

**Jacob Returns to Bethel and the Edomites (Genesis 35-36)**  
For the week of November 28, 2021



**Read Genesis 35:1-8**

**Observation:**

Where is God directing Jacob to go and why?

What is Jacob's response and to whom?

What is happening in verses 5-8?

**Interpretation**

Why is God calling Jacob to Bethel? Why an altar?

Why would they have foreign gods?

What purpose is the purification and changing of clothes?

How did God answer the fear of Jacob from 34:30 in verse 35:5?

**Application**

God convicts us and calls us from our sin.

What does repentance look like, for you?

What does worship look like, for you?

**Read Genesis 35:9-15**

**Interpretation**

What is God doing?

How does Jacob respond to God?

**Observation**

Compare what God is doing here to what he did in Genesis 17:1-8. What are the similarities? What are the differences?

Compare Jacob's response here to Genesis 28:18-19. What are the similarities? What are the differences?

**Application**

What are some God sightings, blessings, or evidences of grace that have happened in your life in the past few weeks?

How did you respond God's blessings?

**Read Genesis 16-29****Interpretation**

Multiple things are happening in this section of Scripture. Describe them in your own words.

**Observation**

FYI – Ben-oni means "Son of my sorrow"

Benjamin means "Son of my right hand"

List the major losses of Jacob/Israel.

Why do you think Israel changed the name of his son?

Why is the sin of Reuben inserted here? What do you think the purpose of his sin was? How do you see Jacob's response?

What is the importance of stating the twelve sons of Jacob?

**Application**

How do you find comfort in times of loss?

How are we to respond to the sins of our children?

**Read Genesis 36**

**Interpretation/Observation**

What is being described and why is it important?

How is this part of the Abrahamic covenant (see Genesis 15:5, 22:17-18)?

**Application**

How do you see God's faithfulness in your life?