

Rachel The Mother of Joseph & Benjamin



Genesis 30:1-2,22-24
& 35:16-20
Reader

Now when ¹
Ra-chel saw that
she bore Ja-cob
no child-ren, she
be-came jeal-ous
of her sis-ter;
and she said to
Ja-cob, "Give me
child-ren, or else
I die."

2 Then Ja-cob's
ang-er burned
a-gainst Ra-chel,
and he said, "Am
I in the place of
God, who has
with-held from
you the fruit of
the womb?"

3 Then God
re-mem-bered
Ra-chel, and God
gave heed to her
and o-pened her
womb.

⁴ So she con-ceived

and bore a son

and said, "God has

tak-en a-way my

re-proach."

She named him

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Jo-seph, say-ing,

"May the Lord

give me a-noth-er

son."

6 Then they
jour-neyed from
Beth-el; and when
there was still
some dis-tance
to go to
E-phrath, Ra-chel
be-gan to give
birth and she
suf-fered
sev-ere la-bor.

When she was in⁷
sev-ere la-bor
the mid-wife said
to her, "Do not
fear, for now you
have a-noth-er
son."

⁸It came a-bout as
her soul was
de-part-ing (for
she died), that she
named him
Ben-on-i; but his
fath-er called him
Ben-ja-min.

⁹So Ra-chel died and
was bur-ied on the
way to E-phrath
(that is,
Beth-le-hem).

¹⁰ Ja-cob set up a
pil-lar o-ver her
grave; that is the
pil-lar of Ra-chel's
grave to this day.