

FINDING God.



GENESIS 28

v12 In a dream he saw a ladder that reached from earth to heaven, and God's angels were going up and down on it.

v13 The LORD was standing beside the ladder and said: I am the LORD God who was worshiped by Abraham and Isaac. I will give to you and your family the land on which you are now sleeping.

v14 Your descendants will spread over the earth in all directions and will become as numerous as the specks of dust. Your family will be a blessing to all people.

v15 Wherever you go, I will watch over you, then later I will bring you back to this land. I won't leave you--I will do all I have promised. 2



Promise – the antidote to the reality

- Jacob **seizes** family headship by opportunism and deception.
- God **gifts** Jacob a family, in God's timing.
- Jacob's efforts **alienates** him from his family.
- God promises **a family & descendants**.
- Jacob **estranged** from the land of promise.
- God tells Jacob he would **own** the land he lies on and he will be **brought back** to the land.
- Jacob lies **alone** in a field.
- God shows Jacob he is **never alone**, but supported by angels that connect directly with Yahweh.



**“this is the house of
God”**

**“this is the gate of
heaven”**





Hosea 12:3-5

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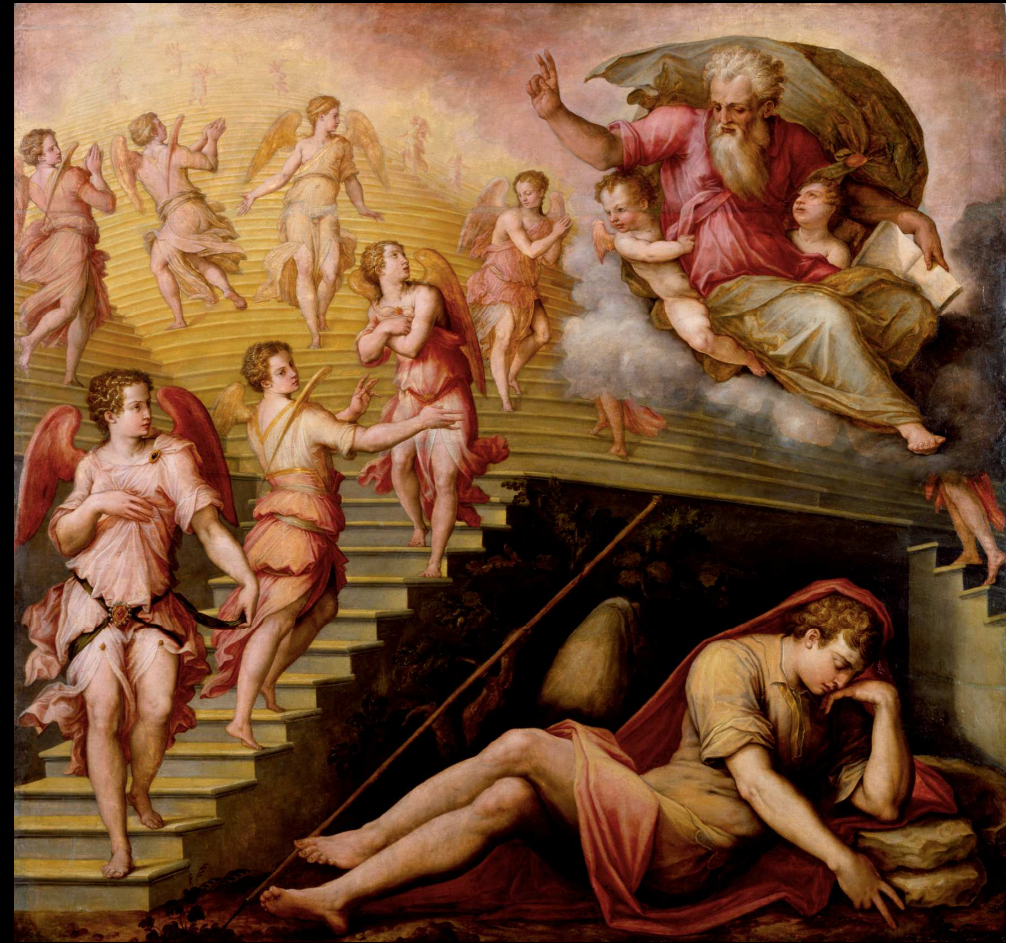
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Genesis 28:20-22

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,

So that I **come again** to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:

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.



(H7725 – Shub)

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Seek the Lord while he may
be found;
call upon him while he is
near;
let the wicked forsake his
way,
and the unrighteous man his
thoughts;
let him **return (shub)** to the
Lord, that he may have
compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will
abundantly pardon.



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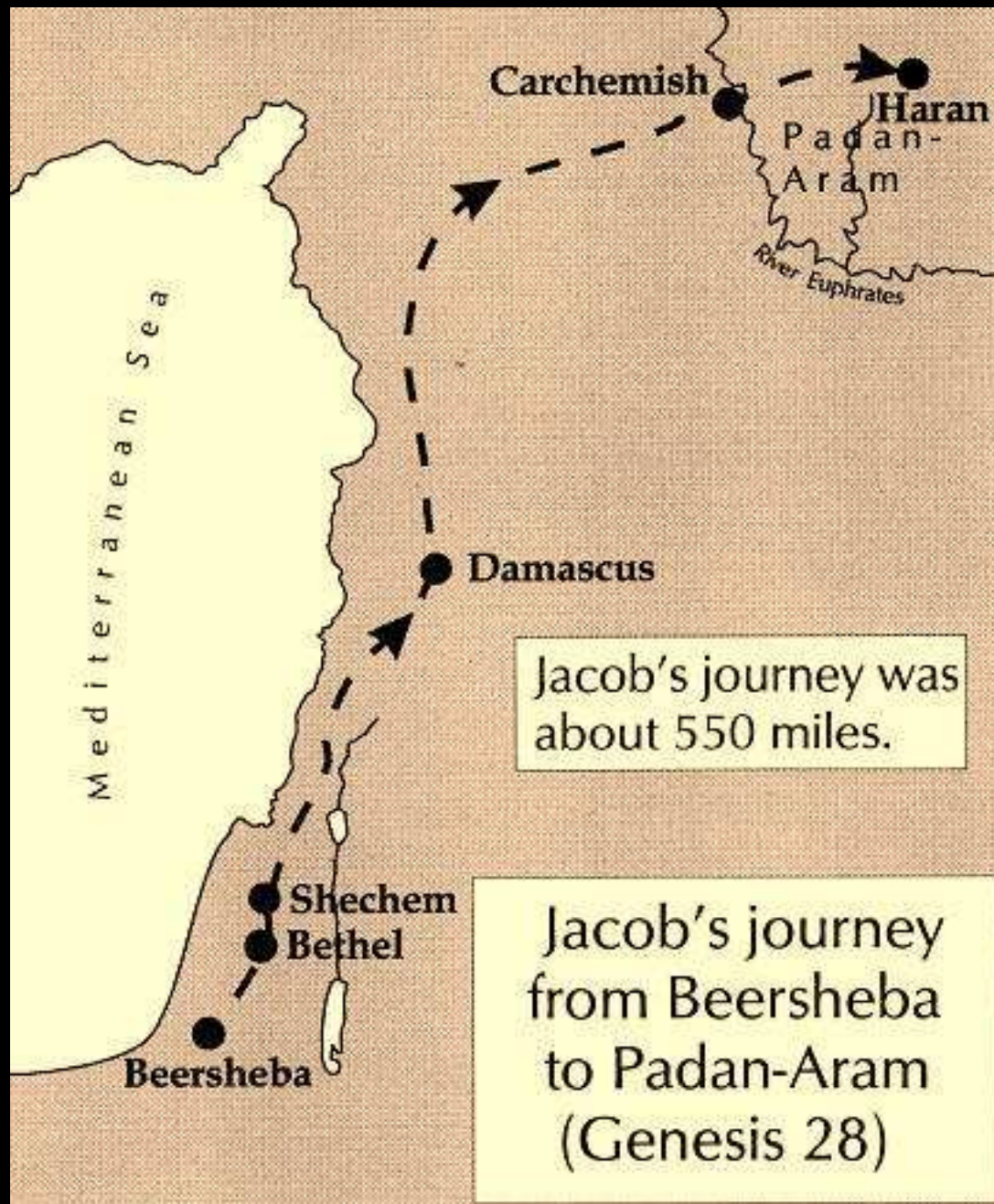
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Time	Event
0	Jacob and Esau born.
57	Jacob goes to Padan-Aram, Isaac being 117.
64	Jacob marries Leah and Rachel (Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah born of Leah. Dan and Naphtali born of Bilhah.)
71	14 yrs of service ends.
72	20 years of unpaid service begins (31:38) (Gad and Asher born of Zilpah. Isaachar and Zebulun born of Leah. Dinah born.)
91	Joseph born of Rachel
92	Agreement made (30:25-34). Six years service for cattle (31:41).
97	Flight from Padan-aram.

Gen 30:25

As soon as Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, “*send me away, that I may go to my own home and country. Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you.....”*





Animals carry a heterozygous (recessive) gene while appearing to be homozygous (dominate) solid white.



Estrus - the phase when the female is sexually receptive ("in heat," or "on heat").



“The end results were that after six years Jacob had a herd of coloured animals, with very few if any of the white animals left. By the 4th or 5th year every animal born in the herd was showing some sign of colour, because the selective breeding on Jacob’s part meant that every animal carried the coloured genetics. Even the white female animals were throwing coloured offspring because of the coloured males used as sires and the fact that the females carried a recessive trait for colour.”





