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## FLEES TO HARAN

LESSON 9 – GENESIS 27-31

6. What blessing did Isaac ask for Jacob when he sent him away?

- God Almighty (El-Shaddai)
- “Make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.”
- “The blessings of Abraham... to your descendants with you”
- “That you may possess the land of your sojourning, which God gave to Abraham”

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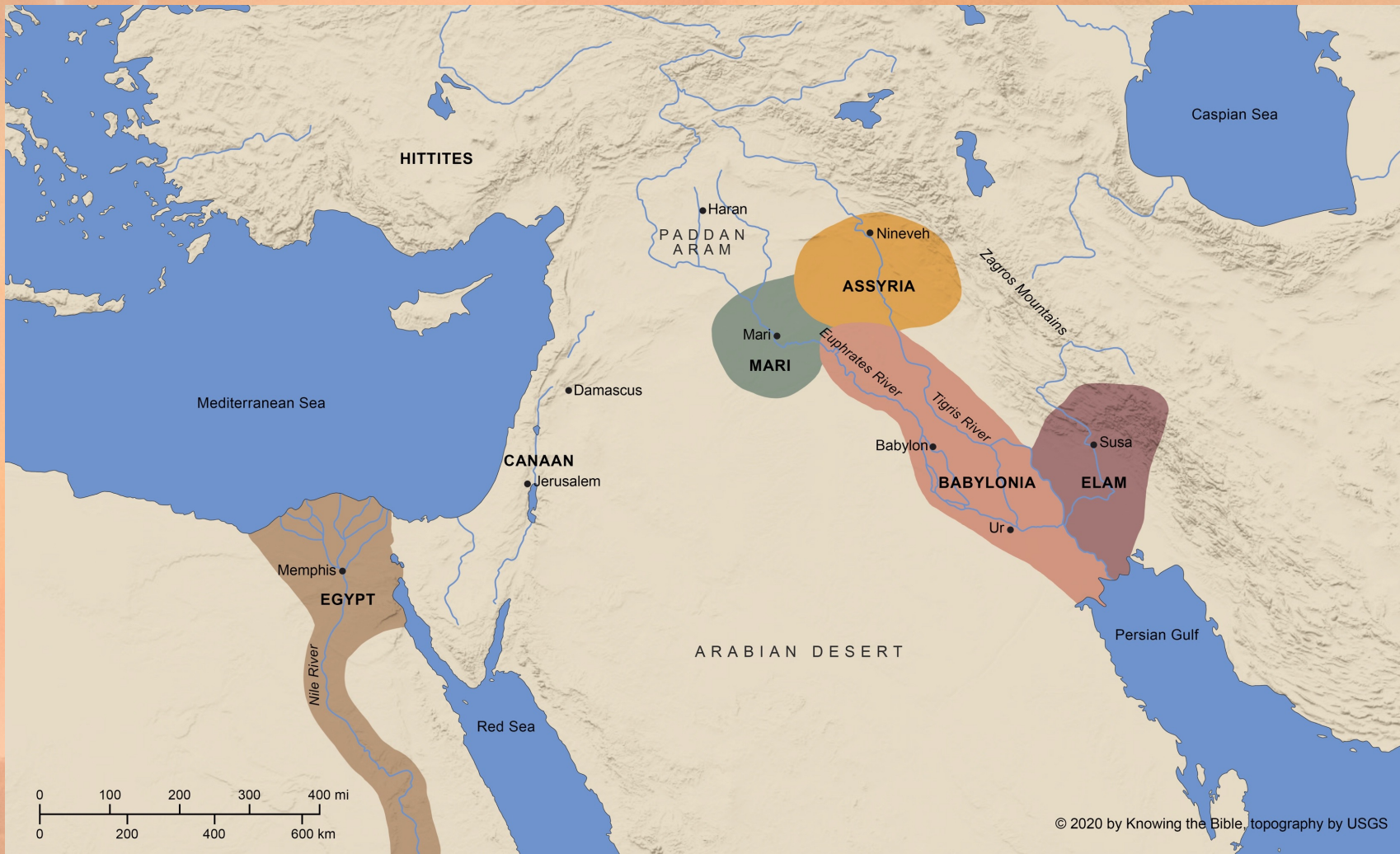
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7. What are we told Esau did when he saw his father's blessing and his brother's obedience?

- Realization of verse eight
- Sought his father's approval by marrying "within" the family
- Mahalath (Basemath in 36:3), daughter of Ishmael

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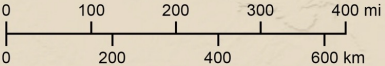
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- Transformation begins
- Jacob's dream – A ladder (possibly ramp, or staircase), angels ascending and descending
- The imagery – God's fellowship with man
- Jesus brings the imagery forward (Jn. 1:51)
- Our access through Him (Jn. 14:6; Rom. 5:1-2)
  - Mediator/Advocate (1 Tim. 2:5; 1 Jn. 2:1)
  - Blessings flow through Him (Eph. 1:1-14; 2:4-7)
  - Our prayers and worship through Him (1 Pet. 2:5; Heb. 13:15)

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8. Which of the promises made to his grandfather, then to his father, were now repeated to Jacob when the Lord appeared to him in a dream?

- Land, nation, and seed
- Protection and a return to the land of promise
- Confirmation of Isaac's request in verse 4

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## 9. How did Jacob react to the dream?

- Awoke, startled and afraid
- "Jehovah is here, and I did not know"
- Monument and renaming
- A vow to God
  - Three requests... presence, provision, and protection
  - Three promises... devotion, dedication, and thankfulness
- A humbled man
- What about us? (Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:15-16)
- "Nearer My God To Thee"

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10. What question does Jacob ask the men encountered at the well and what is their response? (v. 4-8)

- “Do you know Laban, son of Nahor... Is it well with him?”
- “It is well and here is his daughter, Rachel.”
- Introductions
- Laban reintroduced

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11. When asked to name his wages by Laban, what does Jacob propose? (v. 15-20)

- Descriptions of the daughters
- "I will serve you seven years for Rachel"
- "As but a few days"

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12. What did Laban do when the seven years were complete and what reason does he give? (v. 21-29)

- Jacob's request
- "Behold, it was Leah!"
- "It is not the practice to marry off the younger first, but for seven more years of service..."
- "He loved Rachel more the Leah."

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13. What was Leah's expectation/hope, as evidenced by their names, with the birth of each son? (v. 31-35)

- Reuben – “Jehovah has seen my affliction; surely now my husband will love me.”
- Simeon – “Because the LORD has heard that I am unloved...”
- Levi – “This time my husband will become attached to me, because I've borne him three sons”
- Judah – “This time I will praise the LORD”

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14. List the children borne to each mother, as well as the reasons given for their names. (29:31-30:24)

- Bilhah
  - Dan (God has vindicated)
  - Naphtali (I have prevailed)
- Zilpah
  - Gad (How fortunate)
  - Asher (Happy am I)
- Leah
  - Issachar (wages)
  - Zebulun (good gift, now he will dwell with me)
  - Dinah
- Rachel
  - Joseph (God has taken away my reproach)

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15. During the episode with the mandrakes, what statements by Leah and Rachel are evidence of the pent-up frustrations and attitudes motivating the events of the chapter? (v. 15)

- Leah – *“Take my husband”*
- Rachel - *“Therefore he may lie with you tonight”*
- Leah to Jacob - *“I have surely hired you with my son’s mandrakes.”*

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