

## Bible study for the week starting January 14, 2024

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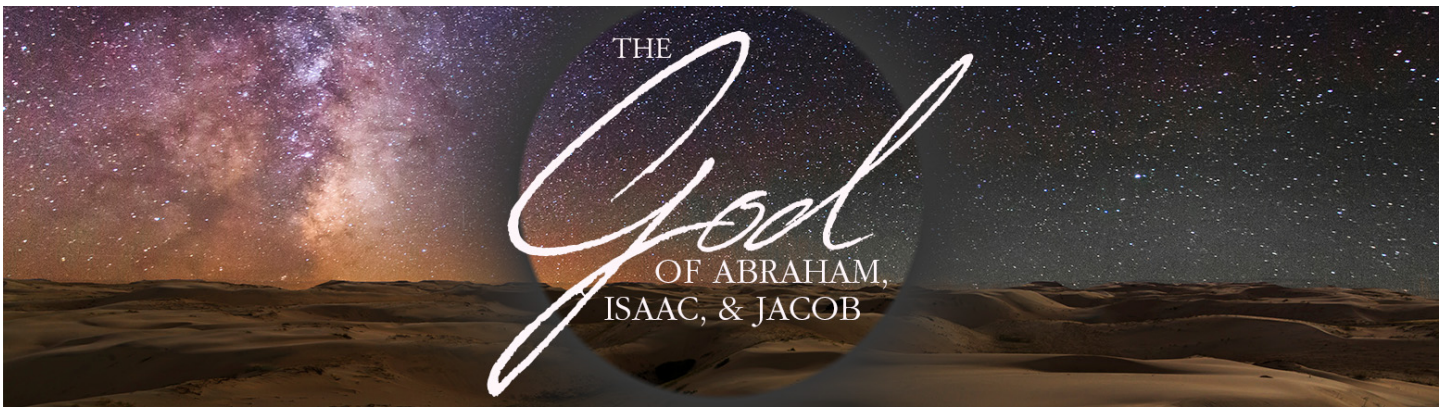
What is the biggest change that has happened in your lifetime that you almost could not have predicted in your wildest dreams/nightmares (categories: culture, technology/inventions, politics, religion, etc.)?

### READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Genesis 28:10-22**. Last time we left off was with Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only-begotten son, Isaac. Now we join up with Jacob, Isaac's son. What had transpired in Jacob's life to this point? Where would God take him from there?
2. Jacob had a vision from God in a dream. What do the visions of angels on the ladder/stairs tell you, and what do you get out of God's words?
3. Jacob makes a commitment to God who affirmed his promises. What does Jacob promise, and how should our response to God be similar (or different)?
4. Read **Romans 9:6-16**. Paul calls the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob "children of the promise." What do you get out of this verse: "**So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy**"?
5. Read **Matthew 22:31-46**. We worship the "**God of the living,**" who promises resurrection to us! What comfort do you get from knowing the God of Abraham is your God today? And what strength do you get from His presence and His promises?
6. Are you in a spiritual peak or valley today? Think back on some of those highs and lows. How can you look back and see God with you in the highs and lows?

### PRAY

Pray that God would be with you in a tangible way in this new year, troubles and joys.



## THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC & JACOB: STAIRWAY FROM HEAVEN

Genesis 28:10-22 (Rom. 9:6-16; Matt. 22:31-46)

January 14, 2024 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

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PREDICTIONS are sure to FAIL – the FUTURE continues to be in the hands of God.

Life is UNSETTLED, but we have a God who reminds us of His PRESENCE and His PROMISES.

The promise to Jacob seems IMMINENT: “I will not LEAVE you until I have DONE what I promised you.”

The CHAIN wouldn't have been complete without that LINK.

God is not a HANDS-OFF God; He's BUSY, taking care of you!

Jacob's COMMITMENT is a response of thankfulness to the God who takes care of him.

“TEST me and see.” -The Lord of Hosts (Malachi 3:10)

- Worship
- The Word of God
- Service
- Conversation (Prayer)
- Offerings

Spiritual life has ebbs and flows, PEAKS and VALLEYS.

The same God who sent His Son into the world is LIVING, present and ACTIVE in your life; He is not going to change now.