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1 Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel, and settle there.

Build an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau."

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2 So Jacob told his household and all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods that are among you.

Purify yourselves and change your garments.

3 Then let us arise 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 wherever I have gone."

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4 So they gave Jacob all their foreign gods and all their earrings, and Jacob buried them under the oak near Shechem.

5 As they set out, a terror from God fell over the surrounding cities, so that they did not pursue Jacob's sons.

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6 So Jacob and everyone with him arrived in Luz (that is, Bethel) in the land of Canaan.

7 There Jacob built an altar, and he called that place El-bethel, [God of Bethel] because it was there that God had revealed Himself to him as he fled from his brother.

Genesis 35

9 After Jacob had returned from Paddan-aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him.

10 And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; you will no longer be called Jacob, but your name will be Israel."

So God named him Israel.

Genesis 35

11 And God told him, "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply.

A nation—even a company of nations—shall come from you, and kings shall descend from you.

12 The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you."

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13 Then God went up from him at the place where He had spoken with him.

14 So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where God had spoken to him—a stone marker—and he poured out a drink offering on it and anointed it with oil.

15 Jacob called the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

The 12 Tribes of Israel (12 Sons of Jacob/Israel)

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Genesis 49

8 Judah, your brothers shall praise you.

Your hand shall be on the necks of your enemies;
your father's sons shall bow down to you.

9 **Judah is a young lion**—

my son, you return from the prey.

Like a **lion** he crouches and lies down;

like a **lioness**, who dares to rouse him?

10 The scepter will not depart from Judah,

nor the staff from between his feet,

until Shiloh comes

and the allegiance of the nations is his.

Revelation 5

1 Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the One seated on the throne.

It had writing on both sides and was sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"

Revelation 5

3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or look inside it.

4 And I began to weep bitterly, because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or look inside it.

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Approximate borders assigned during the Conquest



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Ephesians 1

**22 And God put everything under His feet and made Him head over everything for the church,
23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**

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Exodus 19

5 Now if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you will be My treasured possession out of all the nations—for the whole earth is Mine.

6 And unto Me you shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

1 Peter 2

9 But you are a chosen people, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**,
a people for God's own possession,
to proclaim the virtues of Him who called
you out of darkness into His marvelous
light.

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4. To be a Kingdom under the rule of God Almighty

We live as a people under the rule of the King

5. To be a demonstration of a people who live by faith

We demonstrate to the world a life lived by faith

Galatians 3

6 So also, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

7 Understand, then, that those who have faith are the sons of Abraham.

8 The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith,

and foretold the gospel to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."

9 So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

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