there for awhile until your brother gets over his anger against you for what you did to him. Then I will send word to you and you may return to me safely. Why should I loose both your father and you in one day?"

After this Rebekah went to Isaac and said, "I am tired of my life because of the daughters of Heth that Esau has married." Esau had married Judith and Bashemath, Hitite women when he was forty years old. "If Jacob also takes a wife from among the people of this land, I will have nothing to live for."

Because of what Rebekah said, Isaac called his son Jacob, and blessed him. He gave Jacob a command, saying, "Do not take a wife from the daughters of the Canaanites. I want you to go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel, your mother's father, and get yourself a wife from one of your uncle Laban's daughters. May God Almighty make you fruitful and give you a large family. May he give you the blessing of Abraham. May your descendants inherit the land where you are a stranger, the land that God gave to Abraham."

Then Isaac sent Jacob away to the land of Padan-aram, to his uncle Laban's house.

Esau saw that Isaac blessed Jacob and sent him to his relatives to find a wife. He heard Isaac tell Jacob that he should not take a Canaanite wife. Esau saw that Jacob obeyed his father and that his father blessed him for it. Then Esau realized that Isaac was not pleased with the Canaanite women that he had married. He went to Ishmael the son of Abraham, and took a wife from among his daughters.

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place at evening and stopped there to rest for the night. Jacob took a stone of that place. He used it for a pillow and went to sleep. As he slept, Jacob had a dream. In this dream Jacob saw a ladder set on the earth. The top of it reached into heaven. The angels of God were going up and down the ladder in his dream. The Lord stood at the top of the ladder, and said, "I am the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac: the land on which you are lying, this land I will give to you, and to your descendants. Your descendants will be as the dust of the earth, and will spread to the west and to the east, and to the north and to the south. In you and your descendants all the families of the earth will be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you in all the places that you go. I will bring you again to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done all that I promise you."

Then Jacob woke up out of his sleep, and he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."

Jacob was frightened and said, "How dreadful is this place! This is no other place but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Jacob got up early in the morning. He took the stone that he had used for a pillow, and set it up for a pillar. Then he poured oil upon it. Jacob called the name of the place Bethel, which means the house of God.

**PRINCIPLE:** Even though we can not see God, he is with us always, just as he was with Jacob.

**LEARN:** Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

I Peter 5:7



Color Jacob

Cut Jacob and angels out.

Paste Jacob at the bottom of black construction sheet

Cut off the edges of your white sheet and fold it accordion style - each fold about  $\frac{1}{8}$

Paste the stairway above Jacob <sup>to</sup> top of the black sheet.

Paste cotton puffs around edge of stairway & at the top.

Paste angels on stairway coming up & down.

glitter angels

