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- Isaac- an old man watching his family dissolve.
- Esau, a brother plotting his revenge.
- Rebekah- her “boy” is fleeing for his life and she has no idea whether he will out maneuver his brother.
- Jacob-flees for his life takes back roads and unusual routes to Escape Esau. He is now an anonymous man in an empty space.
- 48 miles later he is tired and exhausted, knows he needs some shuteye, takes his Ambien and falls asleep.

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- The Dream:
- “I am the God of your grandfather and your father.....and you?”
- I will make the blessings happen that your father wanted for you.
- Further, God proclaims His presence to be with Jacob.
- Jacobs “awakes” to God and His presence 28:16

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Jacob in conviction states, “Since God is with me and will keep me on this journey, then the Lord will be my God.”



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Beersheba to Padan-Aram → 550 Miles



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29:1 Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east.

Then Jacob went, really means.... "lifted up his feet."

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BEFORE JACOB WAS BORN....

THE TRUTH OF JACOB HAD BEEN FORTOLD

HE WAS CHEATING FOR WHAT HE ALREADY
POSSESSED!!!!

BEFORE YOU WERE BORN....

THE TRUTH OF YOU HAS BEEN FORTOLD...

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• Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel

- What goes around comes around
 - Galatians 6:7 - 8 (ASV) Do not be deceived Brethren. God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, this shall he also reap. ⁸For he that sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life.

• Leah and Her Kids:

- Leah – related to the word that means “weary”
- Reuben – “Behold a Son”
- Simeon – “He has heard”
- Judah – “Praised”

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- Lessons From Leah:

Psalms 73:25 (NRSV)

[25] Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.

[26] My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

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- Lessons From Leah:

Gen 30:12-13

[12] Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. [13] Then Leah said, "Happy am I! For women will call me happy." So she named him Asher.

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