

“Growing Godly Families”

Week 6: “The Blessing”

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Gen 28:10-20

10 Then Jacob departed from Beersheba and went toward Haran. **11** And 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. **12** And 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. **13** 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. **14** Your descendants shall also be like the dust of the earth, and you shall 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. **15** And 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." **16** Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." **17** And 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." **18** 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. **19** And he called the name of that place Bethel; however, previously the name of the city had been Luz.

Gen 48:1-16

1 Now it came about after these things that Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is sick." So he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim with him. **2** When it was told to Jacob, "Behold, your son Joseph has come to you," Israel collected his strength and sat up in the bed. **3** Then Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, **4** and He said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and numerous, and I will make you a company of peoples, and will give this land to your descendants after you for an everlasting possession.' **5** "And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are. **6** But your offspring that have been born after them shall be yours; they shall be called by the names of their brothers in their inheritance. **7** Now as for me, when I came from Paddan, Rachel died, to my sorrow, in the land of Canaan on the journey, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath; and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."

8 When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?" **9** And Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." So he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them." **10** Now the eyes of Israel were so dim from age that he could not see. Then Joseph brought them close to him, and he kissed them and embraced them. **11** And Israel

said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face, and behold, God has let me see your children as well." **12** Then Joseph took them from his knees, and bowed with his face to the ground. **13** And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right, and brought them close to him. **14** But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, crossing his hands, although Manasseh was the first-born. **15** And he blessed Joseph, and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, **16** The angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and may my name live on in them, and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and may they grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

“Blessing”-

KEY ELEMENTS FOUND IN A BIBLICAL BLESSING:

I. a _____ (Genesis 48:10, 14)

II. a _____ (Genesis 48:15-16)

III. a _____ l _____ (Genesis 48:16)

Other examples of blessings:

Genesis 1:21-22, 27-30; 9:1-17; 12:1-3; 27:1-29; 31:55; 48:11-16; 49:28; 1 Samuel 2:20-21; Isaiah 65:13-25; Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:7-11; Luke 3:21-23