
DAILY READING

Genesis 35:16-29

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RACHEL'S DEATH

35 ¹⁶ They set out from Bethel. When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth, and her labor was difficult. ¹⁷ During her difficult labor, the midwife said to her, “Don’t be afraid, for you have another son.” ¹⁸ With her last breath—for she was dying—she named him Ben-oni, but his father called him Benjamin. ¹⁹ So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). ²⁰ Jacob set up a marker on her grave; it is the marker at Rachel’s grave still today.

ISRAEL'S SONS

²¹ Israel set out again and pitched his tent beyond the Tower of Eder. ²² While Israel was living in that region, Reuben went in and slept with his father’s concubine Bilhah, and Israel heard about it.

Jacob had twelve sons:

²³ Leah’s sons were Reuben (Jacob’s firstborn),

Simeon, Levi, Judah,
Issachar, and Zebulun.

²⁴ Rachel's sons were
Joseph and Benjamin.

²⁵ The sons of Rachel's slave Bilhah
were Dan and Naphtali.

²⁶ The sons of Leah's slave Zilpah
were Gad and Asher.

These are the sons of Jacob, who were born to him in
Paddan-aram.

ISAAC'S DEATH

²⁷ Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre in Kiriath-
arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had
stayed. ²⁸ Isaac lived 180 years. ²⁹ He took his last
breath and died, and was gathered to his people, old
and full of days. His sons Esau and Jacob buried him.