

Genesis 35

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Jacob Returns to Bethel

1And God said unto Jacob: 'Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there; and make there an altar unto God, who appeared unto thee when thou didst flee from the face of Esau thy brother.' **2**Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him: 'Put away the strange gods that are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your garments; **3**and let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.' **4**And they gave unto Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hand, and the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the terebinth which was by Shechem.

5And they journeyed; and a terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob. **6**So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan—the same is Beth-el—he and all the people that were with him. **7**And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el, because there God was revealed unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother. **8**And Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried below Beth-el under the oak; and the name of it was called Allon-bacuth.

9And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him.

10And God said unto him: 'Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name'; and He called his name Israel.

11And God said unto him: 'I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

12and the land which I gave unto Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.'

13And God went up from him in the place where He spoke with him. **14**And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He spoke with him, a pillar of stone, and he poured out a drink-offering thereon, and poured oil thereon. **15**And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Beth-el.

Benjamin Born, Rachel Dies

16And they journeyed from Beth-el; and there was still some way to come to Ephrath; and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. **17**And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the mid-wife said unto her: 'Fear not; for this also is a son for thee.' **18**And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing—for she died—that she called his name Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin. **19**And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath—the same is Beth-lehem. **20**And Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave; the same is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

The Sons of Jacob

(1 Chronicles 2:1–2)

21And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond Migdal-eder.

22And it came to pass, while Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard of it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: **23**the sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's first-born, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun; **24**the sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin; **25**and the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid: Dan and Naphtali; **26**and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid: Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob, that were born to him in Paddan-aram.

The Death of Isaac

27And Jacob came unto Isaac his father to Mamre, to Kiriatharba—the same is Hebron—where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

28And the days of Isaac were a hundred and fourscore years. **29**And Isaac expired, and died, and was gathered unto his people, old and full of days; and Esau and Jacob his sons buried him.