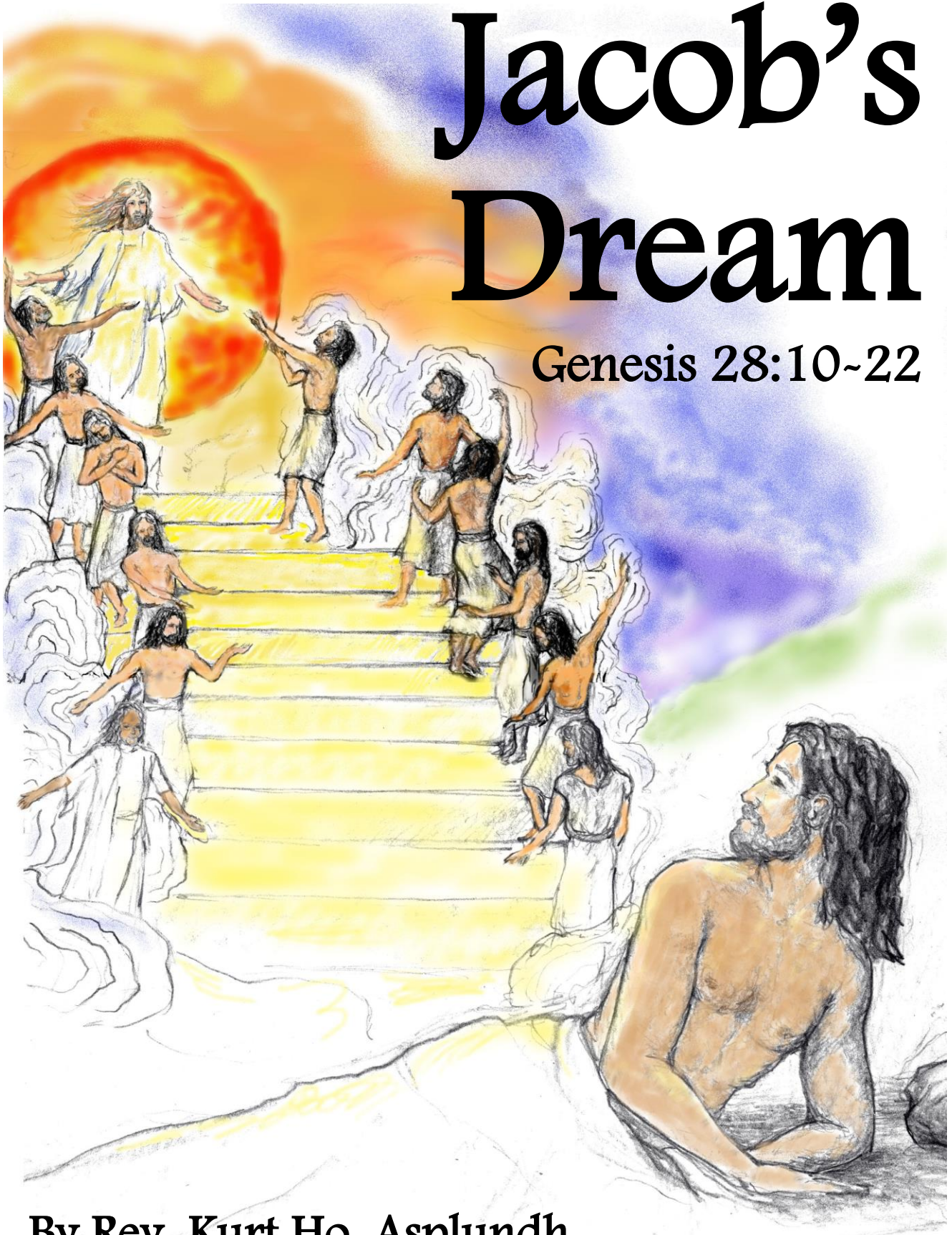


Jacob's Dream

Genesis 28:10-22



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We have dreams when we sleep. Sometimes we can remember them well and sometimes we can't. Some dreams are happy and beautiful and some are scary. When we wake up, we can know that our dreams are not real life. Dreams are only dreams.

In the Word we are told about dreams that were real. The Lord opened the spiritual eyes of some people while they were asleep. He has shown them real things and real people in the spiritual world.

Long ago Jacob had a dream like this.





Jacob left his home to go on a long journey. It would take him many days. After the sun set and he couldn't walk any further, Jacob took a stone to put by his head then he lay down to sleep.

One night when he laid down the Lord gave him a special dream. As he slept, Jacob saw a ladder or a stairway that reached from the ground all the way to heaven. He saw angels going up and going down on this ladder. Above the ladder, Jacob saw the Lord. The Lord said to him, “I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac.... Behold, I am with you and will protect you wherever you go...”

(Genesis 28:13, 15).



It was a wonderful dream. Jacob saw the angels who were near to protect him. He heard the Lord promise that He would be with him wherever he went and would bring him home safely.



When Jacob woke up, he said, “How awesome is this place.” He took the stone he had put by his head that night and made an altar. He worshipped the Lord. “Surely the Lord is in this place,” Jacob said.

He had never had a dream like this one. He had never seen an angel before and he had never seen the Lord. Jacob learned that angels are people in heaven. The Lord gives people new spiritual life that will last forever in heaven. All of the angels Jacob saw in his dream had once lived on our earth.





Wherever we are, the Lord and his angels are there, but they are invisible to our eyes because they are in the spiritual world. Angels are especially close to us when we sleep, to protect us from harm.

Someday we can become angels. We can join those we love in the spiritual world.