

“THE STAIRWAY TO AND FROM HEAVEN”

Genesis 28:10-22

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Main Theme: The same promises God made to Jacob are made to all believers in a way appropriate to their circumstances.

Introduction

A. With Genesis 28 the biography of Jacob begins, and it begins in darkness and difficulty.

I. Jacob Asleep and God's Promises to Him in a Dream (vv. 10-15)

A. Jacob leaves Beersheba and travels to Luz and while asleep has a dream that he would never forget. (vv. 10-12)

B. Jacob's needs addressed in the promises of God. (vv. 13-15)

II. Jacob Awakes as a Different Man (*vv. 16-22*)

- A. Jacob's sense of defeat, loneliness, and fears are now gone (*vv. 16-19*)
- B. Jacob would now stand on the Promises of God (*vv. 20-22*)
 - 1. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is revealed in these ancient events and texts.

Conclusion / Application

- A. The application of Jesus' conversation with Nathaniel in the first chapter of John.
 - 1. The Lord Jesus himself is the stairway to heaven.