

The Generations of Isaac Come to a Close

Gn 35.1 Then God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there; and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother.” 2 And Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign gods that are among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments. 3 Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me in the way which I have gone.” 4 So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hands, and the earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree which was by Shechem. 5 And they journeyed, and the terror of God was upon the cities that were all around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. 6 So Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him. 7 And he built an altar there and called the place El Bethel, because there God appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother.

8 Now Deborah, Rebekah’s nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the terebinth tree. So the name of it was called Allon Bachuth.

9 Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and blessed him. 10 And God said to him, “Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name.” So He called his name Israel. 11 Also God said to him: “I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body. 12 The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land.” 13 Then God went up from him in the place where He talked with him. 14 So Jacob set 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, Bethel.

16 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; you will have this son also.” 18 And so it was, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name Ben-Oni; but his father called him Benjamin. 19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). 20 And Jacob set a pillar on her grave, which is the pillar of Rachel’s grave to this day.

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

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: 23 the sons of Leah were Reuben, Jacob’s firstborn, and Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun; 24 the sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin; 25 the sons of Bilhah, Rachel’s maidservant, were Dan and Naphtali; 26 and the sons of Zilpah, Leah’s maid-servant, were Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Padan Aram. 27 Then Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kirjath Arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had dwelt. 28 Now the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty years. 29 So Isaac breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people, being old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

► God is bringing the generations of Isaac to a _____.

Isaac’s gen’s (Gn25.19, Hb *toledot*) are the lives of his children, but especially Jacob, the Christ-type, thru whom God pictures Christ and around whom God rallies his covenant

people. In Gn35, we see God _____ together a number of threads, bringing them to a conclusion:

► 1) Bringing Jacob back to _____ where it all began, with Jacob fleeing Esau and Canaan with only his staff in his hand; With _____ appearing to Jacob with angels ascending and descending; With God extending the covenant promises to Jacob, and further promising to be _____ Jacob wherever he went and to bring him back to Canaan (28.10-22).

Gn 28.12 [B]ehold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: “I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. 14 Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. 15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land”

Jn 1.51 [Jesus] said to [Nathanael], “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

► 2) Bringing Jacob back to his father _____ (27).

► 3) Bringing to a close three significant lives:

- _____, Rebekah’s nurse (8).

- _____, Jacob’s wife, who died giving birth to _____ (16-20).

- _____, Jacob’s father, who is buried by his sons Jacob & Esau (29; 49.29-32).

► 4) Bringing to a conclusion Jacob's _____ story, wherein he leaves the promised _____ to avoid danger; he goes to a foreign land which is initially a _____, but turns into a _____ due to an evil ruler; wherein the _____ of God's people are also revealed; but God intervenes, brings his people _____ with great wealth, and brings them back to the promised _____.

► 5) Showing the need for a new _____ story with a new _____-type (2-4, 22).

► The next Christ-type will be _____, and the new _____ story will take place in _____, which begins as a blessing to avoid _____, but becomes a curse with an _____ Pharaoh. The _____ of the people are also exposed, but _____ intervenes and bring his people out with great wealth thru the Christ-type, _____.

► All the OT Christ-types and exodus stories point forward to _____ and the final exodus he will bring about thru his _____, _____, and _____ out of his Spirit upon his people, delivering them from the true Pharaoh, _____, who rules by the power of _____ and _____.

Lk 9.28 [Jesus] took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. 30 And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease [Gr. *exodus*] which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

2Tm 2.25 [I]f God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and ... come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Mk 3.22 And the scribes ... said, ... "By the ruler of the demons [Jesus] casts out demons" 23 [But] He ... said ..., "How can Satan cast out Satan? ... 27 No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house."

Rev 11.8 [T]he great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Hosea 11.4 "I drew them with gentle cords, with bands of love, and I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck."

Mt 23.4 "[The scribes and Pharisees] bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders"

Mt 11.30 "My yoke is easy and My burden is light."