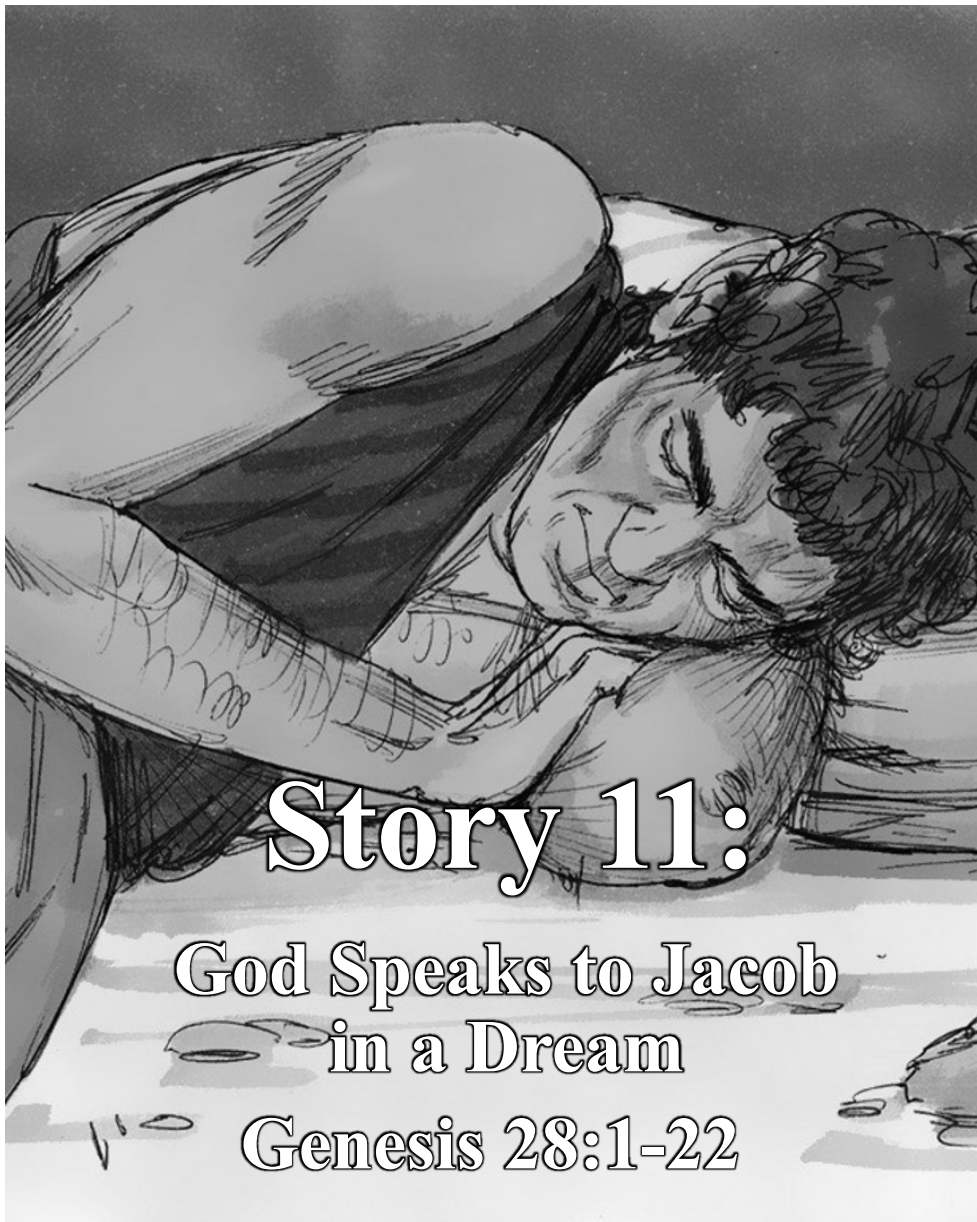


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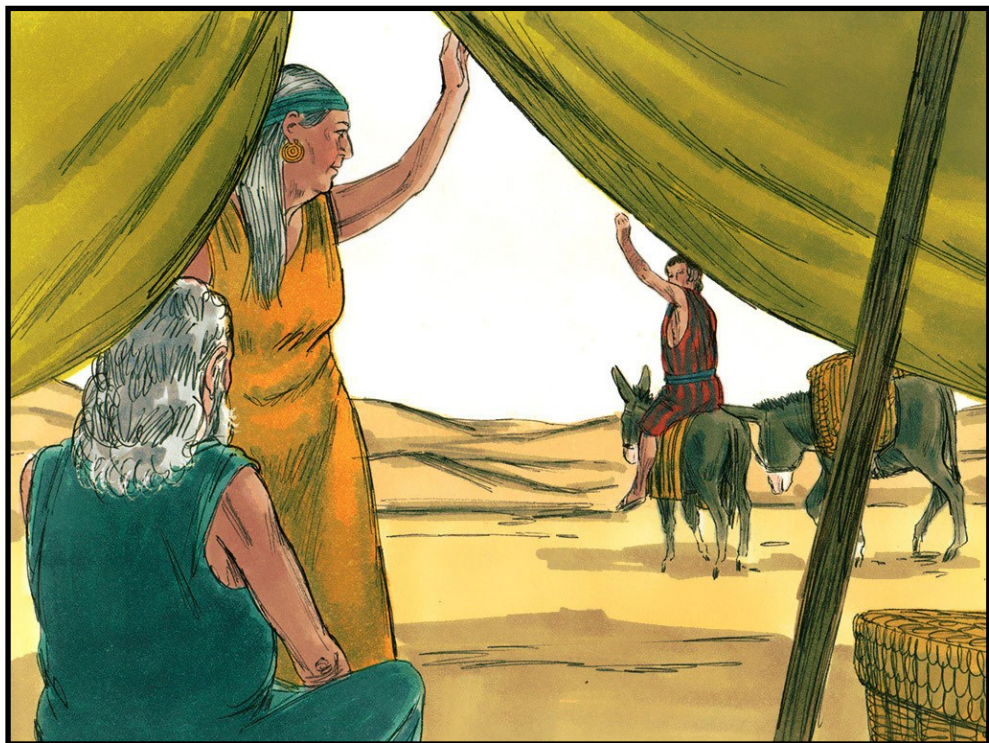
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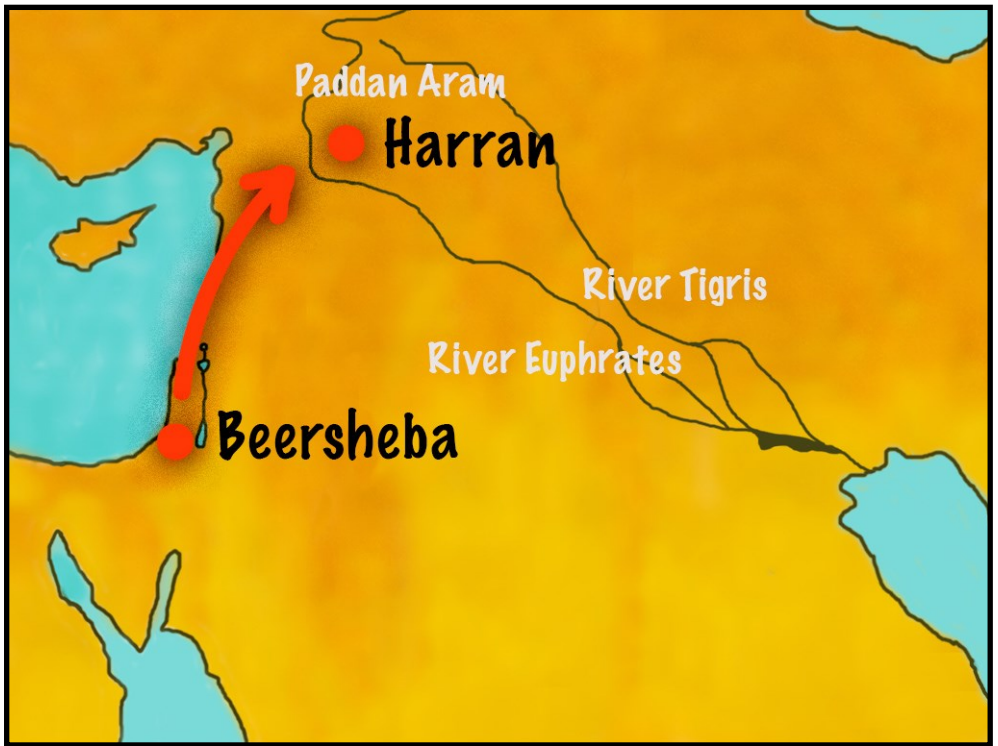
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Jacob had tricked his brother Esau out of his father's blessing. So, his father Isaac called Jacob and told him not to marry a Canaanite woman. He told him to travel to his mother's hometown and to marry one of the daughters of Laban, his mother's brother. He said, "May God Almighty bless you and multiply you."



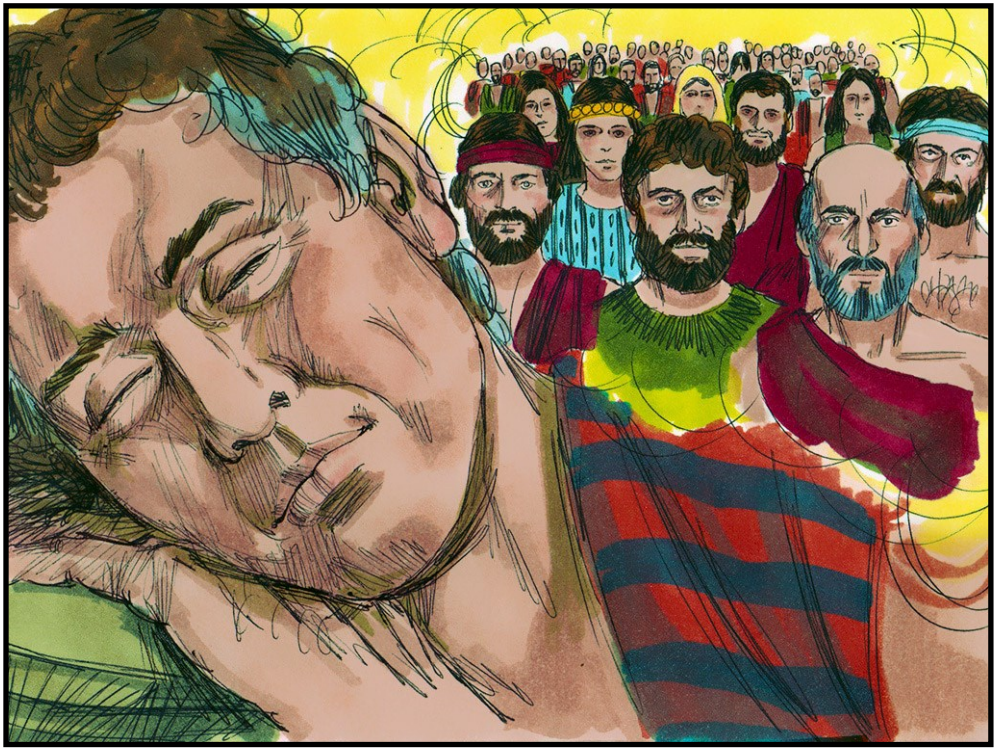
So Jacob set off on the long journey that took him north toward Harran where Laban and his family dwelt.



As he was travelling, he stopped for the night since the sun had gone down. Jacob took a large stone and placed it under his head like a pillow and went to sleep.



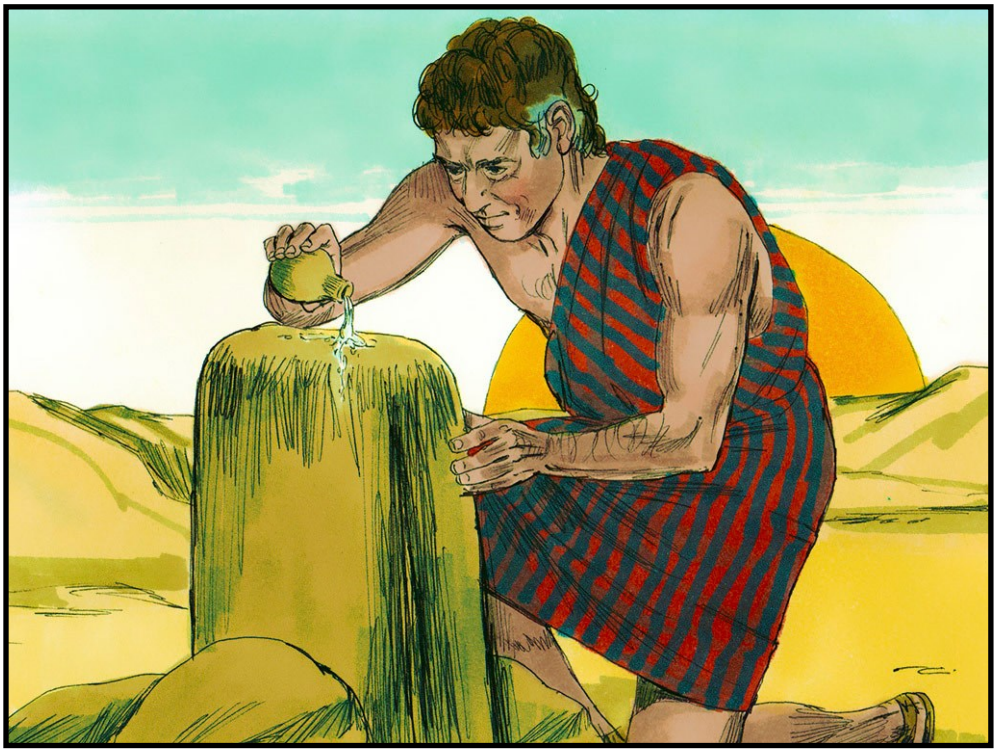
While he was sleeping he had a dream. In his dream he saw a stairway that went from the earth all the way up into heaven. On the stairway he saw the angels of God going up and down. And there, above it, stood the LORD. The LORD said, “I am the LORD, the God of your grandfather, Abraham, and your father, Isaac.



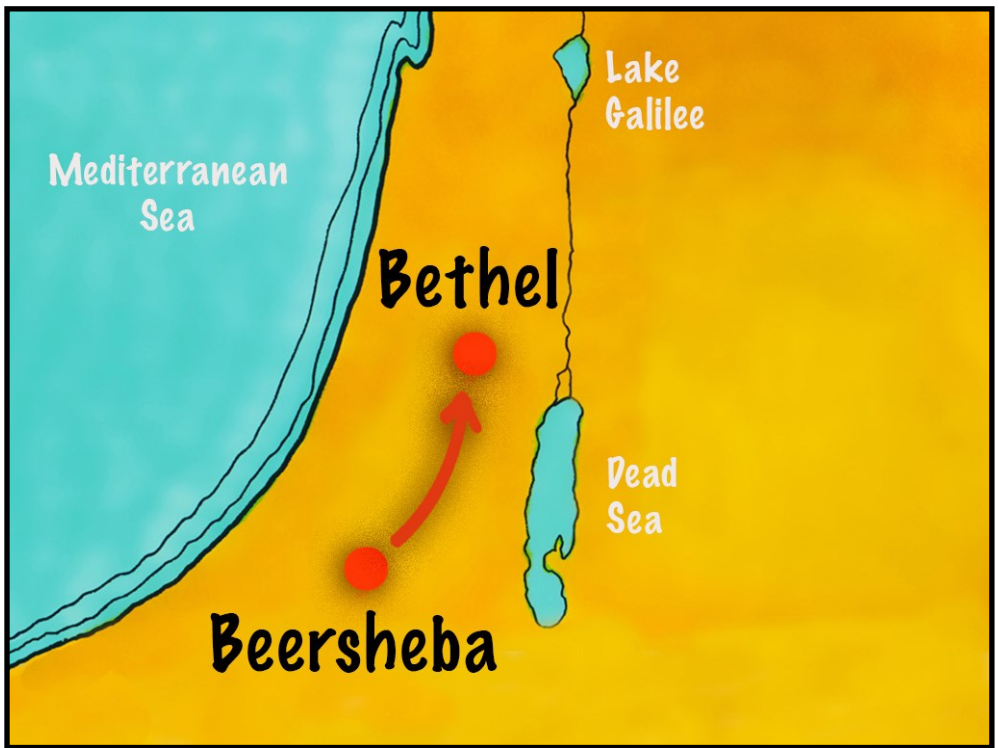
He continued, “I will give you and your descendants the land which you are now lying down on. They will be like the dust of the earth and will spread out in every direction. Everyone on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I will be with you and will watch over you wherever you go. I will bring you back to this land and will not leave you until I have done all that I have promised.”



When Jacob woke up, he thought, “Surely, the LORD is in this place, and I wasn’t even aware of it.” He became afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God. This is the gate of heaven.”



Early the next morning, Jacob took the stone that he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it.



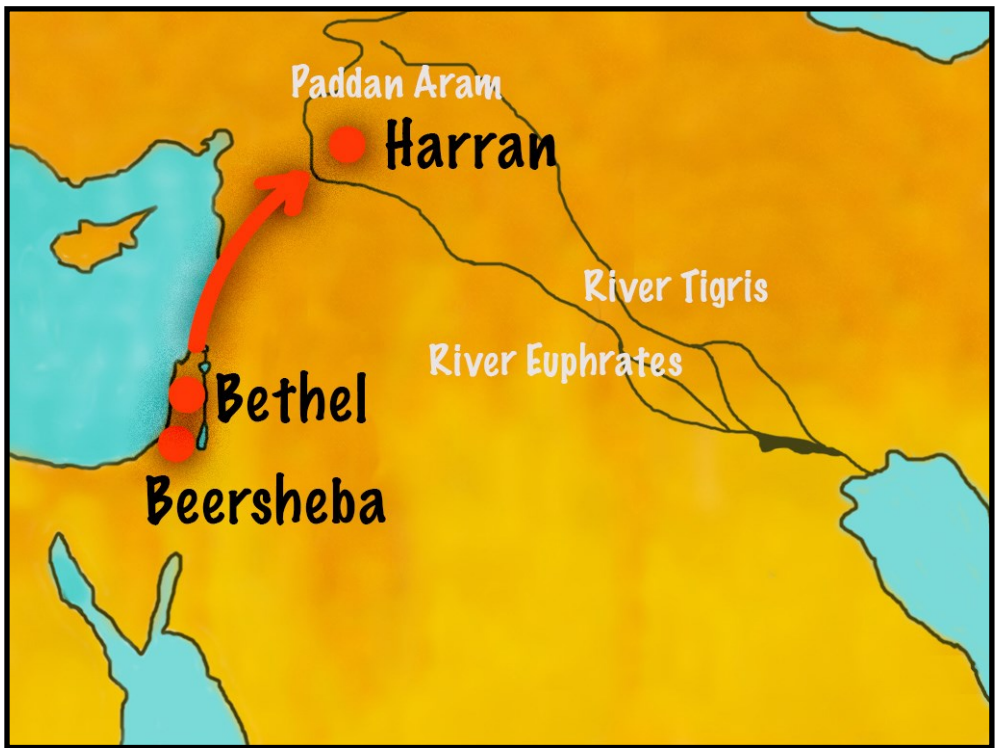
Jacob called the place where he had had the dream “Beth-el.” This is Hebrew for “House of God.” Formerly the place had been known as the city of Luz.



Then, Jacob made a vow saying, “If God will be with me and will guard me on this journey, and if He will provide for me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I may return to my father’s house safely, then the LORD will be my God.”



Jacob declared, “This stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all the things that the LORD gives me, I will give Him back a tenth.”



So after these things had come to pass, Jacob set off again on his journey to Haran to stay with his mother's brother, Laban.

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