

*“And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to Heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, ‘I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, To Thee Will I Give It, and to thy seed.’” *Genesis 28:10-13 KJV**



Jacob had no idea of the depth of meaning in God's Promise to him that night, but to this very day Satan is still trying to wrest that land from Jacob's, Israel's, posterity! The countries surrounding tiny Israel have parcels of unused land that dwarf the land they are demanding Israel cede to the Palestinians (who really aren't), but are the descendants of the Philistines. (Palestine – *Pelesheth* {Hebrew *pel-eh'-sheth* – migratory} a region of Syria: Palestina, Palestine, Philistia, Philistines) Remember Goliath? Jacob was really one of the first to possess Divine Deed to the land, later confirmed by David's conquest of the Philistines! Spurgeon wrote, “No promise [of God] is of private interpretation: it belongs not to one saint but to all believers. If, my brother, thou canst in faith lie down upon a promise and take thy rest thereon, it is thine. Where Jacob "lighted" and tarried and rested, there he took possession. Stretching his weary length upon the ground, with the stones of that place for his pillows, he little fancied that he was thus entering into ownership of the land; yet so it was. He saw in his dream that wondrous ladder which for all true believers unites earth and heaven, and surely where the foot of the ladder stood he must have a right to the soil, for other wise he could not reach the divine stairway. All the promises of God are "Yea" and "Amen" in Christ Jesus, and as He is ours, every promise is ours if we will but lie down upon it in restful faith. Come, weary one, use thy Lord's words as thy pillows. Lie down in peace. Dream only of Him. Jesus is thy ladder of light. See the angels coming and going upon Him between thy soul and thy God and be sure that the promise is thine own God-given portion and that it will not be robbery for thee to take it to thyself, as spoken specially to thee.” If God gives you Peace in your soul of one of His Promises, though your pillow be a stone, rest there!

God promised me a body new,
A Promise He will give to you,
If you obey and come by Faith,
To trust alone in His Great Grace! ~CGP

We call it “Jacob's Ladder,” but in reality it's God's “Promise Ladder” to all who trust and obey God's Word in Faith believing. God promised Abraham the same Promise which He subsequently confirms throughout Israel's history. To each believing recipient God's Word becomes a Personal Promise of the “*God which CANNOT lie!*” Believe God's Promise and you shall have it, but you must believe “*in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*” Be confident in God, but believe; a ladder must be climbed!

“(For we walk by faith, NOT BY SIGHT) – Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things NOT SEEN. – But without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please Him: for he that cometh to God MUST BELIEVE that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:1, 6: 2 Corinthians 5:7 KJV