**Walk Through the Bible**

**Lesson Number Twenty Three**

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**Jacob leaves and goes to Uncle Laban’s – Jacob makes a deal with Laban to marry Rachel but gets Leah instead. Jacob makes another deal of seven years for Rachel**

Rebekah and Jacob had just deceived Isaac and Esau returned home to find out about it. He swore to kill Jacob. Rebekah had Jacob leave so that he would not be killed by Esau and also to find a wife (We think Jacob was in his 80’s at this time). Jacob went back to Haran where Abraham and his people had come from.

**Genesis 28:10-17**

Jacob’s Dream at Bethel

**10**Meanwhile, Jacob left Beersheba and traveled toward Haran. **11**At sundown he arrived at a good place to set up camp and stopped there for the night. Jacob found a stone to rest his head against and lay down to sleep. **12**As he slept, he dreamed of a stairway that reached from the earth up to heaven. And he saw the angels of God going up and down the stairway.

**13**At the top of the stairway stood the Lord, and he said, “I am the Lord, the God of your grandfather Abraham, and the God of your father, Isaac. The ground you are lying on belongs to you. I am giving it to you and your descendants. **14**Your descendants will be as numerous as the dust of the earth! They will spread out in all directions—to the west and the east, to the north and the south. And **all the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your descendants**. **15**What’s more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you.”

**16**Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I wasn’t even aware of it!” **17**But he was also afraid and said, “What an awesome place this is! It is none other than the house of God, the very gateway to heaven!”

God was showing that He was going to continue the covenant He made with Abraham.

**Jacob should have known this! I think LIFE may have gotten in the way and Isaac and Rebekah may have gotten busy and kind of forgotten about God and all the blessings He promised them and their descendants through Jacob!**

Jacob went on to gather a large rock and built an altar to God on that spot. We see this happen frequently when God moved in the patriarch’s lives.

*Jacob set the stone up for a monument and anointed it to consecrate it to God as an altar (*[*Gen. 28:18*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+28%3A18)*). About thirty years later he repeated his solemn vow in the same place (*[*Gen. 35:14*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+35%3A14)*). It was customary to do this when commemorating great events. Moses did this at Sinai (*[*Ex. 24:4*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+24%3A4)*). Joshua set up two monuments at Jordan (*[*Josh. 4*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jos+4)*), and at Shechem (*[*Josh. 24:26*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jos+24%3A26)*). Samuel set up one to witness victory over the Philistines (*[*1Sam. 7:12*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Sa+7%3A12)*). Stones for memorials were allowed, but as idols were forbidden (*[*Lev. 26:1*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+26%3A1)*;* [*Dt. 16:22*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+16%3A22)*).* ***There is an unfounded tradition that the stone Jacob set up was afterwards brought to Jerusalem, later taken to Spain, then to Ireland and finally to Scotland. On what is supposed to be that very stone, the kings of Scotland sat when crowned. Edward I had it brought to Westminster and placed under the chair on which kings of England were to be crowned.***

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**We should build altars when God does something great in our lives. How can we build altars?**

Jacob inquired of some men if they knew Laban. As he was speaking to these men, Rachel arrived with her flocks to water. Jacob saw Rachel and it was “love at first sight!”

**Genesis 29:5-14 NLT**

**5**“Do you know a man there named Laban, the grandson of Nahor?” he asked.

“Yes, we do,” they replied.

**6**“Is he doing well?” Jacob asked.

“Yes, he’s well,” they answered. “Look, here comes his daughter Rachel with the flock now.”

**7**Jacob said, “Look, it’s still broad daylight—too early to round up the animals. Why don’t you water the sheep and goats so they can get back out to pasture?”

**8**“We can’t water the animals until all the flocks have arrived,” they replied. “Then the shepherds move the stone from the mouth of the well, and we water all the sheep and goats.”

**9**Jacob was still talking with them when Rachel arrived with her father’s flock, for she was a shepherd. **10**And because Rachel was his cousin—the daughter of Laban, his mother’s brother—and because the sheep and goats belonged to his uncle Laban, Jacob went over to the well and moved the stone from its mouth and watered his uncle’s flock. **11**Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and he wept aloud.**12**He explained to Rachel that he was her cousin on her father’s side—the son of her aunt Rebekah. So Rachel quickly ran and told her father, Laban.

**13**As soon as Laban heard that his nephew Jacob had arrived, he ran out to meet him. He embraced and kissed him and brought him home. When Jacob had told him his story, **14**Laban exclaimed, “You really are my own flesh and blood!”

*Jacob died when he was 147 years old. He had lived in Egypt 17 years (Genesis 47:28). Thus, Jacob was 130 when he went to Egypt to be with Joseph. His arrival was the second year of the famine (Genesis 45:6). Joseph was then 39 years old (compare Genesis 41:46 and add the 7 years of plenty and the 2 years of famine). This means that Jacob was 91 when Rachel gave birth to Joseph. But Leah already had six children before Joseph was born (Genesis 30:20-24). Reuben (Leah’s firstborn by Jacob) was conceived at least 7 years before the birth of Joseph.* ***This means that Jacob was about 84 years old when he first married.*** *Such an old age for marriage was not normal practice even in those days because people were regularly bearing children at 35 years (Genesis 11:12), 30 years (Genesis 11:14), or 29 years of age (Genesis 11:24). On his wedding night Jacob had trouble distinguishing whether his wife was Rachel or Leah. Because of this, some have jokingly said the 84 year old man was probably half blind already (Genesis 29:21-26). Could be.*

http://askelm.com/secrets/sec027.htm

**Jacob Deceived by Laban**

As the story goes on, Laban tricked Jacob and sent his oldest daughter Leah into Jacob when it was dark.

The next morning, Jacob realized he had been cheated so he made another 7 year deal with Laban for Rachel. One week later he received his true love, Rachel as his second wife.

**We know that Sarah could not have children until God blessed her womb. Rebekah, Isaac’s wife also had trouble bearing children and now we find out that Rachel also had problems having children.**

Jacob did not love Leah and Leah kept hoping that, through having children, Jacob might love her. Meanwhile, Rachel’s womb was barren!

**Isn’t it interesting how Sarah, Rebekah and Rachel had trouble having children? Even though God had promised to bless Abraham’s line through them, they all had barren wombs to begin with. BUT GOD! God blessed them and opened their wombs!**

**Genesis 30:1-24 NLT**

When Rachel saw that she wasn’t having any children for Jacob, she became jealous of her sister. She pleaded with Jacob, “Give me children, or I’ll die!”

**2**Then Jacob became furious with Rachel. “Am I God?” he asked. “He’s the one who has kept you from having children!”

**3**Then Rachel told him, “Take my maid, Bilhah, and sleep with her. She will bear children for me, and through her I can have a family, too.” **4**So Rachel gave her servant, Bilhah, to Jacob as a wife, and he slept with her. **5**Bilhah became pregnant and presented him with a son. **6**Rachel named him Dan, for she said, “God has vindicated me! He has heard my request and given me a son.” **7**Then Bilhah became pregnant again and gave Jacob a second son.**8**Rachel named him Naphtali, for she said, “I have struggled hard with my sister, and I’m winning!”

**9**Meanwhile, Leah realized that she wasn’t getting pregnant anymore, so she took her servant, Zilpah, and gave her to Jacob as a wife. **10**Soon Zilpah presented him with a son. **11**Leah named him Gad, for she said, “How fortunate I am!” **12**Then Zilpah gave Jacob a second son. **13**And Leah named him Asher, for she said, “What joy is mine! Now the other women will celebrate with me.”

**14**One day during the wheat harvest, Reuben found some mandrakes growing in a field and brought them to his mother, Leah. Rachel begged Leah, “Please give me some of your son’s mandrakes.”

**15**But Leah angrily replied, “Wasn’t it enough that you stole my husband? Now will you steal my son’s mandrakes, too?”

Rachel answered, “I will let Jacob sleep with you tonight if you give me some of the mandrakes.”

**16**So that evening, as Jacob was coming home from the fields, Leah went out to meet him. “You must come and sleep with me tonight!” she said. “I have paid for you with some mandrakes that my son found.” So that night he slept with Leah. **17**And God answered Leah’s prayers. She became pregnant again and gave birth to a fifth son for Jacob. **18**She named him Issachar, for she said, “God has rewarded me for giving my servant to my husband as a wife.” **19**Then Leah became pregnant again and gave birth to a sixth son for Jacob. **20**She named him Zebulun, for she said, “God has given me a good reward. Now my husband will treat me with respect, for I have given him six sons.” **21**Later she gave birth to a daughter and named her Dinah.

**22**Then God remembered Rachel’s plight and answered her prayers by enabling her to have children. **23**She became pregnant and gave birth to a son. “God has removed my disgrace,” she said. **24**And she named him Joseph, for she said, “May the Lord add yet another son to my family.”

**Jacob’s Children**

**Leah -** **Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Issachar, Zebulun, Dinah**

**Bilhah (Rachel’s maid) – Dan, Naphtali,**

**Zilpah (Leah’s maid) – Gad, Asher,**

**Rachel – Joseph**

1. **Reuben (L)**
2. **Simeon (L)**
3. **Levi (L)**
4. **Judah (L)**
5. **Dan (B)**
6. **Naphtali (B)**
7. **Gad (Z)**
8. **Asher (Z)**
9. **Issachar (L)**
10. **Zebulun (L)**

**Dinah (Only Daughter through Leah)**

1. **Joseph (R)**
2. **Benjamin (R)**

**God blesses Jacob’s Wealth**

Jacob became homesick and asked Laban’s blessing for him to take Rachel, Leah and all the children back to Canaan.

Laban admitted he had become wealthy because of Jacob. Jacob and Laban both admitted that Laban’s wealth had come because **God had blessed him through Jacob!**

Laban told Jacob to name what he felt like his wages were worth and he would pay it. Instead, Jacob made a deal with Laban.

Jacob told Laban he wanted to take all the speckled, spotted and black goats and sheep. Those would be his wages for the seven years.

Dirty old Uncle Laban had his sons, Jacob’s cousins, go and remove all of the sheep and goats with speckles, spots and that were black and take them three days away from where Jacob was watching Laban’s flocks. Laban thought that by doing so, all the sheep and goats in Jacob’s care would have very few sheep and goats with those colors and markings. Thereby, Laban would have to pay very small wages to Jacob!

**Genesis 30:37-43 NLT**

**37**Then Jacob took some fresh branches from poplar, almond, and plane trees and peeled off strips of bark, making white streaks on them. **38**Then he placed these peeled branches in the watering troughs where the flocks came to drink, for that was where they mated. **39**And when they mated in front of the white-streaked branches, they gave birth to young that were streaked, speckled, and spotted. **40**Jacob separated those lambs from Laban’s flock. And at mating time he turned the flock to face Laban’s animals that were streaked or black. This is how he built his own flock instead of increasing Laban’s.

**41**Whenever the stronger females were ready to mate, Jacob would place the peeled branches in the watering troughs in front of them. Then they would mate in front of the branches. **42**But he didn’t do this with the weaker ones, so the weaker lambs belonged to Laban, and the stronger ones were Jacob’s. **43As a result, Jacob became very wealthy, with large flocks of sheep and goats, female and male servants, and many camels and donkeys.**

**If you will operate in God’s wisdom, God can and will make you prosper financially! We never see God’s chosen people living on “Barely Get Along” street!**

**Genesis 31:1-16 NLT**

But Jacob soon learned that Laban’s sons were grumbling about him. “Jacob has robbed our father of everything!” they said. “He has gained all his wealth at our father’s expense.” **2**And Jacob began to notice a change in Laban’s attitude toward him.

**3**Then the Lord said to Jacob, “Return to the land of your father and grandfather and to your relatives there, and I will be with you.”

**4**So Jacob called Rachel and Leah out to the field where he was watching his flock. **5**He said to them, “I have noticed that your father’s attitude toward me has changed. But the God of my father has been with me. **6**You know how hard I have worked for your father, **7**but he has cheated me, changing my wages ten times. But **God has not allowed him to do me any harm. 8**For if he said, ‘The speckled animals will be your wages,’ the whole flock began to produce speckled young. And when he changed his mind and said, ‘The striped animals will be your wages,’ then the whole flock produced striped young. **9**In this way, God has taken your father’s animals and given them to me.

**10**“One time during the mating season, I had a dream and saw that the male goats mating with the females were streaked, speckled, and spotted. **11**Then in my dream, the angel of God said to me, ‘Jacob!’ And I replied, ‘Yes, here I am.’

**12**“The angel said, ‘Look up, and you will see that only the streaked, speckled, and spotted males are mating with the females of your flock. For **I have seen how Laban has treated you**. **13**I am the God who appeared to you at Bethel,the place where you anointed the pillar of stone and made your vow to me. Now get ready and leave this country and return to the land of your birth.’”

**You may feel like your employer is treating you badly. God sees it if he is. Trust in the Lord and be faithful to your employer and God will prosper you. Anything your employer tries to do to you for bad, will be turned to good!**

**14**Rachel and Leah responded, “That’s fine with us! We won’t inherit any of our father’s wealth anyway. **15**He has reduced our rights to those of foreign women. And after he sold us, he wasted the money you paid him for us. **16**All the wealth God has given you from our father legally belongs to us and our children. So go ahead and do whatever God has told you.”

So Jacob packed up his wives and his children and took off for Canaan. Three days later Laban found out and pursued him. **Rachel stole Laban’s false gods and took them with her.**

**Rachel had been brought up with a father who served false gods. She stole them and took them with her when they left to go back to the promised land. Rachel’s mind was messed up because of her father’s sins.**

Laban caught up with Jacob and his caravan a week later but God warned Laban in a dream the night before, to leave Jacob alone. Laban demanded that he get his gods back but Rachel sat on them when he went into the tent to look for them. She told Laban that she would not get up because it was the time of her menstrual period.

Jacob and Laban made a treaty and Laban left.

Jacob was still afraid that Esau would kill him when he found out that Jacob was returning to Canaan, so Jacob sent gifts ahead with men to give them to Esau.

The night before Jacob went into Canaan, he wrestled with Jesus.

**Genesis 32:22-32 NLT**

**22**During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two servant wives, and his eleven sons and crossed the Jabbok River with them. **23**After taking them to the other side, he sent over all his possessions.

**24**This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. **25**When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob’s hip and wrenched it out of its socket. **26**Then the man said, “Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!”

But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

**27**“What is your name?” the man asked.

He replied, “Jacob.”

**28**“Your name will no longer be Jacob,” the man told him. “From now on you will be called Israel,[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2032&version=NLT" \l "fen-NLT-957c" \o "See footnote c)] because you have fought with God and with men and have won.”

**29**“Please tell me your name,” Jacob said.

“Why do you want to know my name?” the man replied. Then he blessed Jacob there.

**30**Jacob named the place Peniel (which means “face of God”), for he said, “I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared.” **31**The sun was rising as Jacob left Peniel,[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2032&version=NLT" \l "fen-NLT-960d" \o "See footnote d)] and he was limping because of the injury to his hip.**32**(Even today the people of Israel don’t eat the tendon near the hip socket because of what happened that night when the man strained the tendon of Jacob’s hip.)

**Forty-four Appearances of God**

1. Forming man and animals out of the dust and Eve out of Adam's rib indicates the visible presence of God in the days of re-creation (Gen. 2:7,19-25). According to Gen. 2:21 the Lord God "took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof," which would surely require His presence with Adam at that time.

2. Adam and Eve saw God in visible form after they had sinned, and hid themselves from Him "amongst the trees of the garden" because "they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden" (Gen. 3:8-19). They couldn't hide from God in His invisible presence, because it is everywhere.

3. Cain saw God in visible form, because he could not have been driven out of His invisible presence which is with everyone everywhere (Gen. 4:6,9,16).

4. It is clear from Gen. 11:5 that God appeared on earth at the time of the tower of Babel, for it says, "the Lord came down to see the city and the tower."

5. Abraham was blessed with several appearances of God. The first recorded appearance is in Gen. 12:7 which says, "the Lord appeared unto Abram."

6. In Gen. 17:1-22 "the Lord appeared to Abram ... and God went up from Abraham."

7. In Gen. 18:1 "the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre." Verse 2 says Abraham saw three men standing by him. These proved to be the Lord and two angels (Gen. 18:22; 19:1). Other statements in Genesis 18 prove a visible appearance: "Let a little water be fetched ... and wash your feet" (Gen. 18:4); "he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them ... and they did eat" (Gen. 18:8); "the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way" (Gen. 18:16); "the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great ... I will go down now, and see" (Gen. 18:20-21); "Abraham stood yet before the Lord. And Abraham drew near, and said" (Gen. 18:22-23); "And the Lord went His way ... and Abraham returned unto his place" (Gen. 18:33)

8. God appeared to Isaac and confirmed the Abrahamic covenant with him, as is clear from Gen. 26:2-4. Gen. 18:2 states, "the Lord appeared unto him."

9. He appeared again to Isaac, reminding him of the covenant ([Gen. 26:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+26%3A24)).

10. He appeared to Jacob and confirmed the Abrahamic covenant with him ([Gen. 28:12-15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+28%3A12-15) with [Gen. 35:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+35%3A1)).

11. God wrestled with Jacob bodily in [Gen. 32:24-32](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+32%3A24-32). That this was a bodily appearance of God is proven in [Gen. 32:30](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+32%3A30); "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

12. Jacob experienced another visible visitation of God in [Gen. 35:9-15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+35%3A9-15), "And God appeared unto Jacob again."

13. The Lord appeared to Moses "in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush" ([Ex. 3:1-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+3%3A1-4); [Acts 7:30-34](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+7%3A30-34)). This is one of many instances where "the angel of the Lord" is used for God Himself. Whereas [Ex. 3:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+3%3A2) says "the angel," [Ex. 3:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+3%3A4) says "the Lord saw ... God called unto him out of the midst of the bush." See [The Spirit World](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?pub=0&book=45&sec=00104041#The Spirit World).

14. The Lord "came down upon Mount Sinai," to give the Ten Commandments "in the sight of all the people" ([Ex. 19:11-24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+19%3A11-24); [Dt. 5:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+5%3A4),[22-29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+5%3A22-29)).

15. Seventy-four leaders of Israel (including Moses and Aaron) saw God and ate with Him on Sinai (Ex. 24:1-11).

16. Moses saw God again on Sinai face to face (Ex. 24:12-18).

17. In Ex. 33:9-11 God talked with Moses as he entered the tabernacle: "the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend." Even the heathen had knowledge of God being seen face to face (Num. 14:14).

18. In Ex. 33:12-23 Moses asked to see God's glory (Ex. 33:18), instead of His bodily form apart from His glory which he had already seen many times. God refused to show him the glory of His face but said Moses might see it in "My back parts" (Ex. 33:23).

19. Moses saw God another time in Ex. 34:5-9 when "the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there."

20. God appeared to Moses and all Israel Lev. 9:23-24 which says, "there came a fire out from before (not down from) the Lord, and consumed upon the altar." This indicates a visible presence.

21. [Lev. 10:1-2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+10%3A1-2) states that "there went out fire from the Lord" to devour wicked priests who "offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not."

22. According to [Num. 12:4-5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+12%3A4-5), "the Lord came down ... and stood in the door of the tabernacle" to be seen and heard by Moses, Miriam and Aaron.

23. In [Dt. 31:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+31%3A2),[15-16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+31%3A15-16), at the time of Moses' death, when he was 120 years old ([Dt. 34:5-7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+34%3A5-7)), the Lord appeared to him.

24. "God came unto Balaam at night" to instruct him and warn him ([Num. 22:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+22%3A20)).

25. "The ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way ... His sword drawn ([Num. 22:23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+22%3A23)).

26. Again "the ass saw the angel of the Lord" standing "in a path of the vineyards" ([Num. 22:24-25](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+22%3A24-25)).

27. Still again the ass saw "the angel of the Lord" who "went further, and stood in a narrow place" ([Num. 22:26-27](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+22%3A26-27)).

28. When "the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam ... he saw the angel of the Lord" ([Num. 22:31-38](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+22%3A31-38)). That this was an appearance of God is evident from the fact that in [Num. 22:35](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+22%3A35) it says, "the angel of the Lord said unto Balaam ... only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak"; and in [Num. 22:38](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+22%3A38) it says, "Balaam said ... the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak."

29. In [Num. 23:3-10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+23%3A3-10) "God met Balaam" and gave him words to speak.

30. Again, as recorded in [Num. 23:16-24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+23%3A16-24), "the Lord met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth."

31. Joshua saw God in a visible body, having a "sword drawn in His hand" ([Josh. 5:13-15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jos+5%3A13-15)). That He received worship when "Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship," proves the visible presence was God. See [Rev. 19:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A10); [22:8-9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+22%3A8-9) where worship was refused.

32. God appeared to Israel to rebuke them for sin ([Judg. 2:1-5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jdg+2%3A1-5)).

33. The Lord appeared to Gideon and "sat under an oak" in visible form as recorded in [Judg. 6:11-23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jdg+6%3A11-23). While in [v. 11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jdg+6%3A11) He is called "an angel of the Lord," in [vv. 14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jdg+6%3A14) and [16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jdg+6%3A16) He is plainly called "the Lord."

34. He appeared to Manoah's wife and predicted Samson's birth ([Judg. 13:3-7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jdg+13%3A3-7)).

35. He appeared to Manoah and his wife together in answer to prayer, as seen in [Judg. 13:8-23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jdg+13%3A8-23). That this was an appearance of God in visible form is clear from [Judg. 13:22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jdg+13%3A22) which says, "Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God."

36. God appeared to Samuel and called him to be a prophet, as seen in [1Sam. 3:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Sa+3%3A10) which says, "the Lord came, and stood, and called."

37. He appeared again to Samuel, for [1Sam. 3:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Sa+3%3A21) says, "And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh"

38. In [1Ki. 19:11-18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Ki+19%3A11-18) we see that Elijah saw the Lord when he stood "upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by."

39. From [1Chr. 21:16-17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Ch+21%3A16-17) we learn that David saw the Lord, for whereas [1Chr. 21:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Ch+21%3A16) says David "saw the angel of the Lord," [1Chr. 21:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Ch+21%3A17) calls Him "God." Referring to the place of this appearance, [2Chr. 3:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ch+3%3A1) says, "where the Lord appeared unto David."

40. God appeared to Job who said, "I have heard of Thee ... but now mine eye seeth Thee" ([Job 42:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Job+42%3A5)).

41. God appeared to Isaiah in the temple, for in [Isa. 6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+6) he testified, "I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple."

42. Amos declared in [Amos 9:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Am+9%3A1), "I saw the Lord standing upon the altar."

43. [Acts 7:54-60](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+7%3A54-60) shows that Stephen saw "Jesus standing on the right hand of God."

44. John saw both God and the glorified Christ in the reception of Revelation ([Rev. 4:2-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A2-11); [5:1-13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5%3A1-13); [6:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+6%3A16); [7:9-17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+7%3A9-17); [8:3-5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+8%3A3-5); [11:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A16); [12:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A5); [14:1-5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+14%3A1-5); [19:1-10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A1-10); [21:3-7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+21%3A3-7); [22:1-5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+22%3A1-5)). In [Rev. 1:10-18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A10-18) we read of an appearance of Christ, for in [Rev. 1:11John](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1) speaks of a voice saying, "I am Alpha and Omega," and in [Rev. 1:12-13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A12-13) he says, "I turned to see the voice that spake ... I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst ... one like unto the Son of man."

Besides the above appearances the prophets saw God -- His shape, His body (like that of a man), His hair, eyes, and other bodily parts, His clothing, and His chariot throne drawn by cherubim in visions. Ezekiel saw Him (Ezek. 1:2-28; 8:1-4; 9:1-4; 10:1-5,7-22; 40:1-4,6,8-9,11,13-14,17,19,24, 28,32,35,45,47-48; 41:1,4-5,13,15; 42:1,13,15-20; 43:1-7); Daniel saw Him (Dan. 7:9-14; 10:5-9); and Zechariah saw Him (Zech. 1:8-20; 2:1-13; 3:1-2; 4:1-5; 5:2-5,10; 6:4-5). We have reasons to believe that Enoch, Noah and others also saw God, because they walked with Him and received specific instructions from Him (Gen. 5:22-24; 6:8-9; Heb. 11:5-7; Jude 1:14-15). Furthermore, on a number of occasions the glory of the Lord appeared to Moses and Israel and they saw it and heard God's voice from it. This was more than an invisible presence (Num. 14:10-12; 16:19-30,41-50; 20:6-13, etc.). In view of the above appearances of God to men, the often quoted verse, "No man hath seen God at any time" (Jn. 1:18) can only be understood to mean that no man has seen Him face to face in His glory and comprehended Him fully as "the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father," who "hath declared him." In 1Tim. 6:16 we read of the Godhead "dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto," but when God chooses to appear apart from this light, man can approach. Human beings have experienced this many times, both seeing and hearing God.

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**Genesis 33:1-4 NLT**

Then Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming with his 400 men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and his two servant wives. **2**He put the servant wives and their children at the front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last. **3**Then Jacob went on ahead. As he approached his brother, he bowed to the ground seven times before him. **4**Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. And they both wept.

Remarkably, Esau had forgiven Jacob and was glad to see him!