

NAME IT WHAT YOU WANT!

DYING TO SELFIE, PART 4

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Genesis 35:16-21

Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's household, then the Lord will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

Genesis 28:20-22

Then God said to Jacob, "Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau."

6 Jacob and all the people with him came to Luz (that is, Bethel) in the land of Canaan. There he built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel, because it was there that God revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother.

Genesis 35:1,6-7

Then they moved on from Bethel. While they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth and had great difficulty.

Genesis 35:16-17

(Jesus) From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

Luke 12:48

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 NLT

Rachel began to give birth and had great difficulty. And as she was having great difficulty in childbirth, the midwife said to her, "Don't despair, for you have another son."

As she breathed her last— she named her son Ben-Oni. But his father named him Benjamin.

Genesis 35:16-18

Ben-oni: "Son of my sorrow"

oni: sorrow or strength

It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until He has hurt him deeply.

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Benjamin: "Son of _____"

- You have naming rights over the situations of your life

The "new name" I give my situation or sorrow....

So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). Over her tomb Jacob set up a pillar, and to this day that pillar marks Rachel's tomb.

Israel moved on...

Genesis 35:19-21