

Isaac called Jacob, blessed him, and commanded him, “You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. **2** Arise, go to Paddan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father. Take a wife from there from the daughters of Laban, your mother’s brother. **3** May God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, that you may be a company of peoples, **4** and give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your offspring with you, that you may inherit the land where you travel, which God gave to Abraham.” **5** Isaac sent Jacob away. He went to Paddan Aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob’s and Esau’s mother. **6** Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan Aram, to take him a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a command, saying, “You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;” **7** and that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Paddan Aram. **8** Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan didn’t please Isaac, his father. **9** Esau went to Ishmael, and took, in addition to the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife. **10** Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. **11** He came to a certain place, and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. He took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep. **12** He dreamed. Behold, a stairway set upon the earth, and its top reached to heaven. Behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it. **13** Behold, Yahweh stood above it, and said, “[I am Yahweh, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac. I will give the land whereon you lie to you and to your offspring. **14** Your offspring will be as the dust of the earth, and you will spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. In you and in your offspring will all the families of the earth be blessed. **15** Behold, I am with you, and will keep you, wherever you go, and will bring you again into this land. For I will not leave you, until I have done that which I have spoken of to you.” **16** Jacob awakened out of his sleep, and he said, “Surely Yahweh is in this place, and I didn’t know it.” **17** He was afraid, and said, “How awesome this place is! This is none other than God’s house, and this is the gate of heaven.” **18** Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil on its top. **19** He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. **20** 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 clothing to put on, **21** so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, and Yahweh will be my God, **22** then this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, will be God’s house. Of all that you will give me I will surely give a tenth to you.”

Please read the above text and answer the below questions along with completing the boxes on the right in preparation for class. Give priority to the text.

1. What instruction did Isaac give Jacob regarding obtaining a wife?
2. What did Esau do when he heard Isaac's instructions to Jacob? What does that say about Esau?
3. Describe Jacob's dream.
4. What was the meaning of the dream?
5. What promises were given to Jacob?
6. What did Jacob do first thing in the morning?
7. What vow did he make?
8. List a few other instances where a title is mentioned.

Key Characters/Places

Key Events/Phrases

Key Connections

Other Noteworthy Items