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(4) And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

(5) And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

(6) When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padanaram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

(7) And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram;

(8) And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;

(9) Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

(10) And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

(11) And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them for* his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

(12) And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

(4) And give you the blessing of Abraham, to you, and to your descendants with you; that you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham.

(5) And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

(6) When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from there; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

(7) And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and had left for Padan-aram;

(8) And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan did not please Isaac his father;

(9) Esau then went to Ishmael, and added to the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

(10) And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went towards Haran.

(11) And he arrived upon a certain place, and stayed there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them for* his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

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(13) And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;
(14) And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.
(15) And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of.
(16) And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew *it* not.
(17) And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place! *this is* none other but the house of God, and *this is* the gate of heaven.
(18) And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put *for* his pillows, and set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.
(19) And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city *was called* Luz at the first.
(20) And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

(13) And, the LORD {Jehovah} stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac:^a the land upon which you lie, to you I will give it, and to your descendants;
(14) And your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in you and in your Descendant^b shall all the families of the earth be blessed.
(15) And, indeed, I *am* with you, and will keep you in all *places* where you go, and will bring you again into this land; because I will not leave you, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to you of.
(16) And Jacob awoke out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD {Jehovah} is in this place; and I did not know *it*.
(17) And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place! *this is* none other than the house of God, and *this is* the gate of heaven.
(18) And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put *for* his pillows, and set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.
(19) And he called the name of that place Bethel {house of God}:^c but the name of that city *was* previously *called* Luz.
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28:13a - He is not yet Jacob's God

28:14b - Descendant - see Gen. 22:17

28:19c - Bethel {בֵּית אֵל} - house of God

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(21) So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:
(22) And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

(21) So that I return to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD {Jehovah} be my God:^d
(22) And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that You shall give me I will surely give the tenth to you.

Chapter 29

(1) Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.
(2) And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there *were* three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone *was* upon the well's mouth.
(3) And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.
(4) And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence *be* ye? And they said, Of Haran *are* we.
(5) And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know *him*.
(6) And he said unto them, *Is* he well? And they said, *He is* well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.
(7) And he said, Lo, *it is* yet high day, neither *is it* time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go *and* feed *them*.

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(3) And there all the flocks were gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in its place.
(4) And Jacob said to them, My brothers, where *are* you from? And they said, We are from Haran.
(5) And he said to them, Do you know Laban the son {grandson}^a of Nahor? And they said, We know *him*.
(6) And he said to them, *Is* he well? And they said, *He is* well: and, look, Rachel {ewe; female lamb}^b his daughter is coming with the sheep.
(7) And he said, Look, *it is* yet high day, neither *is it* time that the cattle should be gathered together: water the sheep, and go *and* feed *them*.

28:20-21d - Note that Jacob's vow is conditional!

29:5a – Laban is Nahor's grandson – see Gen. 24:15

29:6b - Rachel -{ רחל } - "a ewe" (female lamb)