

Genesis 28

1-9 Isaac did not hold a grudge but sent Jacob off with his blessing. Esau wants to please his dad so he in sibling rivalry goes to marry a relative, now a total of 3 wives. I don't think this would have made any difference. It was not that they were trying to keep the blood line pure but that they were keeping the family blessing. The promised Seed was going to come through Jacob's line. It didn't really matter if Esau married a relative or not.

10 This was the town from which God called Abraham to leave. Their relatives are still there.

11 Jacob's ladder - There is a bronze sculpture of this in Jerusalem. The connection between God and man - another picture of Jesus.

12 -14 Ultimately fulfilled in Jesus! The promise is reconfirmed in Jacob. This looks like Jacob's first encounter with the God of his fathers. Amazing how God takes the deceptive one, chooses to love him, and then sets about transforming him through his life experiences.

15 hat a great promise God gives to this rascal. He requires nothing of him. God just tells what He will do.

16 Jacob will one day know the Lord is in every place and will be aware of it.

17 No, Jesus is the gate. He is with you wherever you go. Some of our first revelations are so misinterpreted. We think we are so special and have it all figured out. The further we go the more we realize we know so little.

18 A marker of encounter, a stone of remembrance. This was done by other cultures too.

19 House of God - but the real house of God is the heart of surrendered repentant men and women.

20,21 Let's make a deal. You supply all my needs on this trip and bring me back safely, then I will make you my god too. I use a little g because of the way Jacob is doing this. Yours? Like owning an idol. Jacob has a lot to learn about the Almighty. By his mercy and grace He is your God, your Master, your King. We like to think we can use God to get what we want, like He is desperate for our worship. Well watch and see how Jacob sees who God really is and that God deserves his worship regardless of the circumstances he encounters in this life.

22 The tithe - way before the Law. Abraham did the same thing with Mel. I wonder if this was a tradition of the land, giving a tenth to their gods or as tribute to conquerors, or passed down from Adam to Noah to Abraham?