

Parallels between Abram's and Jacob's journeys from Shechem to Bethel

12.6-8

6 **Abram** passed through the land to the place **at Shechem**, to the **oak of Moreh**. At that time the **Canaanites** were in the land.

7 **Then YHWH appeared to Abram**, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So **he built there an altar to YHWH, who had appeared** to him.

8 **From there he 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**.

33.18-20; 35.1, 4, 6-7

18 **Jacob** came safely to the **city of Shechem**, which is in the **land of Canaan**, on his way from Paddan-aram; and he camped before the city.

19 And from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, he bought for one hundred pieces of money the field on which he had pitched his tent.

20 There **he erected an altar** and called it **El-Elohe-Israel**.

35.1 **El said to Jacob [at Shechem]**, "Arise, go up to Bethel, **and** settle there. Make an altar there to **El who appeared** to you when you fled from your brother Esau."...

4 **Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel)**, which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him...

6 So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the **oak that was near Shechem**.

7 **and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel**, because it was there that **El** had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother.