

## Genesis 35

- 1) Why did God want Jacob to go to Bethel?
  - a. What had **Abraham** earlier done there (Gen. 12:8; 13:3, 4)?
  - b. What had **Jacob** earlier done and vowed there (Gen. 28:19-22)?
- 2) What things did Jacob tell the members of his household to do in preparation of this event?
  - a. What do such actions suggest about the concept of worship?
  - b. Though we might surmise that the surviving Shechemites may have had idols, who do we **know** once had them? (*hint: 31:19*)
- 3) What fell upon the cities that were around Jacob? What connection did this have with the events of the previous chapter?
- 4) Verse 7 alludes to Jacob's earlier visit to Bethel: About how many years had passed since that first visit?
- 5) Though a brief announcement, what do we learn about Deborah?
- 6) What does God *reiterate* to Jacob?
  - a. Considering verse 13, explain the difference between the manner of God's communications to Jacob here, versus the previous time in Genesis 28:12-16?
- 7) What significant thing happened to Rachel at Ephrath (Bethlehem)?
  - a. Explain the difference between the name that Rachel gave to her son, and the name given by Jacob:
- 8) What detestable thing did Reuben do?
- 9) How old was Isaac when he died? Who buried him?