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"The Gospel Lives of Isaac & Jacob"
Summary of Jacob Meets His Maker
Genesis 28
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Jacob was now profoundly alone. He had no one to talk to. And he was in a dark howling wasteland full of real and present danger. His solitary state was obvious. Exhausted and despondent, Jacob settled for a stone pillow and fell fast asleep. As he drifted off, he wondered if he would make it. He remembered every word of Isaac's blessing about the land and a people. But he was fleeing the land and was childless, indeed wifeless. What a mess he had made of his life. *"And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the Lord stood above it"* (Gen. 28:12, 13a). Jacob's dreaming eye saw a ladder extending from the earth, on which he lay, far up to Heaven. Was it a staired ramp as on a ziggurat or a runged ladder? We do not know. But it makes no difference because it was a surreal dream ladder. In this dream God is giving us insight that reaches back to the tower of Babel and forward to the One who is its answer.

