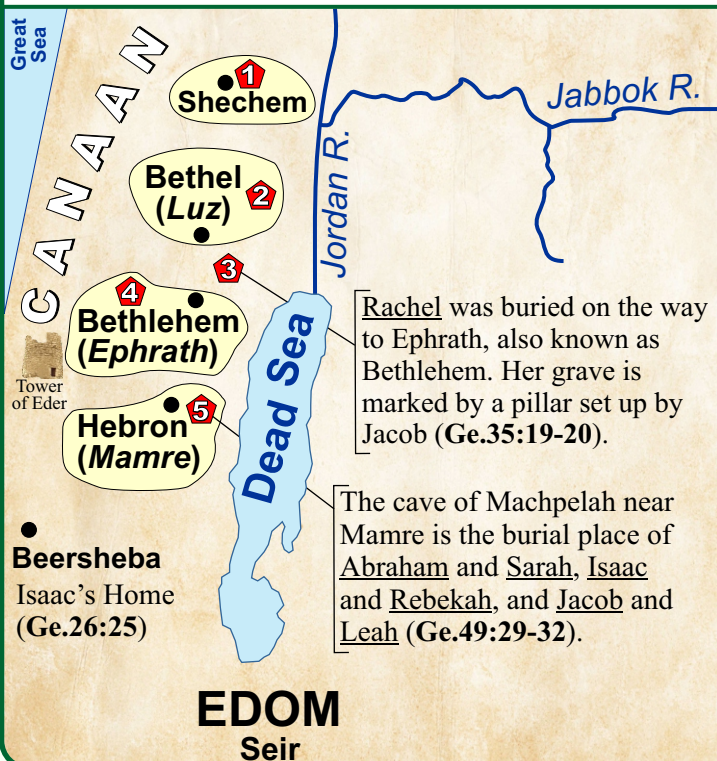


GENESIS 35 — COMPLETION & CORRECTION

Travels and Burials

- 1 Jacob in **SHECHEM** buried idols (v.2-4)
- 2 Traveled 15 miles south to **BETHEL** (v.5)
 - Jacob built an altar (v.7, named 'El Bethel')
 - Rebekah's Nurse Deborah died (v.8)
 - God Speaks again to Jacob (v.9-15)
 - Jacob Set up a Pillar (v.14-15, named 'Bethel')
- 3 Traveled to **EPHRATH** (v.16, Bethlehem)
 - Benjamin born on the way (v.17-18)
 - Rachel Died on the way (v.17-19)
 - Jacob set a Pillar for Rachel (v.20)
- 4 Jacob pitched tent beyond the **TOWER OF EDER** (v.21)
 - Reuben Defiles Bilhah (v.22, Jacob's concubine)
 - Jacob's 12 Sons Summarized (v.23-26)
- 5 Jacob comes to **HEBRON** (v.27, Mamre)
 - Death of Isaac (v.27-29)



Outline and Application

GOD CALLS JACOB BACK TO BETHEL

v.1

- Genesis 35 emphasizes Jacob's vows (from 20 years ago, Ge.28:18-22) and God's promises through that whole period.
- The only cure for worldliness is to separate from it. God encourages Jacob to fully commit.

CLEANSING OF JACOB'S FAMILY

v.2-4

- No matter how hard we try to teach our children godly conduct they may still do what we do.
- An idol is anything we put before God. Idols don't have to be physical objects. They can be thoughts or desires.
- Unless we remove idols from our lives, they can ruin our faith.

JACOB COMES TO BETHEL

v.5-7

- God's grace covered Jacob even when his sin had made him and his family vulnerable.
- It is dangerous for Jacob to set out to Bethel but it was more dangerous for him to disobey God.
- No matter what the circumstances look like, the safest place is to do the will of God.

DEATH OF REBEKAH'S NURSE, DEBORAH

v.8

- Problems and difficulties are painful but inevitable. They are the result of the Fall (Ge.3).

GOD SPEAKS AGAIN TO JACOB AT BETHEL

v.9-15

- In this section Jacob is returning to his first love (Rv.2). Jacob remembers his vow from 20 years ago. He now gets rid of the idols and built an altar to worship the Lord.
- God re-emphasized the name change from Jacob to Israel. All believers will receive a "white stone" with a new name for each of us (Rv.2:17).

BIRTH OF BENJAMIN AND DEATH OF RACHEL

v.16-18

- It seems we may have a high point spiritually, then we soon fall off that mountain.

DEATH AND BURIAL OF RACHEL

v.19-20

- This shows us that even when we get right with God and return to our first love it does not guarantee life becomes easy. There are constant challenges for us to trust God.
- Some only want a comfortable life, not a godly life.

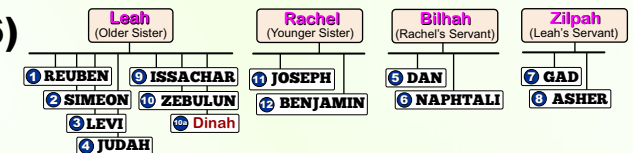
REUBEN'S SIN WITH HIS FATHER'S CONCUBINE

v.21-22

- As was true for Reuben, sin's consequences can plague us long after the sin is committed.

JACOB'S 12 SONS (v.23-26)

- Though not such great candidates, God chose Israel to potentially save all!



DEATH OF ISAAC (v.27)

- We should remember our times are in God's hands.

JACOB AND ESAU BURY THEIR FATHER TOGETHER

v.28-29