

⁸ Now ^oDeborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, at more than 100 years old.¹ 27:42-45 seems to tell us how she may have come to Jacob in the first place. It could be, after 20 years with Laban, that it was time to return (of course, Jacob said it was a dream when explaining it to Laban, but it could have been both). and she was buried below Bethel under the terebinth tree. So the name of it was called ³Allon Bachuth.

⁹ Then ^pGod appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and ^qblessed him. ¹⁰ And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; ^ryour name shall not be called Jacob anymore, ^sbut Israel shall be your name." So He called his name Israel. ¹¹ Also God said to him: ^t"I am God Almighty. ^uBe fruitful and multiply; ^va nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body. ¹² The ^wland which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land."¹³ Then God ^xwent ⁴up from him in the place where He talked with him. ¹⁴ So Jacob ^yset up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it. ¹⁵ And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, ^zBethel. So just as we have an accounting of Jacob's renaming from Genesis 32, we have an accounting of the meeting of Bethel from Genesis 28.

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Then they journeyed from Bethel. And when there was but a little distance to go to Ephrath, Rachel labored *in childbirth*, and she had hard labor. ¹⁷ Now it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, "Do not fear; ^ayou will have this son also."¹⁸ And so it was, as her soul was departing (for she died), This seems to be a Biblical definition of "death" (like James 2:26). that she called his name ⁵Ben-Oni; but his father called him ⁶Benjamin. Ben, clearly, means "son." Jesus, by the way, is God's Ben-Oni and Benjamin to us. ¹⁹ So ^bRachel died and was buried on the way to ^cEphrath (that is,

^o Gen. 24:59

¹Isaac, Genesis 24:59, Rebekah and her nurse went back to Isaac in his 40th year. 20 years later, Jacob and Esau were born. How many more years have passed? Well, we say that Joseph was born when Jacob was 91 years old, and Joseph is probably 6 or 7 now. That makes 118 years since the marriage of his father to his mother. Supposing that Deborah was 13 years old when she moved to be with Isaac, Deborah was 130 years old when she died.

³ Lit. *Terebinth of Weeping*

^p Josh. 5:13; Dan. 10:5

^q Gen. 32:29; Hos. 12:4

^r Gen. 17:5

^s Gen. 32:28

^t Gen. 17:1; 28:3; 48:3, 4; Ex. 6:3

^u Gen. 9:1, 7

^v Gen. 17:5, 6, 16; 28:3; 48:4

^w Gen. 12:7; 13:15; 26:3, 4; 28:13; 48:4; Ex. 32:13

^x Gen. 17:22; 18:33

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^y Gen. 28:18, 19; 31:45

^z Gen. 28:19

^a Gen. 30:24; 1 Sam. 4:20

⁵Lit. *Son of My Sorrow*

⁶Lit. *Son of the Right Hand*

^b Gen. 48:7

^c Ruth 1:2; 4:11; Mic. 5:2; Matt. 2:6

Bethlehem).²⁰ And Jacob set a pillar on her grave, which is the pillar of Rachel's grave^d to this day. The first one was erected at Bethel (Genesis 28) while the 2nd one was erected between Jacob and Laban (Genesis 31). This, then, is the 3rd pillar erected by Jacob.

²¹ Then Israel journeyed and pitched his tent beyond^e the tower of Eder. ²² And it happened, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and^f lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard *about it*.

^d 1 Sam. 10:2

^e Mic. 4:8

^f Gen. 49:4; 1 Chr. 5:1