

Genesis – “God Is Faithful, Always!”

Genesis 35:16-29

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Life *w-h-a-c-k-s* us from both sides! Last week we looked at the odious deception of Reuben and Simeon, Jacob’s perception of vulnerability resulting in fear and God’s faithful call of Jacob-Israel back to Himself! God never promises a “rose garden” but He does promise to *life* and to be with us during it.

Context: Jacob and family are called out to go to Bethel - the place of God’s introducing Himself to Jacob and NOE, the place of covenant confirmation and relationship! After an unknown length of stay at Bethel, Israel (Jacob) moves on and life deals another blow . . .

Genesis 35:16-20

Ephrath - (ancient name of Bethlehem) @ 20 mi S
Ben-oni > son of my sorrow/misfortune
Benjamin > son of my right hand

Vs.21-22

tower of Eder > shepherds watchtower between
Bethlehem & Hebron

Vs.23-27

Vs.28-29

El, El Elyon, Jehovah, El Shaddai, El-Elohe-Israel, El-Bethel . . . He takes us . . . imperfect . . . odious . . . and He alone accepts us and is willing and able to love us, use us and remain faithful to us!

***All the time**, God proves Himself to be faithful to us. He is our Provider, Protector, our Watchtower and so much more in the Old Testament. **BUT HE** proves to be our Savior, our Lord, our Shepherd and much more in the New Testament!*

He cares for YOU!!!

"So how shall I respond to Him?"

What part of this passage "caught your attention"?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?