

“BUILDING” IN GENESIS

PASSAGE	BUILDER	WHAT IS BUILT
2.22	God	Humans
4.17	Cain	A city
8.20	Noah	An altar to YHWH
10.11	Nimrod	Ninevah
11.4, 5, 8	Humans	Tower of Babel
12.7-8; 13.18	Abraham	Altars to YHWH
16.2	Sarai/Hagar	Sarai (as a mother)
22.9	Abraham	The altar of sacrifice
26.25	Isaac	An altar to YHWH
30.3	Rachel	Children (family)
33.17	Jacob	A house
35.7	Jacob	An altar to God

BETHEL IN GENESIS

12.8: “From there [Abram] moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to YHWH and invoked the name of YHWH.

13.-4: “He journeyed on by stages from the Negeb as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place where he had made an altar at the first; and there Abram called on the name of YHWH.”

28.18-19: “So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.”

31.13: “I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and return to the land of your birth.”

35.1: God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel, and settle there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau."

35.2-3: So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your clothes; then come, let us go up to Bethel, that I may make an altar there to the God who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone."

35.6-8: Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him, and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel, because it was there that God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother. And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak below Bethel.

35.15-16a: “So Jacob called the place where God had spoken with him Bethel. Then they journeyed from Bethel...”