

Journey Through Genesis ©

**Bereisheit Chapter 35**  
Give Account of Your Life! ©

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וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל-יַעֲקֹב קוּם עֲלֵה בֵּית-אֵל וְשֹׁב־  
שָׁם וַעֲשֵׂה-שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ לְאֵל הַנִּרְאָה אֵלֶיךָ בְּבָרָחָךְ  
מִפְּנֵי עֲשׂוֹ אָחִיךָ:

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**Arise** - Yaakov was praying. He was prostrated. He was bowed low. He was extremely serious. He was seeking advise. Nations gathered their armies and were preparing to go to war with him. Several weeks ago we read that Eisov, his brother was coming with four hundred men. Yaakov felt like Eisov's intent was to attack him. Our Creator guided Yaakov and his family through this trial. Now Yaakov faced another life threatening trial. Deenah was kidnapped and rapped.

The men of Shechem would not bring their young prince to justice. The men of Shechem would not follow the Seven Laws. Kidnapping is a capital offense. Kidnapping is stealing. Rape is also stealing. They would not bring the prince to

justice. Shimon and Levy, as Jews had the right to enforce Noachide law even outside of Yisroel.

Go -

### Up to Bethel

And God said to Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-El, and live there; and make there an altar to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother. 2 Then Jacob said to his household, and to all who were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments; 3 And let us arise, and go up to Beth-El; and I will make there an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. 4 And they gave to Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem. 5 And they journeyed; and the terror of God was upon the cities that were around them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob. 6 So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Beth-El, he and all the people who were with him. 7 And he built there an altar, and called the place El-Beth-El; because there God appeared to him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

Blessings and peace,

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