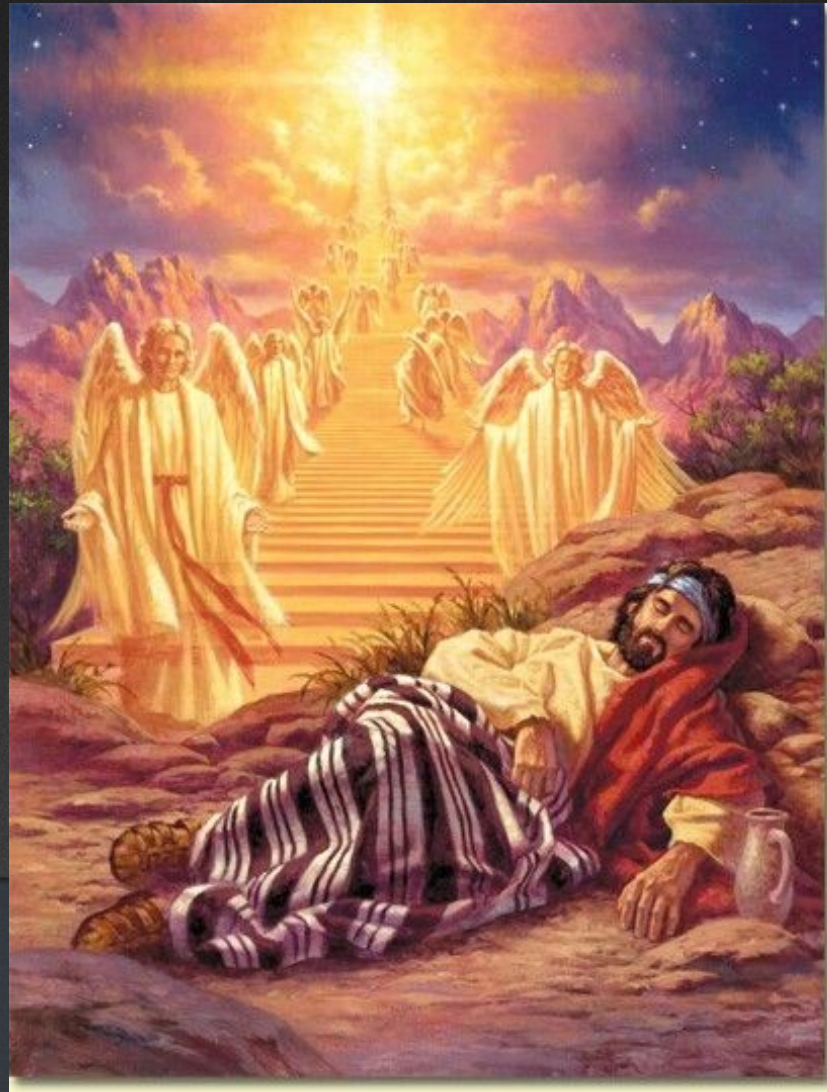


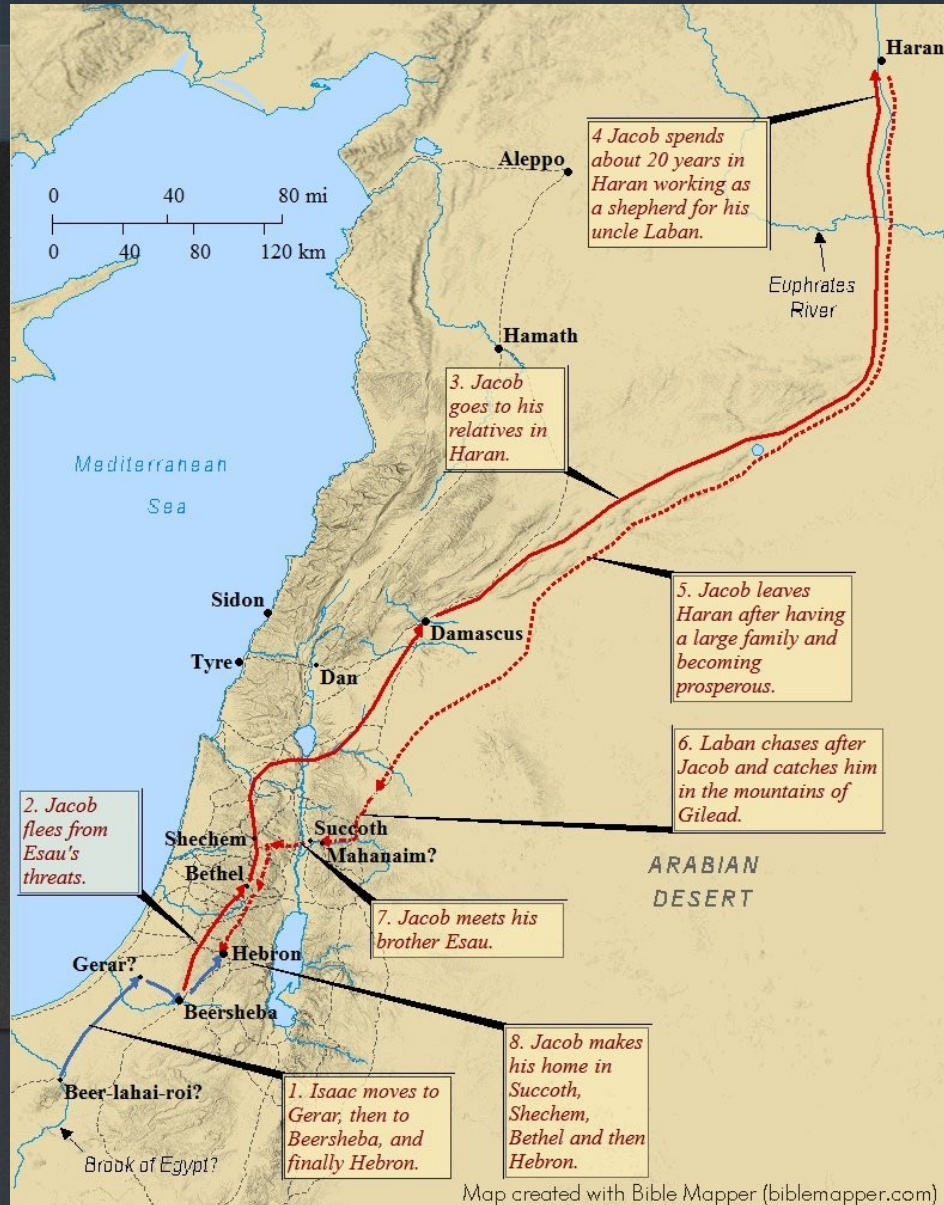
February 28–March 6

Genesis 28–33

“Surely the Lord is in This Place”



Jacob Travels to Haran



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Gen 28:1-4

Why did Isaac tell Jacob to leave Canaan and go back to their homeland to find a wife?

George Q. Cannon

“Isaac sent Jacob back to his mother's people, and commanded him not to take a wife of the daughters of Caanan; but to marry into his mother's family. He did so; he married... the daughters of Laban. And from these families and from that blood sprang the promised seed. It was the lineage through which the Priesthood ran; it was the lineage that was entitled to the blessings of the father, and on this account they were very particular as to whom they should marry. Isaac was the promised seed, and his father and mother were exceedingly desirous that he should marry in the right direction.” (JD, 25:360)

Russell M. Nelson

“Stalwart women have shown the strength and courage that covenant-keeping women always demonstrate. It would be impossible to measure the influence that such women have, not only on families but also on the Lord’s Church, as wives, mothers, and grandmothers; as sisters and aunts; as teachers and leaders; and especially as exemplars and devout defenders of the faith.” (CR, Oct. 2015)

Jacob Travels to Haran

Gen 28:10-17

What made Jacob conclude that this place was the house of God?

In what way is the house of God the gate of heaven?

Marion G. Romney

“When Jacob traveled from Beersheba toward Haran, he had a dream in which he saw himself on the earth at the foot of a ladder that reached to heaven where the Lord stood above it. He beheld angels ascending and descending thereon, and Jacob realized that the covenants he made with the Lord there were the rungs on the ladder that he himself would have to climb in order to obtain the promised blessings—blessings that would entitle him to enter heaven and associate with the Lord....

“Temples are to us all what Bethel was to Jacob. Even more, they are also the gates to heaven for all of our unendowed kindred dead. We should all do our duty in bringing our loved ones through them.” (“Temples—The Gates to Heaven,” Ensign, March 1971)

John Taylor

“When I visited that holy Temple, accompanied by my brethren who were with me, we experienced a sacred thrill of joy, and a solemn, reverential sensation. As we entered its sacred portals, we felt that we were standing on holy ground, and experienced, with one of old, ‘Surely this is the house of God, and the gate of heaven.’ That is not simply a metaphorical expression, but a reality, for it is in that House, and it will be in the House to be built on this ground, that the most sacred ordinances of God are to be performed, which are associated with the interest and happiness of the human family, living and dead.” (JD, 19:34)

Jacob Travels to Haran

Gen 28:18-22

What did Jacob vow to do when he got to his father's homeland?

How is this a lesson that when we pay our tithing we are just returning a portion of what the Lord has given to us?

Dallin H. Oaks

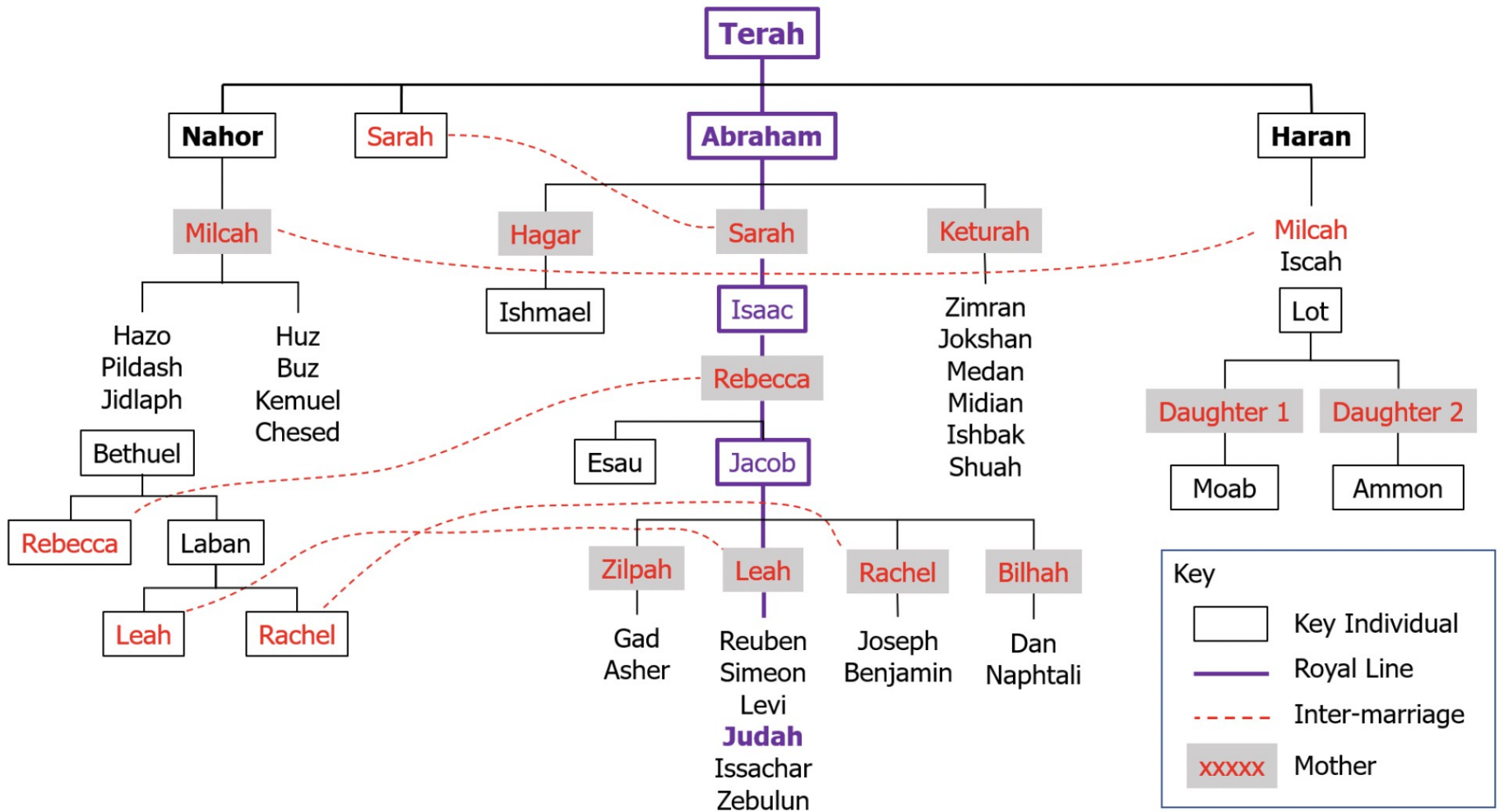
We should not think that the payment and blessings of tithing are unique to members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Tithing is commanded in the Bible. Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek. Jacob covenanted to 'give the tenth' unto God. After the children of Israel were brought out of Egypt, the prophet Moses commanded that they should give a tenth to the Lord. ("Tithing," Ensign, May 1994)

Howard W. Hunter

“Jacob, at Bethel made a vow in these words: ‘If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on... of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.’

“[This] is in connection with the Levitical law. The Lord spoke through Moses: ‘And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord’ (Lev 27:30.)”
(CR, April 1964)

Jacob, Rachel, and Leah



Jacob, Rachel, and Leah

Gen 29:15-21

Jacob, Rachel, and Leah

Gen 29:26-30

Jacob, Rachel, and Leah

Gen 29:32-35

Jacob, Rachel, and Leah

Gen 30:1-8

Jacob, Rachel, and Leah

Gen 30:9-13

Jacob, Rachel, and Leah

Gen 30:17-21

Jacob, Rachel, and Leah

Gen 30:22-24

Mary Pratt Parrish

“Surely during those long, barren years, the Lord was preparing Rachel for the great responsibility of teaching Joseph and training him in the ways of the Lord. He must be taught well if he would remain faithful, for in his chartered course he would be subjected to the contaminating influence of a heathen nation for the greater part of his life.

“Rachel must not fail! Nor did she fail, for Joseph emerged not only as a champion of righteousness but as one who was noble, kind, forgiving, virtuous, and faithful to his God and to his people. He was a credit to a noble mother. Even though he was next to the youngest of his father’s children, the birthright was his, to be realized through his son Ephraim.” (“Guardians of the Covenant,” Ensign, May 1972)

Spencer J. Condie

“It may at times seem to us as though a loving Heavenly Father has misplaced our precious promises or He has put them on hold or filed them under the wrong name. Such were the feelings of Rachel.

“But with the passage of time, we encounter four of the most beautiful words in holy writ: ‘And God remembered Rachel’ And she was blessed with the birth of Joseph and later the birth of Benjamin. There are millions on earth today who are descendants of Joseph who have embraced the Abrahamic promise that through their efforts ‘shall all the families of the earth be blessed, even with the blessings of the Gospel, which are the blessings of salvation, even of life eternal’ (Abraham 2:11.)

“When heaven’s promises sometimes seem afar off, I pray that each of us will embrace these exceeding great and precious promises and never let go. And just as God remembered Rachel, God will remember you.” (CR, Oct. 2007)

Jacob Returns to Canaan

Gen 32:22-29

Andrew C. Skinner

“President Joseph Fielding Smith offered the following: ‘Who wrestled with Jacob on Mount Peniel? The scriptures say it was a man. The Bible interpreters say it was an angel. More than likely it was a messenger sent to Jacob to give him the blessing’ ...

“At Jabbok, Jacob was brought to the limit of his faith and understanding. He stood figuratively in the place his grandfather, Abraham, had stood when God asked for the life of Isaac... Abraham had been obedient in the face of a test that shook him to his very core. Jacob likewise was obedient in the face of his ordeal, but he desired a blessing from the being with whom he talked—a blessing to strengthen his faith and guide the course of his life. He wanted and needed light and knowledge.... So in faith Jacob petitioned and worked with a divine being all night long to obtain the blessing he needed....

"The crisis at the river Jabbok pushed him to the limits of his faith. It caused him to wrestle for a blessing, just as Enos, Zacharias, and others would do. Jacob's wrestle resulted in the Lord's bursting the veil to reveal His glory. Indeed, the story of Jacob's wrestle discloses the ultimate blessing that can be given. Years later, as he was blessing the sons of Joseph... the aged Jacob referred to events on the night of his wrestle when he mentioned 'the Angel which redeemed me from all evil' (Gen 48:16.)" ("Jacob: Keeper of Covenants," Ensign, March 1998)

Jacob Returns to Canaan

Gen 35:9-20

Russell M. Nelson

“We all have our agency. We can choose to be of Israel, or not. We can choose to let God prevail in our lives, or not. We can choose to let God be the most powerful influence in our lives, or not.

“For a moment, let us recall a crucial turning point in the life of Jacob.... Jacob wrestled with a serious challenge. His agency was tested. Through this wrestle, Jacob proved what was most important to him. He demonstrated that he was willing to let God prevail in his life. In response, God changed Jacob’s name to Israel, meaning ‘let God prevail.’ God then promised Israel that all the blessings that had been pronounced upon Abraham’s head would also be his.” (CR, Oct. 2020)

Next Week:

March 7–13

Genesis 37–41

“The Lord Was With Joseph”

