

In The Beginning

The Preparation of Joseph

Israel moves on... Gen.35

When Jacob was fleeing for his life from Esau, what had he promised? 28:20-22

If God would provide for him, he would settle at Bethel and God's altar would be there.

God had abundantly fulfilled His promise, but what does He have to do to Jacob? 35:1

He had to remind him of his promise. He should never have been in Shechem at all...

Before he could fulfill his vow, what had to happen? 35:2-4

He had to purge out the "other" gods. Sanctification, set apart, for God's use.

Jacob was fearful the tragedy at Shechem would cause God to leave him. Actually..? vs.5

God puts fear of Jacob in the surrounding people. No pursuit, no battle. God's grace...

What does God "refresh" to Israel when he builds the altar? vs.9-15

He reminds him of his name change and restates the Abrahamic covenant to him.

What happens next in Israel's life? vs.16-21 Comment?

Rachel dies in childbirth and Israel adds Benjamin. The 12 tribes of Israel are complete.

And what tragedy occurs next? vs. 22 Deut.27:20; ICor.5:1 Consequences? 49:3-4

Reuben defiles his father's wife. Reuben forfeits the preeminence of the firstborn.

Israel's genealogy

<u>Leah</u>	<u>Rachel</u>	<u>Bilhah</u>	<u>Zilpah</u>
Reuben "see, a son"	Joseph "may he add"	Dan "he has vindicated"	Gad "a troop"
Levi "attached"	Benjamin "son of my right hand"	Naphtali "my struggle"	Asher "happy"
Judah "praise"			
Simeon "one who hears"			
Issachar "reward"			
Zebulun "honor"			
Dinah "justice"			

The death of Isaac and lineage of Esau...Gen 36

What is significant in 35:29?

Jacob and Esau are together peacefully at the time of Isaac's death. God's grace abounds.

Esau has 5 sons and 10 grandsons. What is implied about 13 of these? vs.15-19

Esau emerges as a tribal leader having many 'chiefs' descended from him.

Of what are we reminded repeatedly of in this chapter? vs.1, 9, 16, 17, 19, 21, 31, **43** 27:39-40

Esau is the father of the Edomites, who were to become perpetual enemies of Israel.

What is summarize in vs. 31? Comment??

Esau was 'shaking off the yoke of Israel' and much faster becoming a formidable people.