GENESIS 28

Jacob’s Dream at Bethel

Basic Chapter Summary

As Jacob travels toward Haran, he stops for the night and dreams of a stairway reaching from earth to heaven, with angels going up and down. The Lord stands above it and repeats the promises given to Abraham and Isaac. God promises to be with Jacob, protect him, and bring him back to the land. Jacob wakes, recognizes the place as holy, sets up a stone, and names it Bethel. He responds with worship and makes a vow.

Main Ideas

- God repeats His covenant promises to Jacob.
- God promises His presence during Jacob’s journey.
- Bethel becomes a reminder of God’s encounter with Jacob.
- Jacob responds with worship and a vow.

Application & Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you about God meeting Jacob while he is alone and traveling?
2. Which promises does God make to Jacob?
3. How does God’s promise to be with Jacob speak to times of uncertainty?
4. What places or moments remind you of God’s faithfulness?
5. What do you make of Jacob’s vow in verses 20–22?
6. How can you respond to God’s faithfulness in worship this week?

Key takeaway: God meets Jacob on the journey and promises, “I am with you.”