

109 God Blesses Jacob



Genesis 27-31

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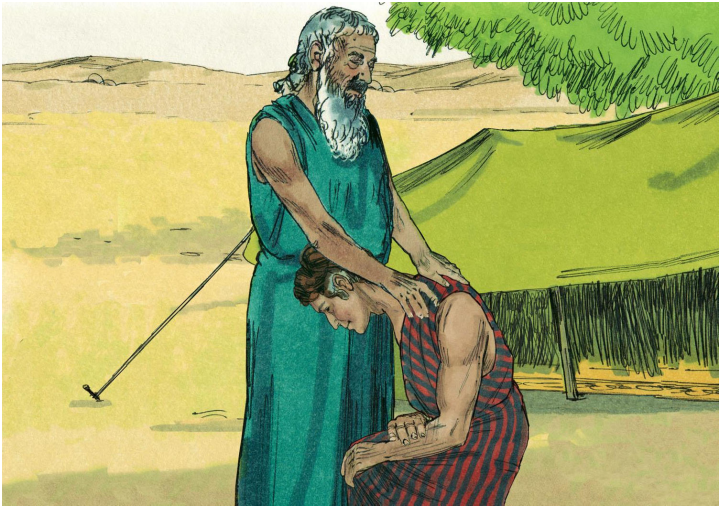
God makes a promise to Jacob



Esau hated his brother Jacob because Jacob stole the blessing their father Isaac planned for Esau.

Esau said to himself, “My father will die soon, and then I will kill Jacob!”

Genesis 27:36,41



So Isaac said to Jacob, “You must go to the home of your mother’s brother, Laban. Marry one of his daughters and may God bless you with many children.”

Genesis 28:1-3



So, Isaac and Rebekah sent Jacob to the far away city of Haran. He would be safe there from Esau's anger.

Genesis 28:5



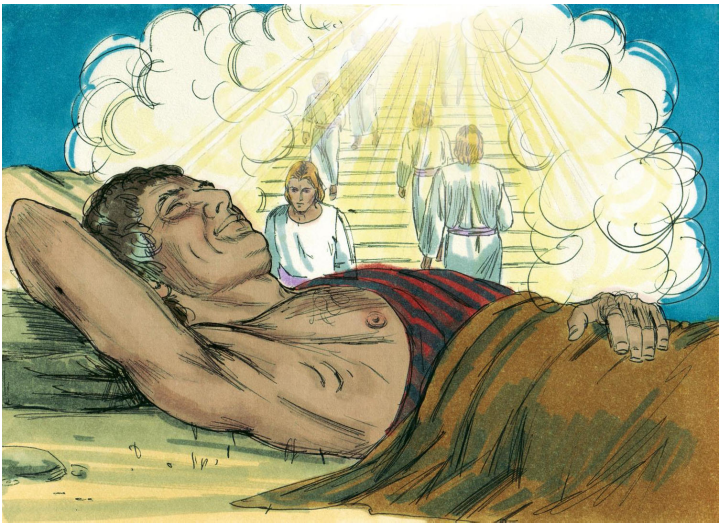
So Jacob began his journey. At sunset, he stopped for the night. He found a stone to rest his head on and went to sleep. While he slept, he had a dream.

Genesis 28:10-12



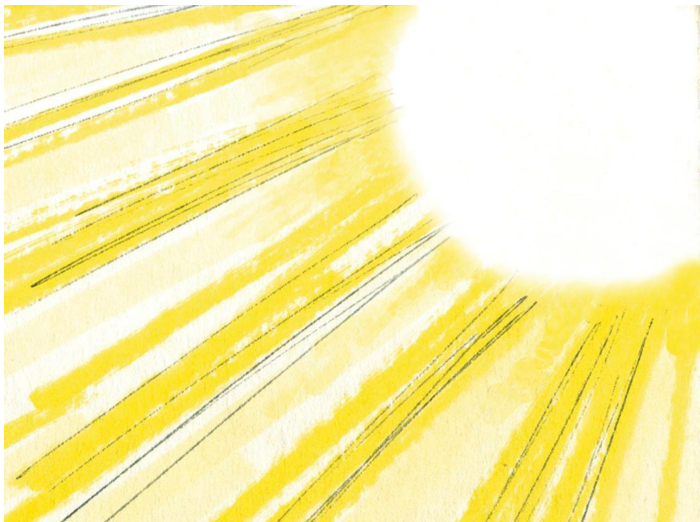
Jacob dreamed he saw a stairway reaching from earth to heaven. There were angels going up and down the stairway.

Genesis 28:12



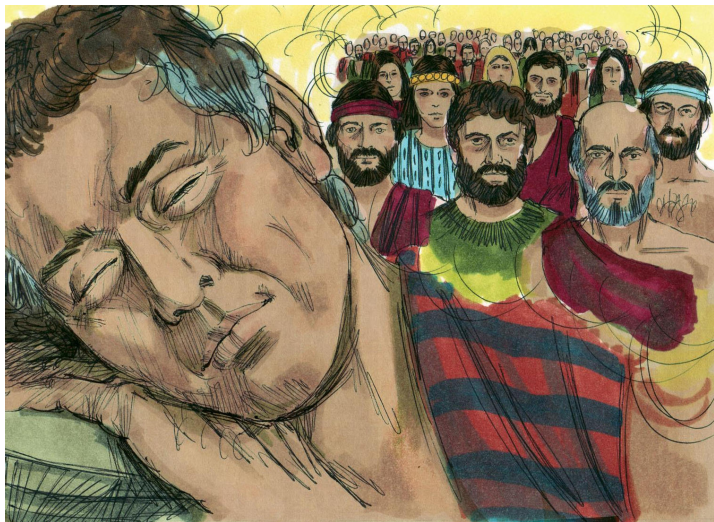
In the dream, the Lord stood at the top of the stairway.

Genesis 28:13



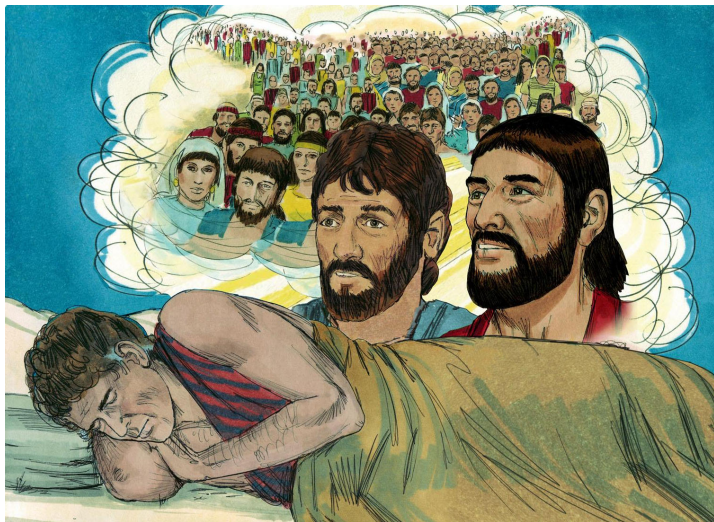
The Lord said to Jacob, “I am the Lord, the God of your grandfather Abraham, and the God of your father Isaac.

Genesis 28:13



“I will give you and your descendants the ground you are lying on. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your descendants.”

Genesis 28:13-14



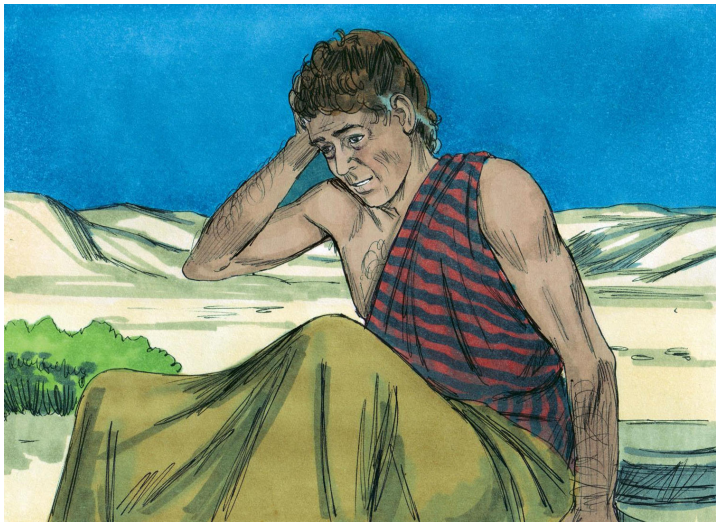
This was the same promise that the Lord made to Jacob's father Isaac and to his grandfather Abraham.

Gen 13:14-15 Genesis 26:4



The Lord also promised Jacob, “I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land.”

Genesis 28:15



Then Jacob woke up, and he was afraid. He said to himself, “The Lord is here in this place, and I did not know it! This must be God’s house and the gate to heaven!”

Genesis 28:16-17



Early the next morning, Jacob took the stone that was under his head and set it up as a memorial. The stone was a reminder about what the Lord told him.

Genesis 28:18



Jacob poured olive oil on the stone, to mark it as a place to worship God. He named that place Bethel, which means “House of God.”

Genesis 28:18-19



And Jacob made this promise, saying, “If God will be with me, protect me, and provide for me so that I return safely to my father, then the LORD will be my God.

Genesis 28:20-21



“And this memorial stone will become a place where I will worship God. And then I will give to God a tenth of everything he gives me.”

Genesis 28:22



Then Jacob continued on his way to Haran. One day, he came to a well in a field. The well was covered with a heavy stone.

Genesis 29:1-2



Nearby, three flocks of sheep were waiting to drink water. The shepherds were waiting for other flocks to arrive and for other shepherds to help them remove the stone from the well.

Genesis 29:2-3



Jacob greeted the shepherds and talked with them. They said they were from Haran, so Jacob asked them, “Do you know a man named Laban?”

Genesis 29:4-5



They replied, “Yes, we know Laban. Look! Here comes his daughter Rachel with his flock of sheep.”

Genesis 29:5-6



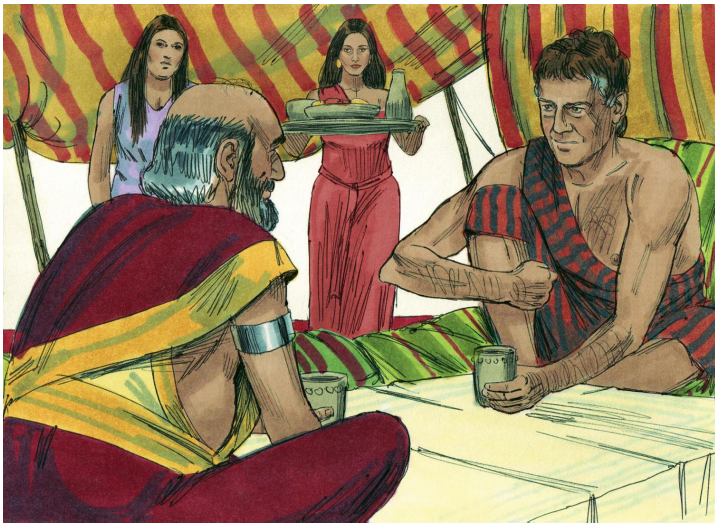
Laban's daughter Rachel arrived to give water to her father's sheep.

Genesis 29:9



When Jacob saw Rachel, he moved the stone away from the well and watered his uncle's flock. Then Jacob kissed Rachel and began to weep loudly. Jacob told Rachel that he was her relative, the son of Laban's sister, Rebekah.

Genesis 29:10-12



Rachel ran home and told her father Laban. Laban welcomed his nephew Jacob into his home. And Jacob stayed there for a month.

Genesis 29:12-14



Now Laban had two daughters. Jacob saw that the younger daughter Rachel was more beautiful than the older daughter Leah. Jacob was in love with Rachel and wanted to marry her.

Genesis 29:16-18



Laban offered Jacob a job with wages. So Jacob said, “I will work seven years for you, if you will let me marry Rachel.”

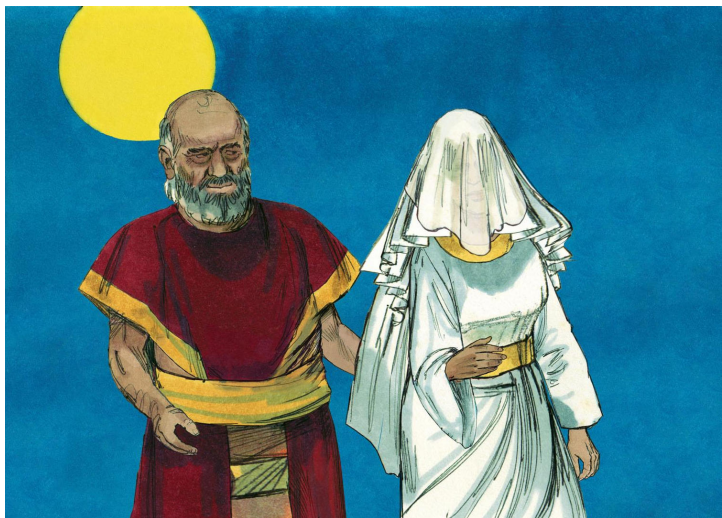
Laban agreed.

Genesis 29:15, 18-19



So Jacob worked seven years taking care of Laban's animals. But Jacob loved Rachel so much that the seven years seemed like a very short time.

Genesis 29:20



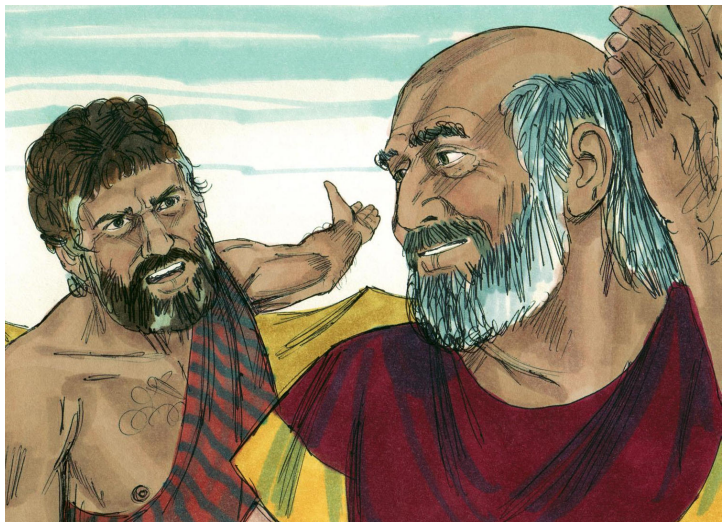
After seven years, Laban invited everyone to a wedding feast. But that night, after the feast, Laban sent Leah, not Rachel, to Jacob's tent.

Genesis 29:23



In the morning, Jacob realized he had slept with Leah! Jacob knew then that Laban had deceived him. Jacob was very angry with Laban.

Genesis 29:25



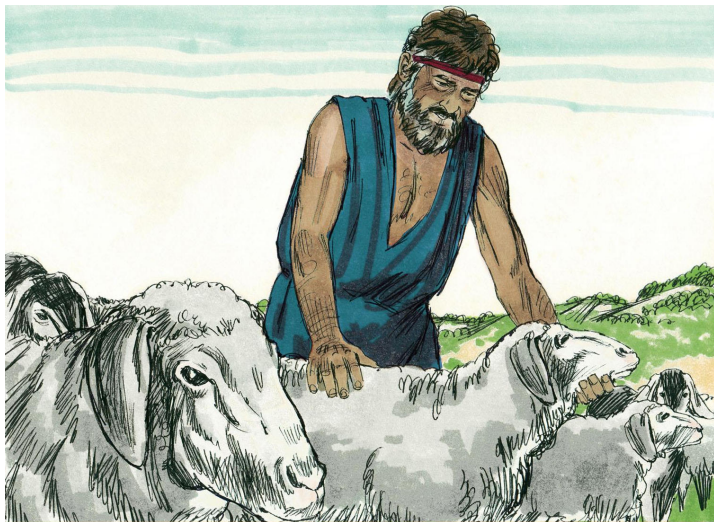
Jacob asked angrily, “Why have you tricked me? I worked seven years to marry Rachel!” Laban answered, “The custom here is for the oldest daughter to marry first. Work seven more years for me, and I will give you Rachel.” So, Jacob agreed.

Genesis 29:25-28



After celebrating Leah's marriage for a week, Laban gave Jacob his younger daughter Rachel as his second wife. Jacob loved Rachel much more than Leah.

Genesis 29:28-30



So Jacob stayed in Haran and worked for Laban for seven more years.

Genesis 29:30



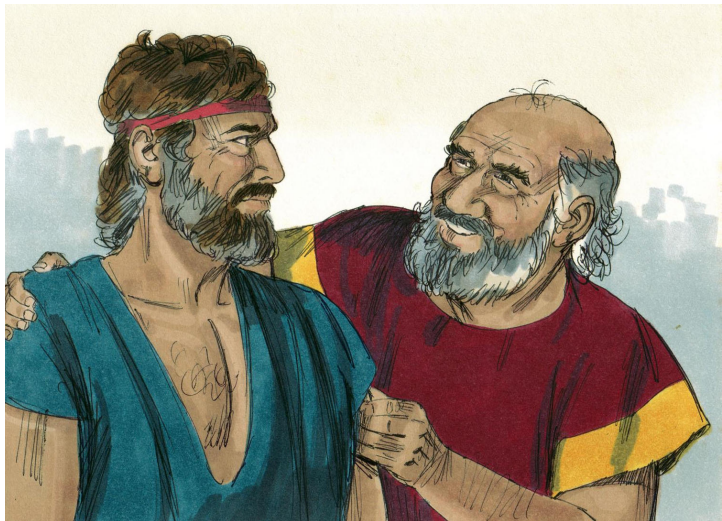
During those years, Jacob's wife Leah, her servant Zilpah, and Rachel's servant Bilhah, bore him ten sons and one daughter. Both Rachel and Leah had given their maids to Jacob to have more children.

Genesis 29:31-30:21



But Rachel was barren for many years. After Jacob fathered ten sons, God answered Rachel's prayers. She gave birth to a son and named him Joseph.

Genesis 30:22-24



After Joseph was born, Jacob wanted to return to his father and mother in Canaan. But Laban said to Jacob, “Please stay. I know the Lord blesses me because of you. I will pay you whatever you want.”

Genesis 30:25-28



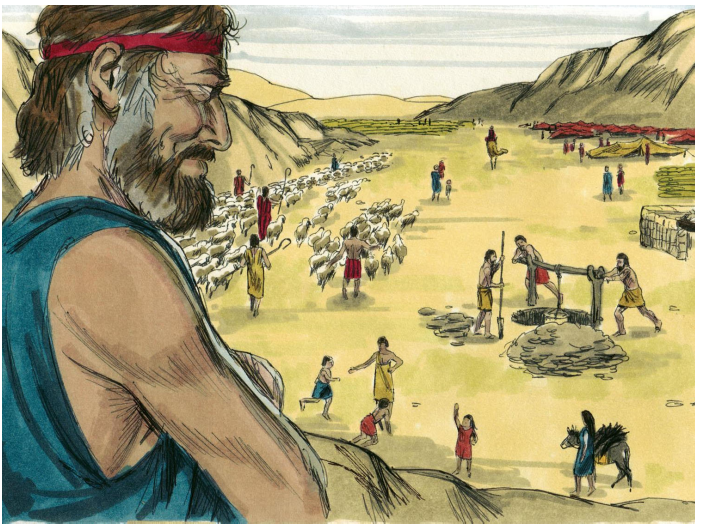
Jacob replied, “I will stay and care for your flocks. Your flocks, Laban, will be all the white sheep and goats. For my pay, give me all the speckled and dark-colored sheep and goats.”

Genesis 30:31-33



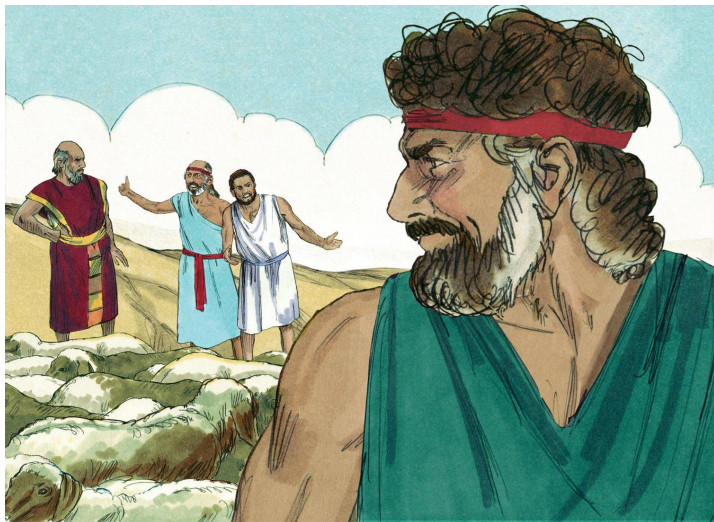
Then, in a dream, God told Jacob how to breed the sheep and goats so that his herds increased. And Jacob kept his flocks separate from Laban's flocks.

Genesis 30:36-43;; 31:10-13



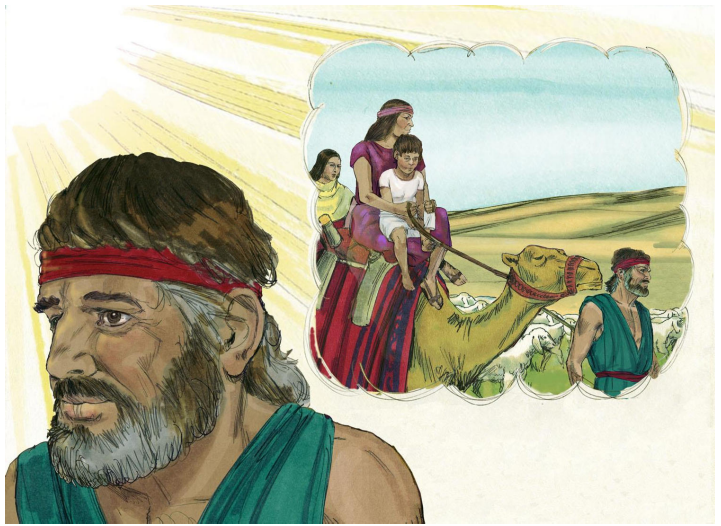
And God blessed Jacob and made him very rich. His flocks became much larger and healthier than Laban's flocks. But Laban constantly tried to cheat Jacob.

Genesis 31:7; 30:43



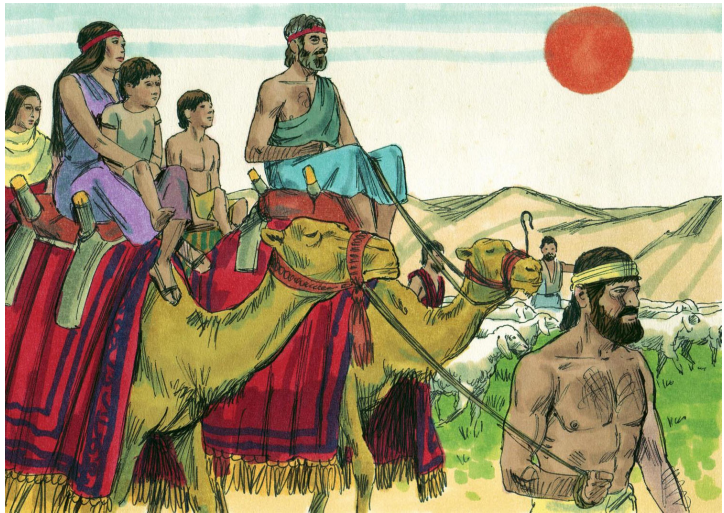
Jacob saw that Laban was no longer friendly toward him. And Laban's sons complained, "Jacob is very rich. He stole everything from our father."

Genesis 31:1-2



Then the Lord said to Jacob, “Return to the land of your father and to your relatives. I will be with you.”

Genesis 31:3



Jacob obeyed the Lord. He left with his wives, children, servants, and flocks to go back to Canaan where his father Isaac lived.

Genesis 31:17-18

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