



**God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.”**

**GENESIS 35:1**



**So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments.**

**GENESIS 35:2**



Then let us arise and go up to Bethel,  
so that I may make there an altar to  
the God who answers me in the day  
of my distress and has been with me  
wherever I have gone.”

**GENESIS 35:3**



So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem.

**GENESIS 35:4**



**And as they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.**

**GENESIS 35:5**



And Jacob came to Luz (that is,  
Bethel), which is in the land of  
Canaan, he and all the people  
who were with him,

**GENESIS 35:6**



and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother.

**GENESIS 35:7**





**And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died,  
and she was buried under an oak  
below Bethel. So he called its name  
Allon-bacuth.**

**GENESIS 35:8**



**God appeared to Jacob again,  
when he came from Paddan-aram,  
and blessed him.**

**GENESIS 35:9**



**And God said to him, “Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.” So he called his name Israel.**

**GENESIS 35:10**



**And God said to him, “I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body.**

**GENESIS 35:11**



**The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you.”**

**GENESIS 35:12**



Jacob FULLY obeys  
God's command.  
(35:1-7)



**Then certain of the elders of Israel  
came to me and sat before me.**

**EZEKIEL 14:1**



**And the word of the Lord came to me:**

**EZEKIEL 14:2**





**“Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts, and set the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces. Should I indeed let myself be consulted by them?”**

**EZEKIEL 14:3**



**Therefore speak to them and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Any one of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart and sets the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and yet comes to the prophet,**



**I the Lord will answer him as he  
comes with the multitude of his idols,**

**EZEKIEL 14:4**



that I may lay hold of the hearts of the house of Israel, who are all estranged from me through their idols.

EZEKIEL 14:5



God confirms His  
BLESSING upon Jacob.

(35:9–15)



Jacob's obedience does  
not mean there will be no  
DISTRESS or DIFFICULTY.

(35:8, 16–22, 29)



God's faithfulness to His  
PROMISE is preserved.

(35:23–26)



**“The list of tribes is all the more striking...it becomes irrefutable evidence that God’s blessings continued in spite of sin and death.”**

**ALLAN ROSS**





**God is a promise-keeper in spite of all our dysfunction.**

