

Jacob's Dream

Genesis 28:10-22

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Jacob set off on his journey to the homeland of his mother, Rebekah. At sunset he stopped for the night. He found a stone to rest his head against and lay down to sleep. In his dreams Jacob saw a stairway that reached from the earth all the way up to heaven, and angels were going up and down the stairway.

At the top of the stairway stood the Lord who said, "I am the Lord; God of Abraham; God of your father, Isaac. I will give to you and your descendants the land on which you are now sleeping. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go; I will provide for you; and I will bring you back to this land."

Jacob woke up and he was afraid, "The Lord is here! This is the house of God, the very gateway to heaven!"

Jacob took the stone he had used as a pillow and set it upright as a kind of memorial pillar. Then he poured oil over it to dedicate it to the Lord. He named that place Bethel, which means "house of God".

Then Jacob made a vow to the Lord, "If you will indeed be with me and protect me on this journey, and provide me with food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's house, then you will certainly be my God. This pillar I have set up will become a place for worshiping you, and I will present to you a tenth of everything you give me."