

## “Purify Yourselves!”

**Introduction:** Genesis 35 is about Jacob’s return to Bethel, but we find that before he is able to go there and see God, there needs to be a cleansing. So, Genesis 35 helps to undo the pollution that was brought into Jacob’s family through the vengeful crime against Shechem in Genesis 34. Genesis 36 is all about the growth and success of the offspring of Esau, proving that God blesses and prospers nations and peoples outside of the covenant, and also proving that the great danger to Jacob’s family is not someone on the outside, but his own sons within.

Outline:

- I. 35:1-4, the purifying \_\_\_\_\_ to Bethel.
  - A. A new community in Canaan
    1. The process of becoming a people for the Lord:
      - a) \_\_\_\_\_
      - b) \_\_\_\_\_
      - c) \_\_\_\_\_
        - (1) Colossians 3:7-8
        - (2) Ephesians 4:22-25
      - d) \_\_\_\_\_ (35:10)
        - (1) Isaiah 43:1
      - e) \_\_\_\_\_ (35:11-12)
- II. 35:5-15, the \_\_\_\_\_ at Bethel.
  - A. Brings Jacob back to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Gives Jacob the opportunity to pay his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Restates Jacob’s new \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
- III. 35:16-21, the death of \_\_\_\_\_/birth of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. The hard labor means that the promised land is still not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Ben-oni means “son of my \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - C. Benjamin means “son of my right hand.”
- IV. 35:22-26, the sons of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Notice the story of \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. All of Leah’s sons prove dangerous to the household of \_\_\_\_\_.

- V. 35:27-29, the death of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Buried in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Jacob and Esau are together to bury their father.
- VI. 36:1-42, the generations of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. 9th “toledoth” = “these are the generations.”
  - B. Why such a detailed genealogy?
    1. To show that God is maker of the prosperity and downfall of others outside of the covenant family.
    2. To demonstrate the grace of God in Jacob’s family.
    3. To teach that the greatest threat to Jacob is not his brother, but his own \_\_\_\_\_.