

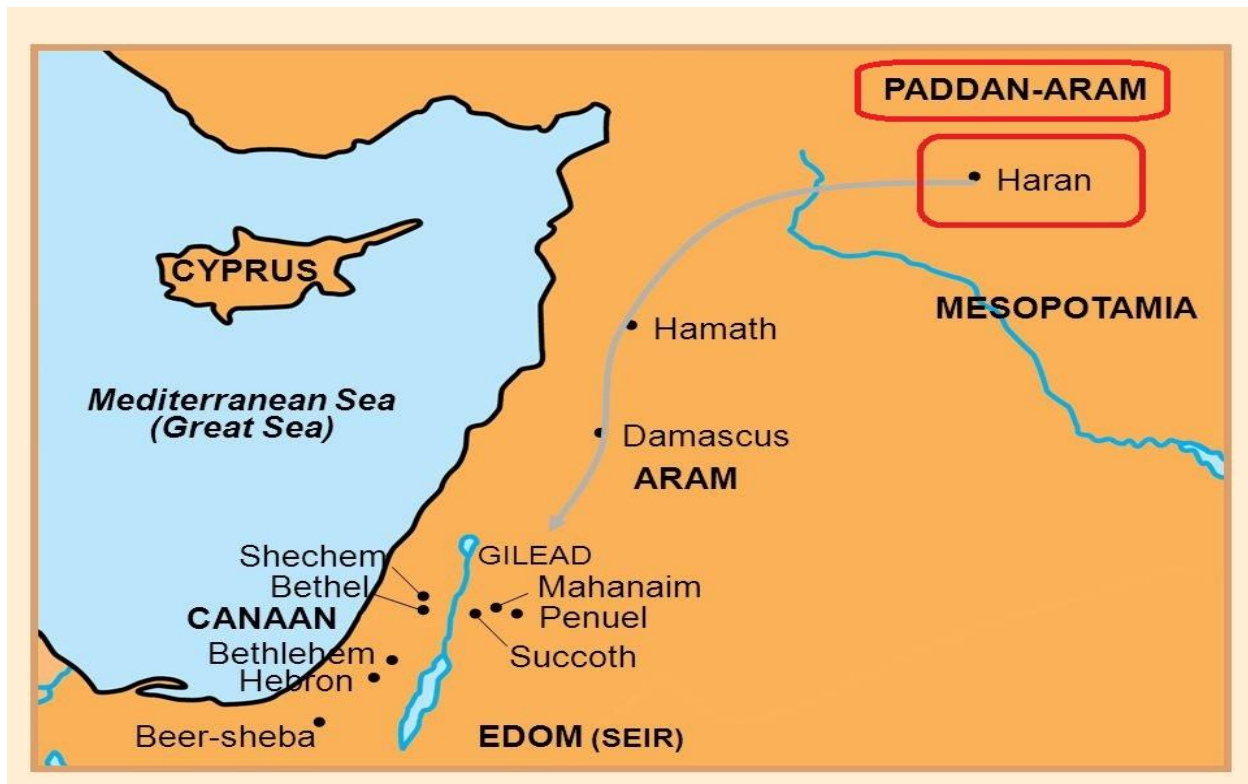
Genesis 28

Verses 1-5

So Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and commanded him, saying to him, “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. ² Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father; and from there take to yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban, your mother’s brother. ³ May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, so that you may become a multitude of peoples. ⁴ May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, so that you may possess the land where you live as a stranger, which God gave to Abraham.” ⁵ Then Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Paddan-aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

And Isaac called Jacob, Arise, go to Paddan-aram, and take a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother

See map 2805



Abraham sent his servant to Haran to find a wife for Isaac

Now Isaac is telling Jacob to go to the same place to find himself a wife

Why not sent a servant to perform this task?

Isaac knew Jacob needed to leave, and left the task to him

Isaac got married when he was 40, so how old is Jacob at this time?

Since Isaac was 60 when Jacob and Esau were born and he is now 137 years old

Jacob has to be 77 years old

See chart 2810

Ch	Person	Event	Age	Year
21	Abraham	Isaac born	100	1896
22	Abraham	Abraham Tested	120	1876
23	Sarah	Sarah dies	127	1859
24	Isaac	Marries Rebekah	40	1856
25	Isaac	Esau and Jacob born	60	1836
25	Abraham	Abraham dies	175	1821
26	Esau	Marries two Hittites	40	1796
25	Ishmael	Ismael dies	137	1773
27 - 28	Isaac	blessing	137	1759
27 - 28	Jacob	Trip to Haran	77	1759
29	Jacob	7 years for Rachel	77-84	1752
29 - 30	Jacob	7 years and 11 kids	84-91	1752 - 1745
30	Jacob	Joseph born	91	1745

And God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, that you may be a company of peoples

This seems to indicate that Isaac knew Jacob would be gone for a long time

Verses 6-9

⁶ Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take to himself a wife from there, *and that* when he blessed him he commanded him, saying, “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,” ⁷ and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Paddan-aram. ⁸ So Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan displeased his father Isaac; ⁹ and Esau went to Ishmael, and married, besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, the sister of Nebaioth.

So Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan displeased his father Isaac

Esau married the two Canaanite women when he was 40 and he is now 77 years old

It took many years for him to understand that his Canaanite wives were a disappointment to his father and mother

Esau went to Ishmael, and married, besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, the sister of Nebaioth.

When Esau realized his wives displeased his father he married his father's niece

This was a gesture of reconciliation on his part

Verses 10-17

¹⁰ Then Jacob departed from Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he happened upon a particular place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and made it a support for his head, and lay down in that place.

Then Jacob departed from Beersheba and went toward Haran

The trip from Beersheba to Haran is around 450 miles

The trip from Beersheba to Bethel is about 50 miles

See Map 2815



Verses 12 - 17

¹² And he had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ Then behold, the Lord was standing above it and said, “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your descendants. ¹⁴ Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall 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 back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “The Lord is certainly in this place, and I did not know it!” ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!”

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God spoke to Jacob thru a dream which happens frequently in the O.T.

Why would angels be going back and forth between heaven and earth

Because they are busy doing service for the heirs of salvation

See Hebrews 1:14

The idea that angels would have to use a ladder between heaven and earth is comical to people of our day.

But we have the advantage of 1400 years of additional Old Testament revelation and all of the New Testament writings

The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your descendants

Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth

And in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed

God made these promises to Abraham and then to his son Isaac

Now God confirms the same covenant to Jacob

¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go

Jacob was going to a strange land over 450 miles away, and fleeing from his brother

He was 77 years old, but any new venture can be fraught with complications

And Jacob needed some assurance that this was not a big mistake

So God promised him heavenly protection until he returned home

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “The Lord is certainly in this place, this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!”

Bethel means house of God

Verses 18-22

¹⁸ So Jacob got up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had placed as a support for his head, and set it up as a memorial stone, and poured oil on its top. ¹⁹ Then he named that place Bethel; but previously the name of the city had been Luz. ²⁰ Jacob also made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me on this journey that I take, and give me food to eat and garments to wear, ²¹ and I return to my father’s house in safety, then the Lord will be my God. ²² And this stone, which I have set up as a memorial stone, will be God’s house, and of everything that You give me I will assuredly give a tenth to You.”

¹⁸ So Jacob got up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had placed as a support for his head, and set it up as a memorial stone

The pillar was a marker so he could identify the place later

²⁰ Jacob also made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, then the Lord will be my God.

A vow is made between two parties, and in this case it was between God and Jacob

If God does this, then I will do that

God’s part was to:

Be with Jacob

Keep him on the journey that he was taking

Give Jacob food to eat and garments to wear

And return to my father’s house in safety

Jacobs part would be:

The Lord would be his God

The memorial stone would be God's house

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This is the second time that tithing has been mentioned

The other being Abraham's tithe to Melchizedek