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**2 Timothy 1:12**

**...for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.**

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**1 Peter 1**

**<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

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**1 Peter 1**

**<sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

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**Guard Against Mortality**

- 1. Imperishable**
- 2. Undefiled**
- 3. Unfading**

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**Lamentations 3**

**<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**

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 **Secure Inheritance**

**God secures our inheritance by renewing us in times of loss**

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 **Genesis 35**

**16 Then they journeyed from Bethel. When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor, and she had hard labor. 17 And when her labor was at its hardest, the midwife said to her, "Do not fear, for you have another son."**

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**Genesis 35**

**18** And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin. **19** So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem),

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**Names and Inheritance**

**Biblical names often point to a person's calling and their future spiritual inheritance.**

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**Natural Inheritance**

- 1. Name**
- 2. Physical Characteristics**
- 3. Culture**
- 4. Family History**
- 6. Children – Grand Children**
- 7. Assets**

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**Spiritual Inheritance**

1. Name and Likeness
2. Spiritual Abilities
3. Family History
4. Rights
5. Privileges

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**Rename Your Pain for Gain**

**Ben** (son) **oni** (of my pain)

**Ben** (son) **jamin** (of my right hand)

Rename your pain for an inheritance gain

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**Spiritual Inheritance**

1. Name and Likeness
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## Benjamin

**Benjamin, one of the 12 tribes that constituted the people of Israel, and one of the twelve tribes that later became the Jewish people. The tribe was named after the younger of two children born to Jacob by his wife Rachel.**

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## People from Benjamin

- 1. Ehud, Deliverer, Judge**
- 2. King Saul**
- 3. Esther**
- 4. Apostle Paul**

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## Secure Your Inheritance

- 1. Rename your pain to gain**

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**Why Not at the Family Tomb?**

Why did Jacob bury his beloved wife, Rachel, along a lonely section of well-traveled road instead at the tomb of the patriarchs at Machpelah, nearby Hebron?

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**Rachel-Symbol of Comfort**

“Jacob foresaw that in the future, following the destruction of the First Temple in 423 BCE, the Jews would be driven from their homes and forced into exile in Babylon. On their dispirited march, they would pass on this very road and cry to Rachel. They would take courage from her presence..”

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**Jeremiah 31:15**

Thus says the Lord: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.”

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**Jeremiah 31:16**

**16** Thus says the Lord: “Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

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**Secure Your Inheritance**

**Turn your pain of loss into fuel for intercession for others**

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**Matthew 2**

**16** Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

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**Matthew 2**

**17** Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: **18** “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

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**Secure Your Inheritance**

- 1. Rename your pain to gain**
- 2. Turn pain into fuel for Intercession**

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**Genesis 35**

**20** and Jacob set up a pillar over her tomb. It is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day. **21** Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder.

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 **1 Samuel 10:2**

**2 When you depart from me today, you will meet two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah, and they will say to you, 'The donkeys that you went to seek are found, and now your father has ceased to care about the donkeys and is anxious about you...''**

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 **Journey to Jacob's Inheritance**

**Beth-el – House of God**  
**Zelzah – Leaping Mightily or Great Haste**

**Ephrath – Place of fruitfulness**  
**Beth-lehem – House of Bread**

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## Secure Your Inheritance

1. Rename your pain to gain
2. Turn pain into fuel for Intercession
3. Remember but move forward

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Finding our security in Christ

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