

**“This is the gate of heaven.”**

Genesis 27:41-28:22

**Introduction:** this section in Genesis is about how God is with Jacob as he flees the house of his father, Isaac. It is a foundational chapter to understanding God’s plan of redemption and how man cannot work to gain heaven. The dream of the ladder is given so that Jacob (and we) would understand that God purposes to join heaven to earth through a special gateway.

Outline:

I. **Isaac and Rebekah send Jacob to Haran.** (Genesis 27:41-28:5)

- A. Esau desires to KILL Jacob.
- B. Rebekah must secure a WIFE for Jacob.
- C. Isaac passes the blessing of ABRAHAM down to Jacob.

II. **Esau continues in depravity.** (Genesis 28:6-9)

- A. Esau is purposefully DEPRAVED.
- B. Ishmael has been becoming more and more CANAANITE.

III. **Jacob dreams of a ladder to heaven.** (Genesis 28:10-17)

- A. Jacob receives a personal REVELATION.
- B. Jacob receives a personal PROMISE.
- C. What does this ladder mean?
  - 1. This is the true BABEL.
  - 2. This ladder will be JESUS. (John 1:51)
  - 3. God will join HEAVEN to earth through the family of Jacob.

IV. **Jacob holds a worship service at Luz.** (Genesis 28:18-22)

- A. The head, rock/pillar, and the oil depict the outpouring of the HOLY SPIRIT.
- B. The city’s name change is a prayer of FAITH.
- C. Jacob vows to TITHE.