

## **“JACOB’S BETHAL ENCOUNTER”**

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Genesis 28:10-22 (NASB)

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### **1. JACOB EXPERIENCED AN AMAZING DREAM.**

**Genesis 28:10-22 (NASB)** <sup>10</sup> Then Jacob departed from Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it under his head, and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> **He had a dream**, and behold, **a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven**; and behold, **the angels of God** were ascending and descending on it.

### **2. JACOB RECEIVED A SIGNIFICANT DECLARATION.**

<sup>13</sup> And behold, **the LORD stood above it** and said, **"I am the LORD**, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; **the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.**" <sup>14</sup> "Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup> "Behold, **I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land**; for **I will not leave you** until I have done what I have promised you."

### **3. JACOB RESPONDED WITH A RADICAL DECISION.**

<sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, **"Surely the LORD is in this place**, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup> He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than **the house of God**, and this is **the gate of heaven.**" <sup>18</sup> So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a pillar and **poured oil on its top.** <sup>19</sup> He called the name of that place Bethel; however, previously the name of the city had been Luz. <sup>20</sup> **Then Jacob made a vow**, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me on this journey that I take, and will give me food to eat and garments to wear, <sup>21</sup> and I return to my father's house in safety, then **the LORD will be my God.**" <sup>22</sup> "This stone, which I have set up as a pillar, **will be God's house**, and of all that You give me **I will surely give a tenth to You.**"