

Genesis Chapter 28

Ge 28:1-5 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. **2** Arise, go to Padanaram, 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. **3** And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; **4** 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.

Isaac received a blessing from his father in Chapter 27, but he is now about to receive the promise of Abraham.

Hebrews 11:9 says Jacob was an "heir with him of the same promise". The ninth word of the admonition (vs.3) is "fruitful", then nine words later it is "multitude". It was Jacob who produced the twelve tribes (Gen.35:22) and whose name was changed to Israel (Gen.32:28). Abraham was a Chaldean and Rebekah family was Syrian, Gentiles. The name Israel means "Prince of God". God is King and he is their Father (Deut.32:6, Isa.63:16). God has placed the Archangel, Michael, over Israel as one that "...standeth for the children of thy people", Dan.21:1. This is a compelling argument as to who is withholding the revelation of the Antichrist in 2Thes.2:7. Michael has held off Satan throughout time (Dan.10:21) as he is Israel's protector (Dan.10:13).

Ge 28:6-9 When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padanaram, 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; **7** And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram; **8** And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; **9** 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.

After hearing the admonition to Jacob, Esau makes another worldly decision and chooses a wife from Ishmael. This was the son of Hagar, the bondwoman who was cast out, and was not to inherit with Isaac or his seed (Gen.21:10)

Ge 28:10-12 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, 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.

This ladder which was "set up on the earth" and "reached to heaven" represents Jesus Christ. No man cometh to the Father, but by him (Jn.14:6). Jesus alone can be the mediator between God and men (1Tim.2:5) because he is both man and God (1Tim.3:16). But Jacob's dream was actually a supernatural vision. This ladder was real. In chapter 11 we examined why the Tower of Babel was constructed. They understood the structure of the heavens and the portals/doors that are located in the clouds. The bible makes reference to these doors and windows in several places including, Gen.7:11, Psa.78:23, and Rev.4:1. They are as literal as the "bars and gates" of Hell (Jonah 2:2,6, Mat.16:18, Rev.1:18). Jacob then concluded, "...How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is **the gate of heaven.**" in vs.17. Angels come and go as ministering spirits up and down this ladder (Heb.1:14).

Ge 28:13-15 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.***

The Lord himself stood at the top of the ladder. His promise was that he would give Jacob the land, that his seed would be as the dust of the ground, and that he would not leave him "until I have done *that which I have spoken to thee of.*"

Understanding right division is essential when considering this promise. This promise has been "postponed" as of 2,000 years ago when Christ came and was rejected. Since then, God has offered his grace to the entire world, and a Jew must come to salvation just as a beggarly Gentile dog (Mat.15:26-27). Romans 11:1-29 describes this in great detail. Anyone thinking they have replaced Israel today is a heretic and illiterate in the scriptures.

Ge 28:16-17 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.

Every professing agnostic and atheist will confess the same thing as Jacob. The Lord is seen throughout this world, and they "know it not". They even reject the Bethel moments provided by the Holy Spirit. That being the case, the Lord will confess to them the same, "I never knew you: depart from me", Mat.7:23.