

Genesis 28:1-5 **Isaac Sends Jacob to Syria with a Special Blessing**

¹ "Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. ² Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

³ "May God Almighty bless you, And make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may be an assembly of peoples;

⁴ And give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and your descendants with you, that you may inherit the land In which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham."

⁵ So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Padan Aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau." NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ Isaac and Rebekah were grieved in their soul by their daughters-in-law, the Canaanite wives of Esau. [[Genesis 26:34-35](#), [Genesis 27:46](#)]
- ✧ That was reason enough for Isaac to agree that it was best to send Jacob away before he also married one of the women of the land of Canaan.
- ✧ We do not know the age of Jacob at this time Isaac sent him to Padan Aram for a wife. But we do know that he was 40 years old when his twin brother Esau took two Canaanite women to wife [[Genesis 26:34-35](#)] and it was much later that Isaac had given the blessing when he was too blind to see the faces of his sons that caused Esau to seek to kill Jacob, which was the reason Rebekah had sought Isaac's approval for sending Jacob away. [[Genesis 27:41-46](#)]
- ✧ Isaac sent Jacob to Padan Aram to the house of Bethuel, Rebekah's father to take a wife from the daughters of Laban, Rebekah's brother.
 - Padan Aram** (means Plateau of Aram), the city is called **Haran**. [[Genesis 11:31-32](#); [12:4-5](#); [27:43](#); [28:10](#)]
 - Bethuel** and **Laban** are called **Syrians** [[Genesis 25:20](#), and [28:5](#)]
 - Laban** was the son of **Bethuel** who was the son of **Nahor** the brother of **Abraham**
 - Aram** was the son of **Kemuel** who was the son of **Nahor** the brother of **Abraham**. [[Genesis 22:20-21](#)]
- ✧ In this blessing Isaac clearly gave Jacob the full blessing of Abraham, knowing full well the words that God had said to Rebekah before the twins were born, and knowing that it was not Esau, but Jacob was the one God had specified as the one through whom the promise to inherit the land would pass.
- ✧ So Isaac sent Jacob away, and Jacob went to Padan Aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian.
- ✧ Again we are reminded that Rebekah, the mother of Esau and Jacob, was the sister of Laban the Syrian.