

## Genesis 28:11- 18

He (Yakov/Jacob) came upon a certain place and stopped there for the night, for the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of that place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. He had a dream; a ladder was set on the ground and its top reached to the sky, and angels of Gd were going up and down on it.

And the Lord was standing beside him and Gd said, "I am the Lord, the Gd of your father Avraham and the Gd of Yitzhak: the ground on which you are lying I will assign to you and to your offspring.

Your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All the families of the earth shall bless themselves by you and your descendants. Remember, I am with you: I will protect you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Yakov awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is present in this place, and I did not know it!" Shaken, he said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the abode of Gd, and that is the gateway to heaven."

Early in the morning, Yakov took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

וַיִּפְגַּע בַּמָּקוֹם וַיֵּלֶן שָׁם כִּי-בָא הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וַיִּקַּח מֵאֲבָנֵי  
הַמָּקוֹם וַיִּשֶׂם מְרָאֲשֵׁתוֹ וַיִּשְׁכַּב בַּמָּקוֹם הַהוּא:  
וַיַּחְלֶם וְהִנֵּה סֹלֶם מֻצָּב אֶרְצָה וְרֹאשׁוֹ מִגִּיעַ  
הַשָּׁמַיְמָה וְהִנֵּה מַלְאֲכֵי אֱלֹהִים עֹלִים וְיֹרְדִים בּוֹ:  
וְהִנֵּה יְהוָה נֹצֵב עָלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אָנֹכִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבֹרָהֶם  
אָבִיךָ וְאֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה שֹׁכֵב עָלֶיהָ לְךָ  
אֶתְנֶנָּה וְלִזְרַעֲךָ:  
וְהִיא זְרַעֲךָ כַּעֲפֹר הָאָרֶץ וּפְרֻצֹת יָמָה וְקִדְמָה וְצַפְנָה  
וְנִגְבָּה וְנִבְרָכּוּ בְךָ כָּל-מִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאָדָמָה וּבְזַרְעֲךָ:  
וְהִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי עֹמֵךְ וְשִׁמְרֹתֶיךָ בְּכָל אֲשֶׁר-תֵּלֵךְ  
וְהִשְׁבַּתֶּיךָ אֶל-הָאָדָמָה הַזֹּאת כִּי לֹא אֶעֱזָבְךָ עַד  
אֲשֶׁר אִם-עָשִׂיתִי אֶת אֲשֶׁר-דִּבַּרְתִּי לְךָ:

וַיִּיקֶץ יַעֲקֹב וַיַּעֲקֹב מִשְׁנֵתוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אָכֵן יֵשׁ יְהוָה בַּמָּקוֹם  
הַזֶּה וְאֲנֹכִי לֹא יָדַעְתִּי:  
וַיִּירָא וַיֹּאמֶר מֵה-נִוְרָא הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה אֵין זֶה כִּי  
אִם-בֵּית אֱלֹהִים וְזֶה שַׁעַר הַשָּׁמַיִם:  
וַיִּשָּׁלֶם יַעֲקֹב בְּבֹקֶר וַיִּקַּח אֶת-הָאֶבֶן אֲשֶׁר-שָׂם  
מְרָאֲשֵׁתוֹ וַיִּשֶׂם אֹתָהּ מִצְבֵּה וַיִּצַק שֶׁמֶן עַל-רֹאשָׁהּ: