

Genesis 35 in conversation with Judges 19-21 and Ruth

GENESIS	JUDGES	RUTH
<p>On the third day, when they were still in pain, two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took their swords and came against the secure city, and killed all the males. They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went away. And the other sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and plundered the city, because their sister had been defiled. They took their flocks and their herds, their donkeys, and whatever was in the city and in the field. (34.25-28)</p>	<p>the sons of Israel turned back against the Benjaminites, and put them to the sword--the city, the people, the animals, and all that remained. (20.48)</p>	
<p>And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak below Bethel. So it was called Allon-bacuth [= 'oak of weeping', bchth]. (35.8)</p>	<p>And the people came to Bethel, and sat there until evening before God, and they lifted up their voices and wept [bachuth] bitterly. (21.2)</p>	
<p>Then they journeyed from Bethel; and when they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel was in childbirth, and she had hard labor. When she was in her hard labor, the midwife said to her, "Do not be afraid; for now you will have another son." As her being was departing (for she died), she named him Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin. So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem), and Jacob set up a pillar at her grave; it is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day. (35.16-20)</p>	<p><i>In those days, when there was no king in Israel, a certain Levite, residing in the remote parts of the hill country of Ephraim, took to himself a secondary woman from Bethlehem in Judah. (19.1)</i></p>	<p><i>In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his woman and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his woman Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. (1.1-2)</i></p> <p>Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May YHWH make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem (4.11)</p>
<p>When you [Saul] depart from me [Samuel] today you will meet two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah..." (1 Samuel 10.2)</p> <p>Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah (1 Samuel 17.12)</p>		
<p>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. (Micah 5.2)</p>		