

Genesis: God and the Originals

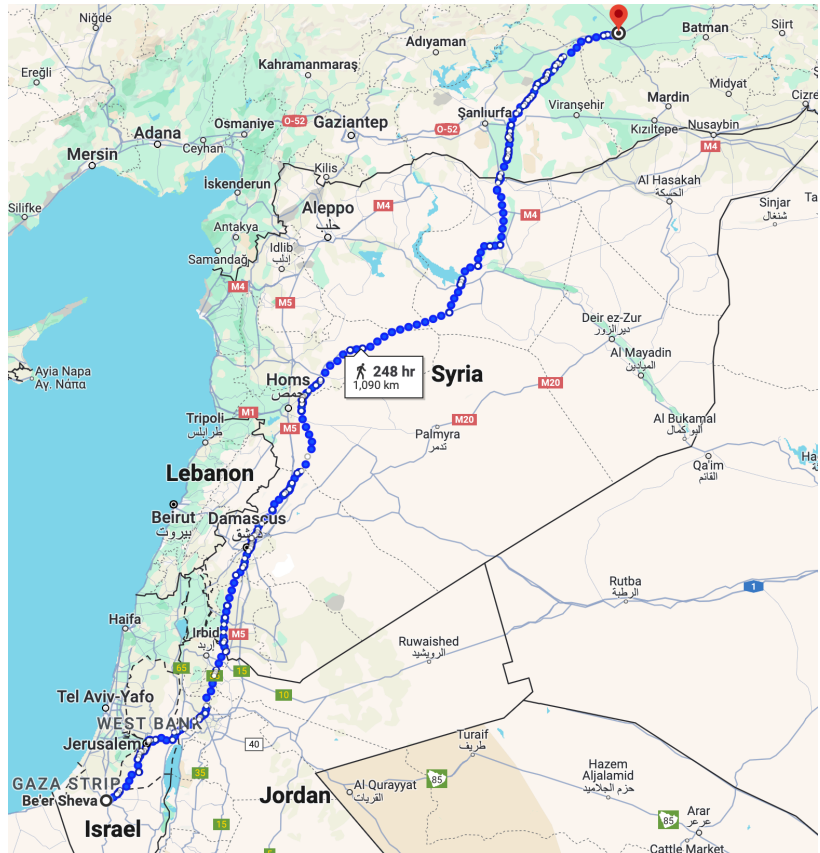
THE PROMISE LADDER

Jacob's Ladder (28:10-22)

Read Genesis 28:10-22

Vv. 10-15

1. How far of a journey is it from Beersheba to Harran? Is it dangerous?
2. Does Jacob rest his head on a rock, see a staircase with God above it in vv. 11-13 (the answer is no)? What are better translations?
3. What are the immediate and future promises God makes to Jacob in vv. 13-15? How are they similar to the promises God made to Abraham and Isaac?



Vv. 16-22

4. How did Jacob respond to his dream, and what does he call this place in vv. 16-19?

Beth-el means “_____” just like Beth-lehem means “_____”.

5. What does Jacob do with the stone that was at his head during the night in v. 18? What is significant about anointing?
6. What does Jacob promise the Lord in vv. 20-22?

The word for “safely” in v. 21 is the word _____, which means “_____”.

BONUS: How would you describe Jacob's relationship with the Lord at this point?

Jacob, Rachel and a Well (29:1-14a)

Read Genesis 28:10-22

Vv. 1-8

7. What's the problem with the shepherds, the well, and the sheep in this scene?
- The shepherds are lazy
 - The stone is too heavy
 - Not all the shepherds had shown up, an equitable well
 - It was the wrong time of day
 - Rachel wasn't there yet
 - Other: _____

Vv. 9-14a

8. What is Jacob's reaction to Rachel? Why do you think it is so dramatic?

BONUS: How is this well scene like others we have seen?

9. How is Jacob received by Laban?

Final Question:

How does Jesus utilize the story of Jacob's ladder in John 1:50-51 to indicate who he truly is to his disciples?