

Gen. 28: **Jacob's**

HEAVEN

Ladder Jn. 1:51

Dream Prophetic
Heaven Opened

Not Before Cross
Mt. 27:51 Heb. 9:8

The Ladder
Gen. 28

Way to Heaven
Gen. 28

Faith in Ladder
If Doubt

Must Enter Upon
Not Faith Only

Must Climb
Otherwise

Rounds?
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Could Fall
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Love

B. Kindness

Godliness

Patience

Temperance

Knowledge

Virtue

Christ's Church

Baptism

Confess

Repent

Believe

Hereafter A.D. 30
See Heaven Opened

Open after Cross
Heb. 10: 19-20-22

Ladder is Christ
Jn. 14:6; Jn. 1:51

Saved in Christ
Ac. 4:12; 2 Cor. 5:17

Faith in Christ
Ac. 16: 30-31

Bapt. Into Christ
Jn. 14:6; Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3-4

Walk in Christ
Rom. 6:3; Col. 2:5-6

Christian Graces
2 Pet 1:5-11

Can Fall
1 Cor. 10:12; Gal. 5:4

JACOB'S LADDER

Gen. 28:1-22

INTRO: This is a wonderful picture. Jacob was on his way to Haran, going to Paddan-aram to take a wife from the daughters of Laban, his mother's brother. On his way he stopped to sleep. He placed a stone under his head for a pillow. He dreamed he saw a ladder from earth to heaven and the angels of God ascending and descending on it. Jehovah stood at the top of it and told him the land where he was lying would be given to him and his seed. He said that his seed would be as the dust of the earth, and that in his seed all the families of the earth would be blessed. He said that he would come into this land again.

I. DREAM PROPHEPIC.

Heaven was opened in this dream, but heaven was not opened until after A.D. 30.

II. HEAVEN NOT OPENED BEFORE THE CROSS. Matt. 27:50-51; Heb. 9:8. The Holy Place was heaven. Before Christ's death; first tabernacle. Opened after death on cross. Heb. 10:19-22; Heb. 9:19-27.

III. THE LADDER. Gen. 28.

The ladder Jacob saw was Christ. John 14:6; John 1:51.

IV. LADDER WAS WAY TO HEAVEN. Gen. 28.

We are saved in Christ. Acts 4:12; 2Cor.5:17.

V. MUST HAVE FAITH IN LADDER.

We must have faith in the ladder we climb. We know Jacob could have faith in the ladder of his dream. Christ is the ladder, and we must have faith in Him. Acts 16:30-31.

VI. WE MUST ENTER UPON THE LADDER.

Just having faith in a ladder will not put one where the ladder reaches. We must enter upon the ladder, not just have faith only. We must enter Christ; we must be baptized into Christ. John 14:6; Gal. 3:27; Rom.6:3-4.

VII. MUST CLIMB THE LADDER.

Just entering upon the ladder is not enough, we must climb the ladder, otherwise will not get to top. We must walk in Christ. Rom. 6:3; Col. 2:5-6.

VIII. WHAT ARE THE ROUNDS?

The rounds of the ladder of Christ are the Christian graces. 2 Pet. 1:5-11.

IX. COULD FALL FROM LADDER.

Can fall from Christ. 1 Cor. 10:12; Gal.5:4.

CONCL: We must watch and be careful lest we fall. We must continue to climb the ladder by adding the Christian graces.