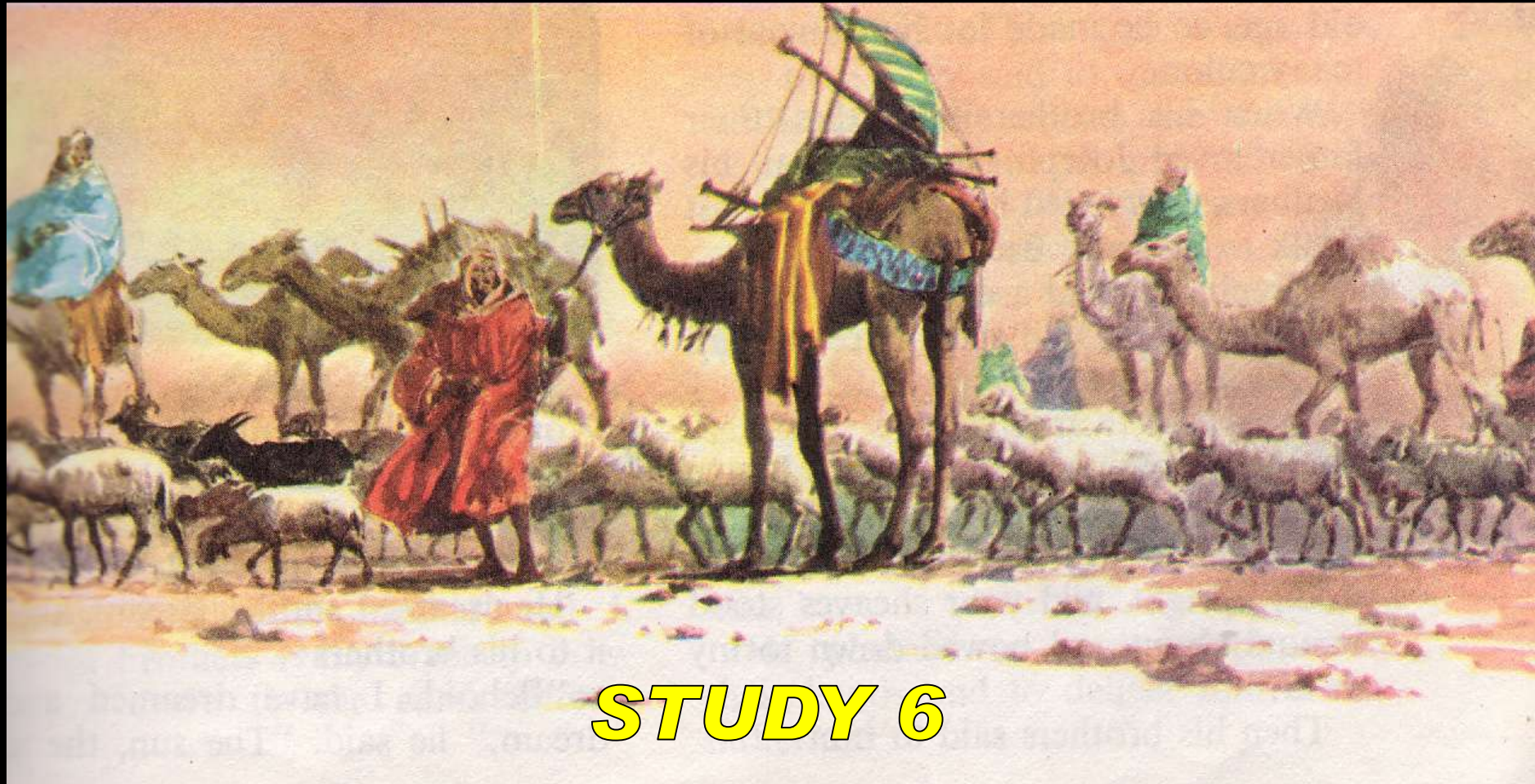


# ***There He Spake With Us***



***STUDY 6***

# Probation – From Bethel to Bethel

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## FIRST VISIT

### Jacob : *Supplanter*

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- His own decision to go
  - Arrived alone **32:10**
  - Afraid, fleeing from Esau **35:1**
  - No special preparations
  - Named it "Bethel" **v19**
  - Revelation of Elohim **v12**
  - Knew not the manifestation **v16**
  - He dreamed (in sleep) **v12**
  - Erects a "pillar" **v18**
  - Anoints the pillar **v18**
  - Promise of protection **v15**
  - Bethel = House of Might **v19**
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## SECOND VISIT

### Israel : *Prince with El*

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- Commanded to return **v1**
  - Arrive with "two bands" **32:10**
  - A "terror" to cities **v5**
  - Company purged of idols **v2-4**
  - Named it "El-Bethel" **v7**
  - Manifestation of El **v11**
  - "he found him in Bethel" **Hos 12:4**
  - God appeared unto him **v9**
  - Establishes an altar **v7**
  - Anoints + Drink off on pillar **v14**
  - Promise fulfilled **v3**
  - Beth-Elohim = House of Mighty Ones **28:22**
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# **Shechem - Place of Decision**

- Abram made decision to worship Yahweh Gen 12:6-7
- Jacob's house decided between Yah & idols Gen 35:1-5
- Joseph's brethren left for Dothan (world) Gen 37: 12-14
- Blessings & Cursings placed on Ebal/Gerezim Deut 11:29
- Decision to serve Yahweh on entering land Deut 27:11-
- Joshua : "Choose whom ye will serve" Josh 24:1,14-15,25
- Israel decided to follow Jereboam 1 Ki 12:1-25
- Woman of Samaria made a decision! John 4

## Jacob at Bethel



“Here, finally, Jacob became Israel, the man who had learned at last that God, and God only, is the master of the destiny of all his chosen ones, and that the only part they themselves can play with success in that destiny is through faith and prayer.”

*The Wrestling Jacob, p91-92*



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**5** Even the LORD the God of hosts, the LORD is his name:

**6** So you, by the help of your God, return, hold fast to mercy and justice, and wait continually for your God.

# **Effect of Trouble**

“There is nothing like trouble for clearing the spiritual eye. There is nothing like trouble for weakening all carnal affinities, and leading the mind to seek God, and to rest on His Word, and to build on His promises. Nothing like trouble for helping us to see the emptiness of this life at its best, and the enduring reality and glory of that which is to come.”

***Bro Robert Roberts***

***Letters to the Elect of God in a Time of Trouble***