

## God as El Shaddai (God Almighty) in Genesis: linked to fertility

17.1-2: When Abram was ninety-nine years old, YHWH appeared to Abram, and said to him, "**I am God Almighty**; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will **make you exceedingly numerous**."

28.3: **May God Almighty** bless you and **make you fruitful and numerous**, that you may become a company of peoples.

35.11: God said to [Jacob], "**I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall spring from you.**"

43.13: [Jacob to son Judah]: "Take your brother also, and be on your way again to the man; **may God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, so that he may send back your other brother and Benjamin**. As for me, if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

48.3-4: And Jacob said to Joseph, "**God Almighty** appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and he blessed me, and **said to me, 'I am going to make you fruitful and increase your numbers; I will make of you a company of peoples**, and will give this land to your offspring after you for a perpetual holding.'