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The Truth

Jacob's Revival

Genesis 45:27 But when they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of **Jacob** their father revived.

²⁸Then **Israel** said, “*It is* enough. Joseph my son *is* still alive. I will go and see him before I die.”



The Truth

Jacob's Life Foretold the Church's Trouble

Alas! For that day *is* great, So that none *is* like it;
And it *is* the time of Jacob's trouble,
But he shall be saved out of it
(Jeremiah 30:7).



The Truth

What Is Love?

Jacob have I loved and Esau have I hated.
(Romans 9:13)



The Truth

God Loves the World?

Does this Mean God Loves Everyone?

John 3:16 - Vine's Dictionary of Greek words says cosmos means the arrangement, the order, the universe, the world system, or mankind.

1 John 2:15 - If any man loves the world the love of God is not in him.

James 4:4 - The friend of the world is the enemy of God.



The Truth

I have . . . Raised up your sons, O Zion,
Against your sons, O Greece.
(Zechariah 9:13)

Zion

versus

Greece

City of God

versus

City of Man

Hebrews

versus

Greek Humanism



The Truth

Jacob as a Type of the Church

Genesis 28:3 “May God Almighty bless you, And make you fruitful and multiply you That you may be an **assembly** of peoples.”



The Truth

A Glorious Church without Spot or Wrinkle

He has not observed iniquity in Jacob, Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel. The Lord his God *is* with him, And the shout of a King *is* among them (Numbers 23:21).



The Truth

Visible versus Invisible

God sees the true (invisible) Israel.
But when professing Christians sin,
judgment follows.



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