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Come Follow Me ~ Genesis 28

The Gate of Heaven. Jacob's Dream in a place called Luz was the holy location for the God of his father Isaac and his grandfather Abraham to reveal himself directly to Jacob. He saw stairs that were "set toward the earth" and its "head reached toward the heavens", and upon it were the Angels of 'Elohim (*Mala'khey 'Elohim* מַלְאָכֵי אֱלֹהִים) "going up and going down on it" (Gen 28:12). These type of Angels that Jacob saw were "Messenger" Angels delivering messages back and forth from heaven to earth and visa versa.

Standing on the stairs was Yehwah/Yahovah יְהוָה who introduces himself to Jacob in a personal way: "I am Yehwah, the God of Abraham your grandfather, and the God of Isaac" (Gen 28:13). Next, his God promised him, "In you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And behold, I am with you, and I will protect you,...for I will not leave you" (Gen 28:15).

When Jacob awoke he testified, "Surely Yehwah is in this place;...How awesome is this place! This is none other than the House of God (Temple of 'Elohim בֵּית אֱלֹהִים), and this is the Gate of the Heavens" שַׁעַר הַשָּׁמַיִם (Gen 28:16-17). So he named the sacred place, Beth-'El בֵּית-אֵל or Temple/House of God (Gen 28:19).

