

Genesis Chapter 28 בְּרֵאשִׁית

- י** וַיֵּצֵא יַעֲקֹב, מִבְּעַר שְׁבַע; וַיֵּלֶךְ, חָרָנָה. **10** And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.
- יא** וַיִּפְגַּע בַּמָּקוֹם וַיֵּלֶן שָׁם, כִּי-בָא הַשָּׁמֶשׁ, וַיִּקַּח מֵאבְנֵי הַמָּקוֹם, וַיִּשֶׂם מֵרָאשֵׁתָיו; וַיִּשְׁכַּב, בַּמָּקוֹם הַהוּא. **11** And he arrived at the place, and stayed there all night, because the sun was set; and he took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep.
- יב** וַיַּחְלֵם, וַהֲנִיחַ סֹלֶם מִצֶּבַע אֲרָצָה, וְרֹאשׁוֹ, מִגִּיעַ הַשָּׁמַיְמָה; וַהֲנִיחַ מִלְּאֲכֵי אֱלֹהִים, עֲלִים וַיֵּרְדִים בּוֹ. **12** And he dreamed, and saw a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and the angels of God ascending and descending on it.
- יג** וַהֲנִיחַ יְהוָה נֹצֵב עָלָיו, וַיֹּאמֶר, אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבִרְהָם אֲבִיךָ, וְאֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק; הָאָרֶץ, אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה שֹׁכֵב עָלֶיהָ-לְךָ אֶתְנַנֶּנָּה, וְלִזְרַעֲךָ. **13** And, God stood above him, and said: 'I am the Eternal, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac. The land whereon you lie, to you will I give it, and to your seed.
- יד** וַהֲיִהֶינָה זֵרַעֲךָ כְּעֹפֶר הָאָרֶץ, וַפָּרְצֶתָ יָמָה וְקִדְמָה וְצָפְנָה וְנִגְבָּה; וְנִבְרַכְוּ בְּךָ כָּל-מִשְׁפָּחוֹת הָאָדָמָה, וּבְזֵרַעֲךָ. **14** And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. And in you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.
- טו** וַהֲנִיחַ אֲנֹכִי עִמָּךְ, וַשְׁמֵרְתִּיךָ בְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר-תֵּלֵךְ, וַהֲשִׁבְתִּיךָ, אֶל-הָאָדָמָה הַזֹּאת: כִּי, לֹא אֶעֱזָבְךָ, עַד אֲשֶׁר אֶם-עָשִׂיתִי, אֵת אֲשֶׁר-דִּבַּרְתִּי לְךָ. **15** And, I am with you, and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back into this land; for I will not leave you, until I have done that which I have promised.'
- טז** וַיִּיקָץ יַעֲקֹב, מִשְׁנָתוֹ, וַיֹּאמֶר, אֲכֹן יֵשׁ יְהוָה בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה; וְאֲנֹכִי, לֹא יָדַעְתִּי. **16** And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said: 'Surely God is in this place; and I knew it not.'

יז וַיִּירָא, וַיֹּאמֶר, מִה-נֹרָא, הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה: אִין זֶה, כִּי אִם-בַּיִת אֱלֹהִים, וְזֶה, שַׁעַר הַשָּׁמַיִם.

17 And he was afraid, and said: 'How full of awe is this place! this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

יח וַיִּשְׁכֶּם יַעֲקֹב בַּבֹּקֶר, וַיִּקַּח אֶת-הָאֶבֶן אֲשֶׁר-שָׂם מִרְאֲשֵׁתָיו, וַיִּשֶׂם אֹתָהּ, מִצְבָּה; וַיִּצַק שָׁמֶן, עַל-רֹאשָׁהּ.

18 And Jacob arose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon its top.

יט וַיִּקְרָא אֶת-שֵׁם-הַמָּקוֹם הַהוּא, בֵּית-אֵל; וְאוּלַם לֹז, שֵׁם-הָעִיר, לְרֵאשִׁינָה.

19 And he called the name of that place Beth-el, but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

כ וַיִּדָּר יַעֲקֹב, נֶדָר לֵאמֹר: אִם-יְהִיָּה אֱלֹהִים עִמָּדִי, וְשָׁמְרֵנִי בַדֶּרֶךְ הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי הוֹלֵךְ, וְנָתַן-לִי לֶחֶם לֶאֱכֹל, וּבְגָד לְלַבֵּשׁ.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying: 'If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

כא וְשָׁבְתִי בְשָׁלוֹם, אֶל-בַּיִת אָבִי; וְהָיָה יְהוָה לִי, לֵאלֹהִים.

21 so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then shall God be my God,

כב וְהָאֶבֶן הַזֹּאת, אֲשֶׁר-שָׂמְתִי מִצְבָּה--יְהִיָּה, בַּיִת אֱלֹהִים; וְכָל אֲשֶׁר תִּתֶּן-לִי, עֲשֵׂר אֶעֱשְׂרֶנּוּ לָךְ.

22 and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that You shall give me I will surely give back a tenth to You.'

HAFTARAH VAYETZE JOSHUA 4 :1-14

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, God said to Joshua, "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."

So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the Eternal your God into the midst of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of Israel, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before God's Ark of the Covenant. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as God had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

The priests who carried the ark remained standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything God had commanded Joshua was done by the people, just as Moses had directed Joshua.

The people hurried over, and as soon as all of them had crossed, the ark of God and the priests came to the other side while the people watched. The men of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over, ready for battle, in front of the Israelites, as Moses had directed them. About forty thousand armed for battle crossed over before God to the

That day God enhanced Joshua's standing in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him all the days of his life, just as they had stood in awe of Moses.