

Genesis

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under it from the waters which were above it: and he called the firmament Heaven.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 ¶ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the beasts of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

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WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

Genesis 35:16-29



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.” 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), 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. (ESV)

I. THE LIVING HAVE A HOPE, vv. 16-21

A. In hope we measure our days. 16-17

B. In hope we manage our days. 18-19

C. In hope we mark our days. 20-21

SIDEBAR 1

Genesis 35:22a While Israel lived in that land, Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine. And Israel heard of it. (ESV)

Secret sins do not remain secret forever. Be sure your sin will find you out. Reuben lost his birthright.

SIDEBAR 2

Genesis 35:22b Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. 23 The sons of Leah: Reuben (Jacob's firstborn), Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. 24 The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. 25 The sons of Bilhah, Rachel's servant: Dan and Naphtali. 26 The sons of Zilpah, Leah's servant: Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan-aram. (ESV)

Recounting the Tribes

Genesis 35:27 And Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned. 28 Now the days of Isaac were 180 years. 29 And Isaac breathed his last, and he died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him. (ESV)

II. THE DEAD HAVE A HOME, VV. 27-29

A. A home in which to be “gathered”

B. A home in which we’ll never grow “old”

C. A home in which to be “full”

- 1. What do you fear? see Hebrews 2:14-15*
- 2. Who are your people? see Exodus 3:6;
Matthew 22:32*
- 3. What is your life? see James 4:13-17*