

1—The House of God

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INTRO:

I. → Genesis 28:10-12

*Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a **certain place**, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of **Elohim** were ascending and descending on it.*

Heb (eloah, oliym, alah)

*→ 17 He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the **House of Elohim**; this is the gate of heaven.”*

*Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place **Beyt-El**, though the city used to be called Luz.*

*→ 20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If **Elohim** will be with me and will watch **over me** on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father’s household, then the LORD will be my **God** and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be the **House of God**, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.”*

III. MORPHOLOGY OF THE NAME

- A. Elohim were the pantheon of the Canaanite gods
- B. Northern tribe adopted it as the name of their God
- C. In Hebrew the plural noun takes a singular verb
- D. Semitic root meaning to go up or be over (alah, eloah, allah)

BODY:

I. Over Our Journey

*If Elohim will be **with me** and will **watch over me** on this **journey** I am taking*

- A. God has saved our lives more times than we even know.
- 1) **Psalms 91:11-12**
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
 - 2) MY GUARDIAN ANGELS
- B. No matter the season God is watching over the journey.
- 1) **Hebrews 13:5**
Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
 - 2) SEEING THE STARS AND JOHN DAY DAM

II. Over Our Needs

and will give me **food** to eat and **clothes** to wear

- A. If there is anything we need, all we do is ask.
- 1) **Luke 11:9-10**
"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."
 - 2) FRED TEACHING ME TO PRAYER FOR MY CAR
- B. There is great wealth in being content with the little things.
- 1) **1 Timothy 6:6-8**
But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.
 - 2) SOMETHING POWERFUL ABOUT SAYING GRACE

III. Over Our House

so that I return safely to my **father's household**, then the LORD will be my God

A. God is the Father over all of household.

1) **John 14:2-3**

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

2) Jacob did not return for another 20 years

3) **JESUS LARA'S DAUGHTER**

B. No matter the darkness of the night He is our God.

1) **Psalms 57:1-2**

*Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me,
for in you I take refuge.
I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings
until the disaster has passed.
I cry out to God Most High,
to God, who vindicates me.*

2) The Jesus Prayer—"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." (The Desert Fathers, 5th Century)

a) Kýrie, eléison (Lord, have mercy)

b) Kyrie eleison, down the road that I must travel
Kyrie eleison, through the darkness of the night
Kyrie eleison, where I'm going, will you follow?
Kyrie eleison, on a highway in the light

3) **RICHARD PAGE—KYRIE**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Numbers 6:24-26

“The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.”

Psalms 121:7-8

The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Matthew 6:31-33

So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or
‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and
your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his
kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you
as well.