

**Jacob Received the Abrahamic Covenant from God:
Jacob's Bethel Experience
Genesis 28:10–22**

- 1. *Jacob's desperate need***
 - a. Left home and fled to Haran in fear and shame
 - b. Settled down for the night out in the countryside:
All alone
 - c. Made a pillow of stones and laid down to sleep:
Destitute, possessing only what he could carry

- 2. *Jacob's dream:
God's provision to meet the need***
 - a. God's ladder:
A way is opened between heaven and earth,
God and man
 - b. God's angels: Ministering between heaven and earth
 - c. God's presence in heaven:
His sovereign control over all affairs between heaven and earth
 - d. God's Word and promises
 - 1) Guaranteeing the promised land
 - 2) Guaranteeing the promised seed:
Numerous descendants
 - 3) Guaranteeing the special seed:
The Saviour of the world in whom all families of the earth would be blessed

- 10 Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran.

- 11 When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep.

- 12 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

- 13 There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham, and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.

- 14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples of the earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.

4) Guaranteeing His presence, protection, leadership and the fulfilment of His promises and purpose

3. *Jacob's new insight*

- a. He now knew the LORD was with him whether he felt it or not – in a very special way
- b. He sensed how awesome his experience had been: Bethel would always be a special place
 - 1) The house of God
 - 2) The gate of heaven
- c. He needed to set the place apart as a special place of worship
 - 1) Dedicated the place
 - 2) Named the place: Bethel

4. *Jacob's renewed commitment and vow to God*

- a. The reason: God's promises to protect, lead and provide for him
- b. The vow
 - 1) That the LORD of redemption and salvation would always be his God
 - 2) That he would always worship God in Bethel when there
 - 3) That he would tithe thereafter

15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

16 When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.”

17 He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”

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

19 He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

20 Then Jacob made a vow saying, If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat, and clothes to wear

21 so that I return safely to my father's household, then the Lord will be my God

22 and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.”