

GENESIS CHAPTER 28

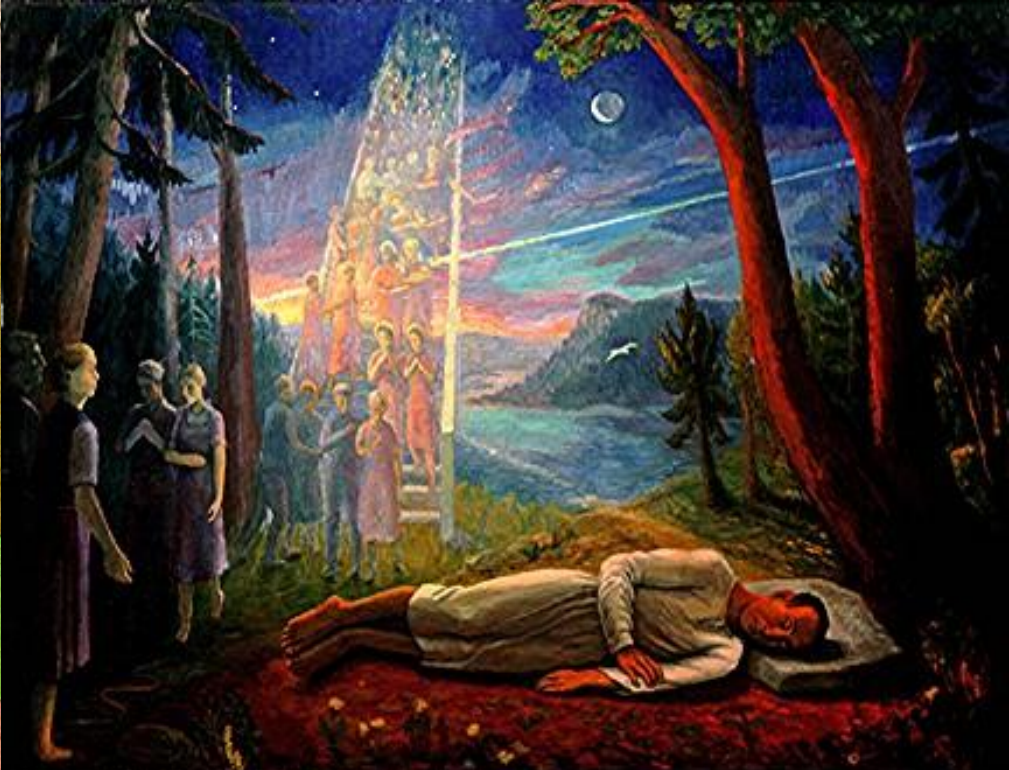
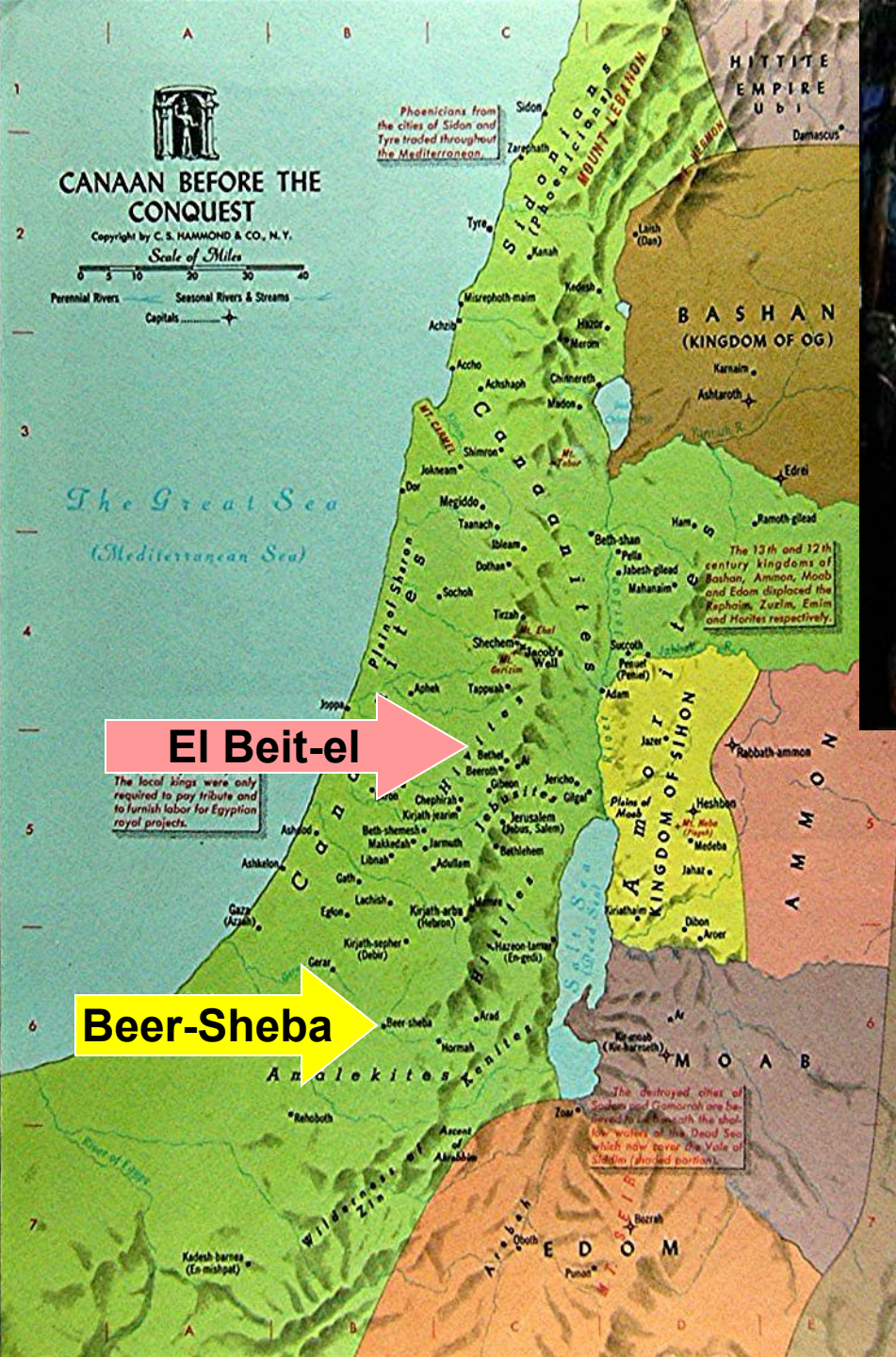


- Isaac instructs Jacob to go to Mesopotamia to find a wife
- Jacob in his 70's
- The Blessing: not all elements of the covenant Isaac was blessed with were in Jacob's blessing

HOW THE WORD “GOYIM” EVOLVED

DATE	EVENT	WORD	MEANING
2000 BC	Abraham living in UR	Goyim	All nations, all people Nations-at-large
1950 BC	God declares Abraham the 1 st HEBREW	Goyim	NON-Hebrew nations NON-Hebrew people
1850 BC	God changes Jacob’s name to ISRAEL	Goyim	NON-Israelite nations NON-Israelite people
1800 BC	Jacob fathers the 12 TRIBES of ISRAEL	Goyim	NON-Israelite nations NON-Israelite people
500 BC	Jews (tribe of Judah) return from Babylon	Goyim	NON-Jewish nations NON-Jewish people
1948 AD to TODAY	Jews (remnant of Israel) return to Holy Land	Goyim	All nations <i>except</i> <u>ISRAEL</u> Gentiles. All non-Jews

- Until Isaac was born, no distinction between Hebrews and non-Hebrews
- First distinction is made between Isaac and Ishmael
- Kahal ammim = holy convocation of fellow countrymen
- Jacob will produce **ONLY** Hebrews



- Jacob stops at Beit-el (Bethel)
- Here Jacob's separate identity as the 3rd Patriarch begins
- Jacob's vision, sees the spiritual world



- The ladder or stairway is a “type”
- Represents the connection between God and Man
- **NAS John 1:51** *And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you shall see the heavens opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."*

El-Beit-el

- “house of the god, El”
- God had not yet given his personal name YHWH
- Anointing stone with oil indicated a vow as part of a new covenant
- A link between this rock and the Messiah



“..and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.”

Genesis 28:22



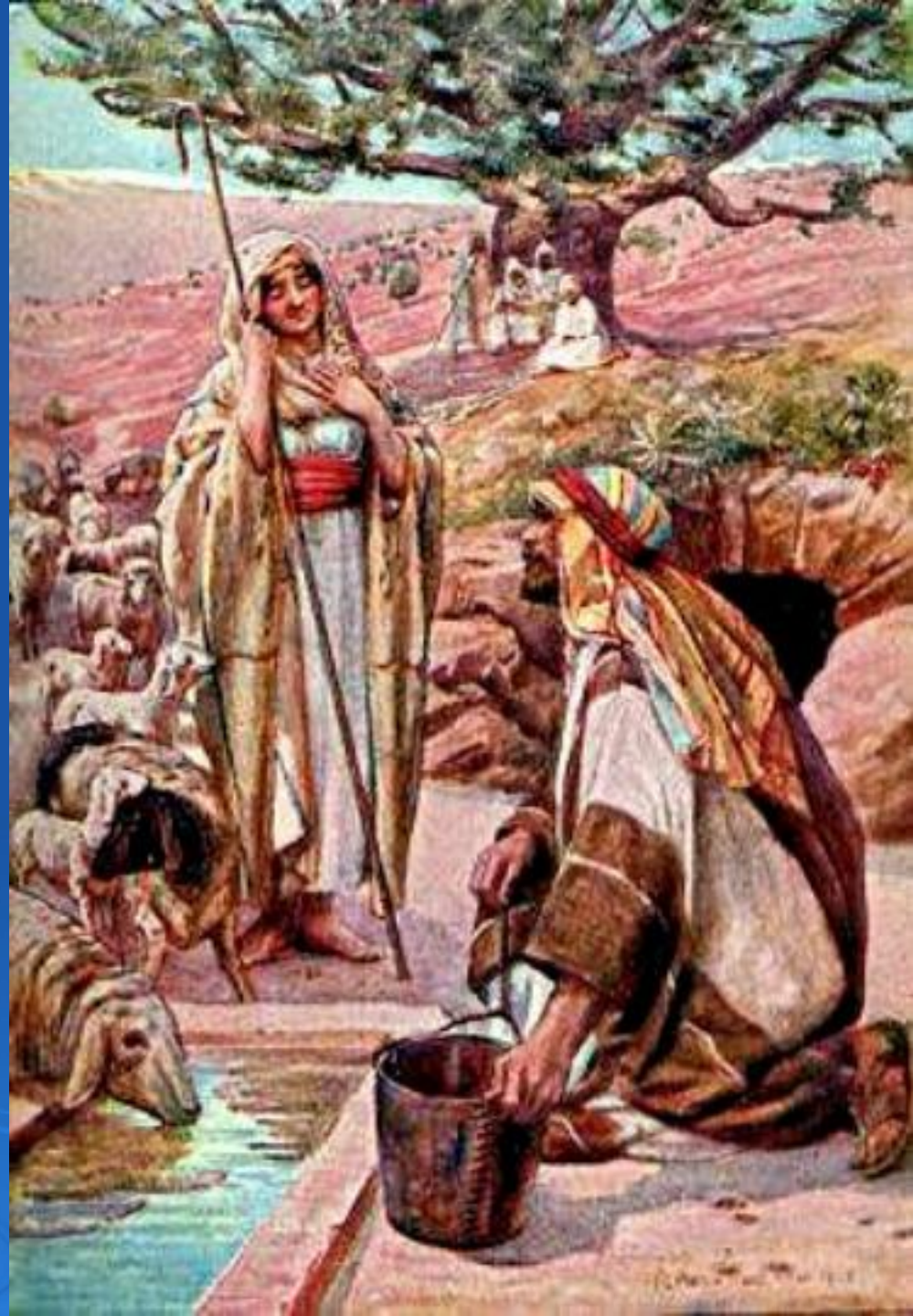
GENESIS 29

- Jacob's encounter with God lifted his spirits
- Mesopotamia is the ancestral connection of Israel
- Jacob goes back to the same place Eliezar found his father (Isaac) a wife
- Jacob arrived with nothing

A 400 mile journey from Beer-Sheba to Haran

Rachel

- Wells were not public, they were OWNED
- They became meeting places for the country folk
- Well owners collected a fee for others to use the water



- Jacob rolls the rock off the well
- Greets Rachel with a kiss
- Not sexual, just a custom
- Rachel is a Shepherdess, unusual
- Laban is Rachel's father
- Vs. 5 "Laban, son of Nahor"
- Actually Laban was the son of B'tu'el
- Nahor was the CLAN Laban was from
- Sometimes "son of" is referring to the CLAN not the persons actual "father"



LABAN THE DECEIVER



- Laban accepts 7 years of servitude for Jacob's right to marry Rachel
- NOT USUAL!
- ***“Are we not counted as strangers, for he has sold us!”***
- A direct connection between Jacob's deception to his father, Laban's deception to Jacob

7 MORE YEARS OF SERVITUDE



RACHEL



LEAH

- After the 7 day wedding ceremony with Leah, Jacob also marries Rachel
- Jacob now in his 80's!
- Jacob favored Rachel
- “eyes were weak” = idiom for plain, not pretty
- Jacob preferred the beauty of Rachel

LEAH GIVES JACOB SONS

- Rachel cannot seem to get pregnant
- Leah gives Jacob his first four sons:
 - RUEBEN** look, a son
 - SIMEON** hearing
 - LEVI** joined
 - JUDAH** praise
- Levi would become God's set-apart servants and priests
- Judah would produce the Jews, and eventually Yeshua

