

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) Mar 02	Gen 28	Responding with Faith
2) Mar 09	Gen 29-31	God's Faithfulness
3) Mar 16	Gen 32-33	Growing Spiritually through Crisis
4) Mar 23	John 20; 1 Cor 15	Easter
5) Apr 06	Gen 37-38	Dealing with Hatred
6) Apr 13	Gen 39:1-20	Temptation
7) Apr 20	Gen 39:21-40:23	When all Hope seems lost
8) Apr 27	Gen 41	Challenging Tasks
9) May 04	Gen 42	Broken Relationships
10) May 11	Gen 43-45	Reconciliation
11) May 18	Gen 46-47:26	Making Major Life Adjustments
12) May 25	Gen 47:27-50:26	Remain Faithful

Passage	Comments
28:12-15	<p>A godly dream with a simple meaning of HOPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Ladder” was probably a depiction of a mountain structure with a walkway reaching into Heaven - Jewish Historian, Josephus, depicted something similar in his 1st century writings - Nehemiah 3:15 depicts a staircase that was cut out of rock • The dream possibly depicts Heaven as within easy reach for us on Earth, with angelic ministers involved in the affairs of man, and God gave assurance to Jacob he was the object of heavenly interest – though he was a scoundrel at times

DREAMS/VISIONS Old Test – 147x; New Test – 24x

- Special dreams for special people (Prophets)..... Num 12:6
- God also gave dreams to non-believers (Pharaoh)..... Gen 41
- Some had the gift of dreams..... Daniel
- Dreams were prophesied for the New Test. era . Joel 2; Acts 2
- Joseph, Peter & Paul had dreams or visions
- Special dreams seemed to have gone away with the Apostles and Prophets since we now have the complete revelation of God's word

28:20-22	<p>Jacob's vow to Tithe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2nd incidence of tithing before the Law Gen 14:20 • Jacob is not making a conditional statement: “IF God is with me...I will tithe” • Rather, Jacob is making an obvious statement: “SINCE God is with me...I will tithe”
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CONCLUSION / APPLICATION FOR TODAY

- Jacob is in an usual situation
 - ♦ He's chosen by God to fulfill a promise made to Abraham
 - ♦ **Jacob's not perfect, but that doesn't hinder God**
 - ♦ Jacob can still choose – and he chooses to serve
- We may not have special dreams like Jacob, but we should take comfort that God is not far from us and He does take an active role in our lives

SUPPORTING PASSAGES

Nu 12:6 ... If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

NEXT WEEK..... Jacob works hard for 2 wives



Passage	Comments
27:46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No attempt is made by Jacob & Rebekah to admit their deceit and seek reconciliation with Isaac & Esau • Instead, Rebekah concocts this story for Isaac to send Jacob away – Isaac not knowing it was to protect Jacob from Esau wanting to kill him • Timeless Principle: Lies lead to more lies

Psalms & Proverbs on Lies & Deceit

- Ps 34:13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit
- Pr 14:25 But he who utters lies is treacherous.
- Pr 19:5 He who tells lies will not escape.
- Pr 19:22 And it is better to be a poor man than a liar
- Pr 20:17 Bread (or riches) obtained by falsehood is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel

28:1-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaac seems to move beyond being deceived and calls for Jacob to move on as well – and gives him an extended blessing • Sometimes, we too need to move on from being hurt by those close to us – and still seek the good of those who hurt us • Jacob heads back to his Mom's relatives to seek a wife
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28:6-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esau either tries to further disappoint his Mom and Dad or he tries to do better by marrying a cousin – but from Uncle Ishmael's side of the family
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28:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beersheba to Haran 350 miles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ A comfortable 6 hour trip by car ♦ A 3-day trip by bicycle ♦ A grueling 8-10 day trip by camel
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28:11, 16, 17, 19	<p>What a Place.....Bethel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He came to a “certain place”v11 • Stones of “the place”v11 • Lay down in “that place”v11 • The Lord is in “this place”v16 • How awesome is “this place”v17 • He called the name of “that place” Bethel.....v19
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Bethel = House of God

- Jacob returns to this place to talk w/ God a 2nd time .. 35:1-15
- In troublous times the people went to Bethel to ask counsel of God Jud 20:18,31 21:2
- Here the ark of the covenant was kept for a long time under the care of Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron Jud 20:26-28
- Bethel remained an abode of priests even after the kingdom of Israel was desolated by the Assyrians 2Ki 17:28,29