

THE STUDY OF

GENESIS

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."

GRACE IN THE WILDERNESS

Genesis 28:1-22

THE REDEMPTION STORY: FROM GENESIS TO JESUS

- The Bible is one beautiful story of Jesus and redemption (Ephesians 1:7-10)
- Scripture presents a purposeful narrative revealing God's redemptive plan (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Big Picture

- Redeemer/Seed Hunt Gen. 3:15;
12:1-3
- Past promises point to future faithfulness, different times - same Lord
- Continuity — From Abraham to Christ (Heb 11:13–16; Gal 3:29)

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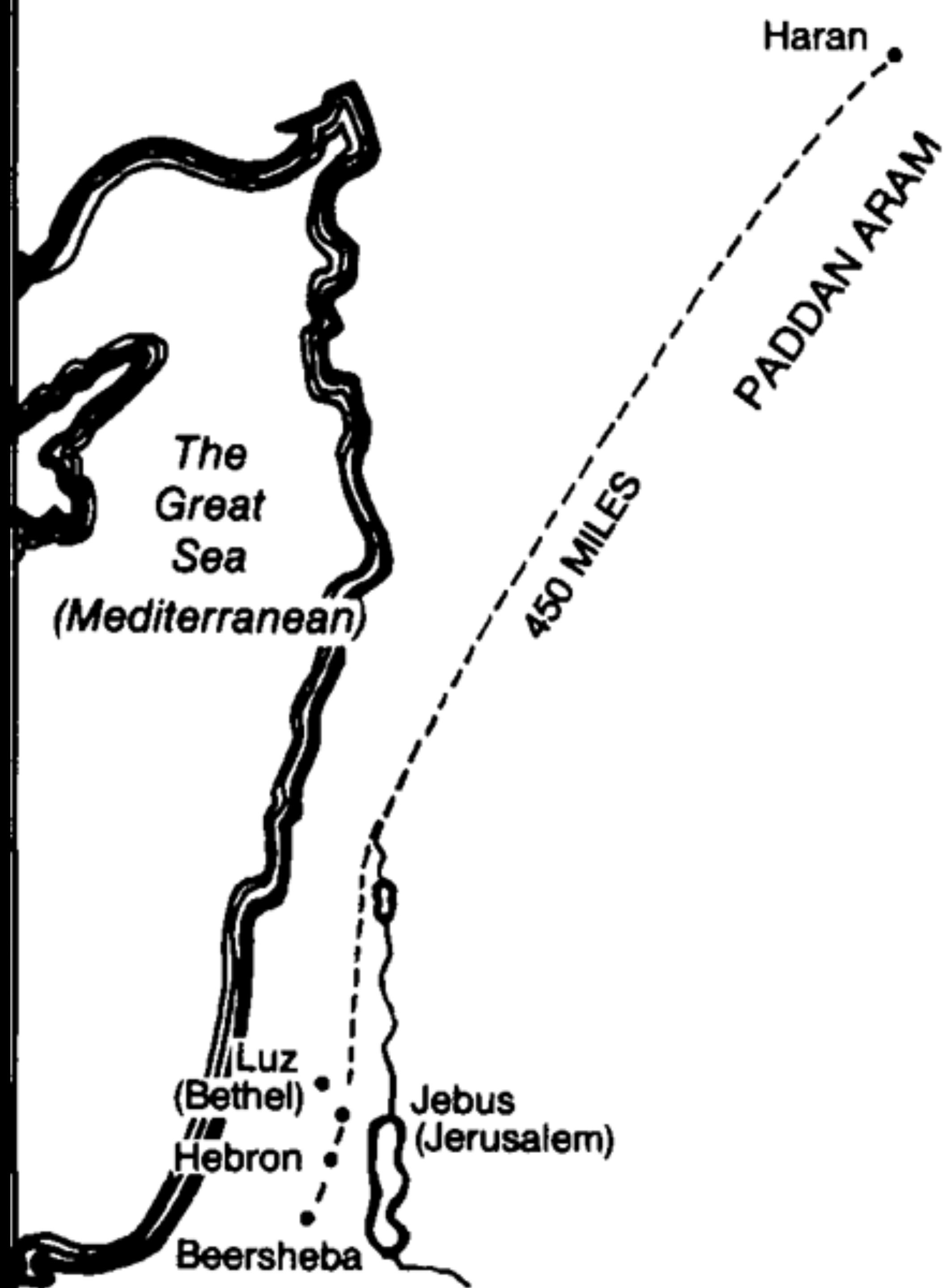
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God meets Jacob where he is
— not where he should be.

Why Genesis 28 Matters

1. Jacob's life turning point (Gen. 25–27)
2. Covenant continues (Gen. 28:3–4)
3. God pursues the guilty (Rom. 5:6–8)
4. Jesus fulfills the ladder (John 1:51; 14:6)

No one is too far, too broken,
or too guilty for God to pursue.



v.1-5 Isaac Reaffirms the Blessing

1. God Almighty bless you (v.3)
2. Give you the blessing of Abraham (v.4)
3. Continuity with Gen. 12:1–3; 15:5–7
4. God's promises fulfilled in Christ (Gal. 3:14, 16, 29)

v.6-9 Esau's Fleshly Response

1. Esau imitates spirituality externally
2. Marries Mahalath (Ishmael's line)
3. Religion without transformation (2 Tim. 3:5)
4. Flesh vs Spirit (Gal. 5:16–17)

v.10-11 Jacob's Lowest Moment

1. Alone, afraid, fleeing
 - a. A stone for a pillow (rock bottom)
2. God uses trials to shape us (Jam. 1:2–4)
3. Strength in weakness (2 Cor. 12:9–10)

Wilderness as Classroom

1. Moses shaped in wilderness (Ex. 3)
2. Israel humbled in wilderness (Deut. 8:2–5)
3. Jesus tested in wilderness (Matt. 4:1–11)

v.12-15 Stairway to Heaven

1. Ladder from earth to heaven
2. Angels ascending & descending
3. Bethel = anti-Babel? (Gen. 11)

Jesus Is the Ladder

1. Jesus = the connection between heaven & earth (John 1:51; 14:6)
2. One mediator (1 Tim. 2:5)
3. Access to God through His blood (Heb. 10:19–22)

v.13-15 God's Seven Promises

1. I am the LORD
2. I give you this land
3. Your offspring will multiply
4. You will spread abroad
5. All nations blessed
6. I am with you
7. I will not leave you

v.16-19 Awareness & Worship

1. Awe and holy fear
2. Stone → altar
3. Luz → Bethel (“House of God”)

v.20-22 Jacob's Vow

1. Imperfect but Honest Faith
2. Jacob's conditional vow
3. Small faith, big God
 - a. Faith the size of a mustard seed
(Matt. 17:20)
 - b. "Lord, I believe — help my unbelief"
(Mark 9:24)

Take Away

1. Grace pursues sinners (Luke 15:4–7;
Rom. 5:8)
2. God's present in the wilderness (Heb.
13:5–6)
3. His Promises are stronger than your
failures (2 Tim. 2:13)

Take Away

4. Jesus the true ladder (John 1:51)
5. God forms leaders in hardship (1 Pet. 5:10; James 1:2–4)
6. No one is too far, too broken, or too guilty for God to pursue....
7. How will you respond today?

And because He is faithful,
you can trust Him in your famine.
you can return to Him in your failure.
you can walk with Him in your conflict.
you can rest in Him in your fear.
and you can bless others out of the overflow
of His goodness.
For the God who was faithful to them,
will be faithful to you.

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Ch. 26 LITERARY STRUCTURE (Chiastic Frame)

- A — Famine drives Isaac toward Egypt (v1–5)
- B — Isaac lies about Rebekah (v6–11)
- C — Conflict and well-strife (v12–22)
- D — Main Central Pivot: Theophany: “Fear not, I am with you” (v23–25)**
- C' — Covenant and well confirmation (v26–33)
- B' — Esau's grief w/ unwise marriages (v34–35)
- A' — Stage set for Jacob (ch. 27)
- Center: God appears, speaks, reassures, blesses.

Creation, Fall, and Promise

1. God created everything purposefully (Genesis 1:31) and designed us for relationship (Genesis 1:26-27)
2. We sinned, falling short of His glory (Romans 3:23) by rejecting His love (Genesis 3:5-6)

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3. Through sin entered death and separation (Romans 6:23)
4. God promised a Redeemer to restore our relationship with Him (Genesis 3:15)

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5. Jesus Christ is the promised Redeemer who fulfilled this prophecy ([Galatians 4:4-5](#), "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law")

Abraham's Chronology:

Age 75 (Gen. 12:1-5; 13:16) (Sarai = 65).

- Father a great nation (the Jews)
- Possess a specific land
- Be blessed above all nations
- Through them, all nations would be blessed
- Gospel to Abraham (Gal. 3:8)

Land Covenant - “unconditional”
geographical boundaries (Gen. 12:7;
13:14-15; 15:18-21), temporary exile as
a “conditional” part of the covenant
(Deut. 30:1-10)

Age 86 (Gen. 16:16) Abe and Hagar had
Ishmael,

Age 99 (Gen. 17:1, 17:17) changed his name to Abraham, reiterated the covenant and added that Kings would come from his line, and circumcision as a sign

Age 100 (Gen. 21:5) Abraham fathers Isaac with Sarah

Gen. 22 Gospel type, God speaks and swore He would fulfill these promises by Himself, 1st Love and Lamb

Age 137 (**Gen. 23:1**) Abraham's wife Sarah dies

Age 140 (**Gen. 25:20**) Abraham's son Isaac marries Rebekah

Age 175 (**Gen. 25:7**)³⁹ Abraham dies