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# DAILY READING

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### **RETURN TO BETHEL**

**35** God said to Jacob, “Get up! Go to Bethel and settle there. Build an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.”

<sup>2</sup> So Jacob said to his family and all who were with him, “Get rid of the foreign gods that are among you. Purify yourselves and change your clothes. <sup>3</sup> We must get up and go to Bethel. I will build an altar there to the God who answered me in my day of distress. He has been with me everywhere I have gone.”

<sup>4</sup> Then they gave Jacob all their foreign gods and their earrings, and Jacob hid them under the oak near Shechem. <sup>5</sup> When they set out, a terror from God came over the cities around them, and they did not pursue Jacob’s sons. <sup>6</sup> So Jacob and all who were with him came to Luz (that is, Bethel) in the land of Canaan. <sup>7</sup> Jacob built an altar there and called the place El-bethel because it was there that God had revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother.