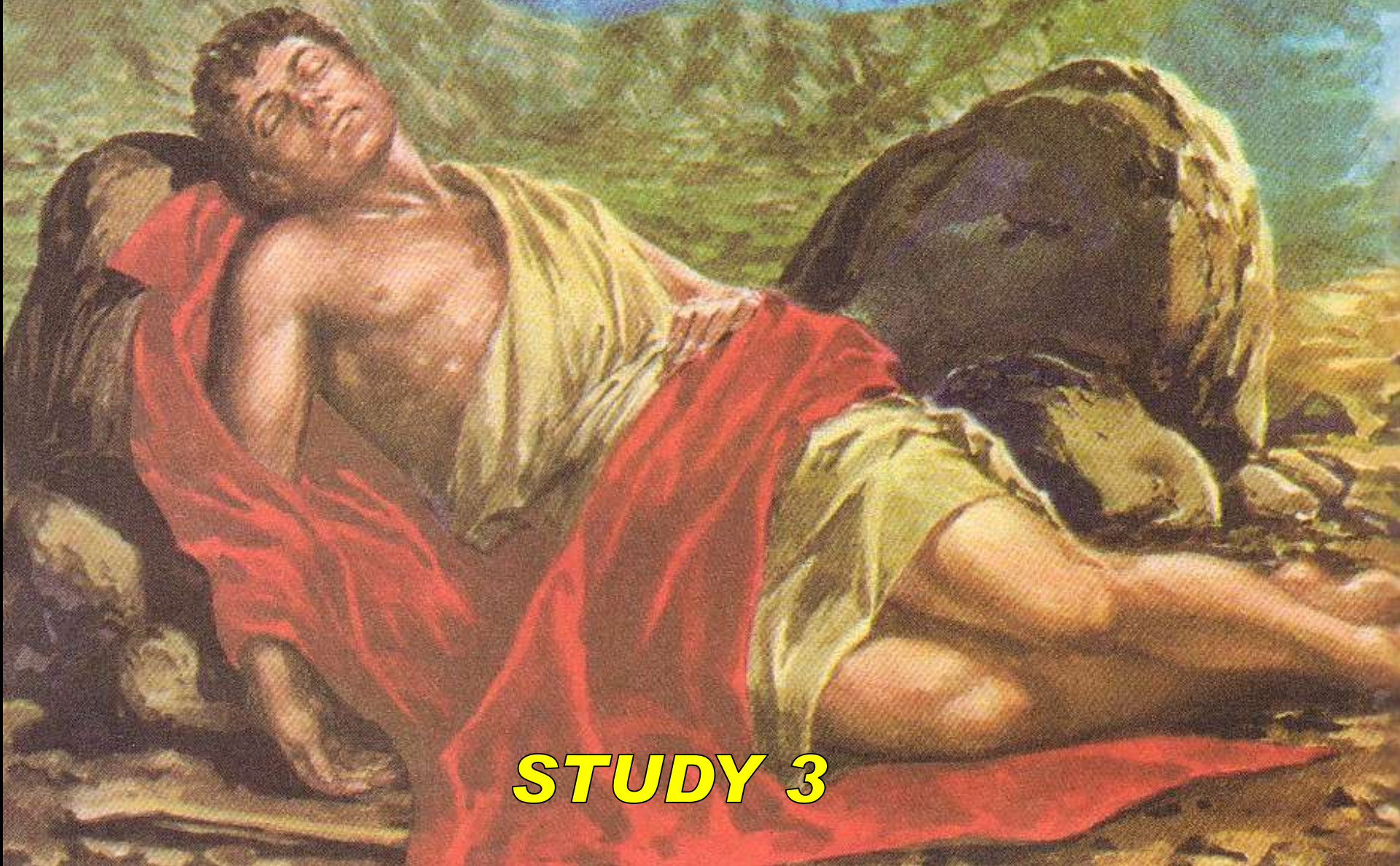


# ***The Consolation of Bethel***



***STUDY 3***



## Galatians 3 : 8-9

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would **justify the heathen through faith**, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be **blessed**.

9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

## **Acts 3 : 25-26**

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be **blessed**.

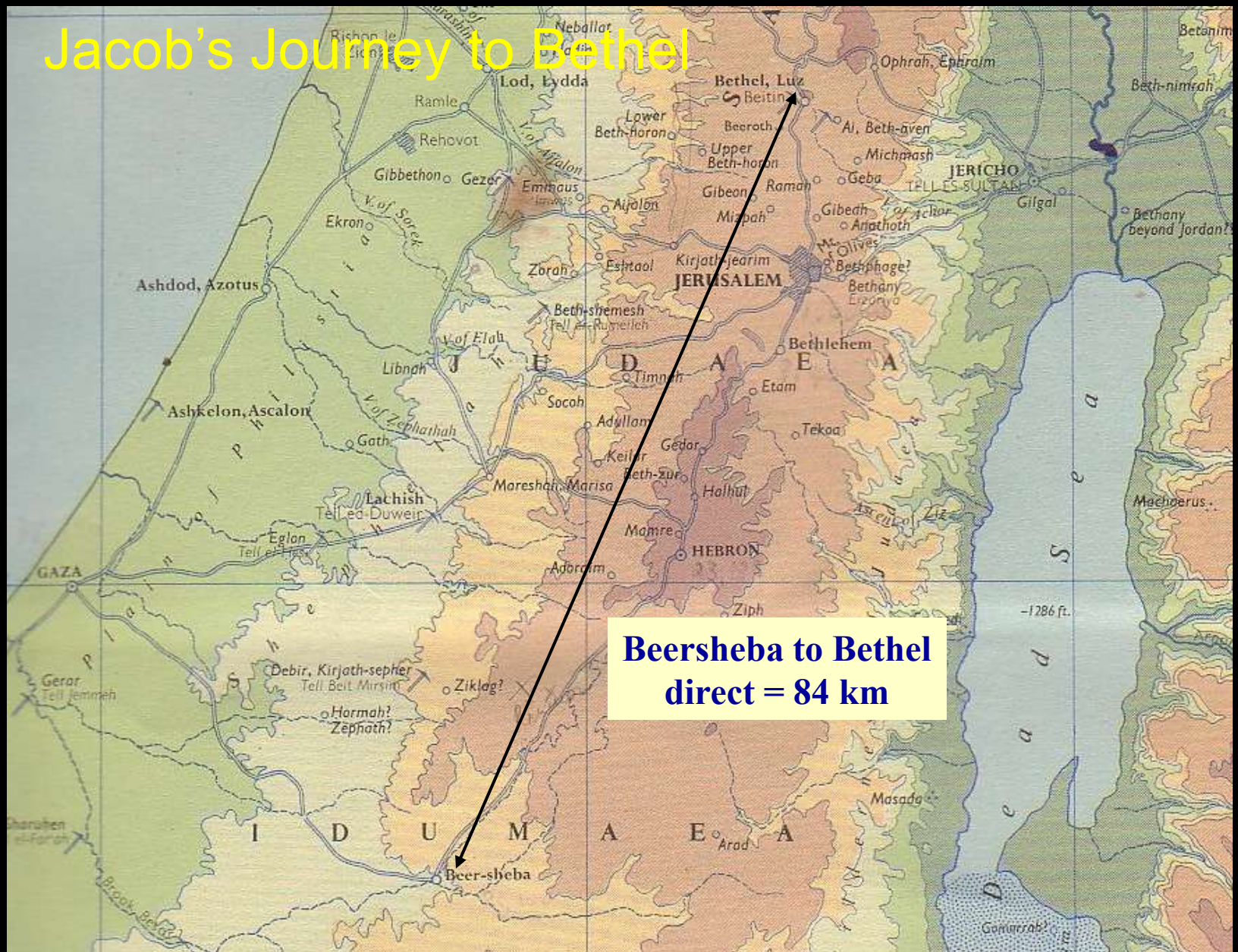
26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to **bless** you, in **turning away every one of you from his iniquities**.

## Genesis 48 : 3-4

3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,

4 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee *for* an everlasting possession.

# Jacob's Journey to Bethel



**Beersheba to Bethel  
direct = 84 km**





Aerial view of region around Bethel - Ai

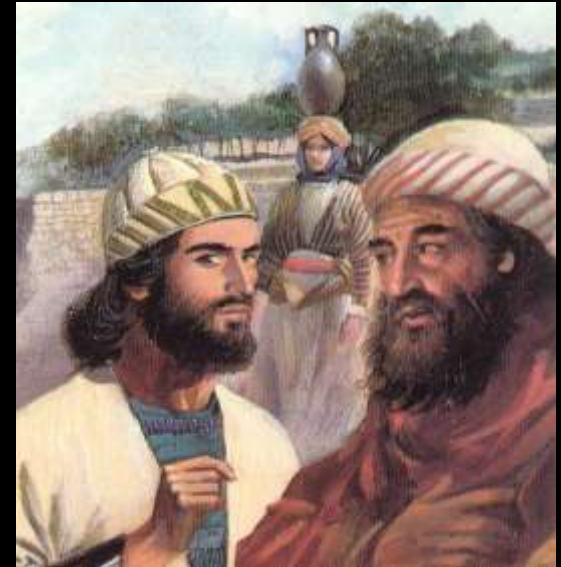


## Region around Bethel



“In approaching Bethel, the hillsides frequently presented such an exact resemblance to the steps of a stair, that it may have been from them that the vision of Jacob’s dream was borrowed ...” (Hanna)

“There are many Jacobs in the service of God today – men who have received clear, gracious, divine assurances of the forgiveness of sins, of unfailing heavenly care and guidance, and of ceaseless angelic concern for all their affairs, and yet who live as though convinced that their own wit and wisdom and scheming and contriving are worth more than anything that the heavenly minister can achieve. It is enough to make angels weep with disappointment. Yet, happily, with some the day of realisation comes early enough, as it did with Jacob, to transform a life of assertive self-dependence into a pilgrimage of faith”



*The Wrestling Jacob, p. 54*