

A black and white image of a celestial scene. In the upper center, a large, cratered moon is visible. Below it, a planet with a dark, textured surface is partially visible. The background is a dark, starry space with some nebulae or dust clouds. The text "THE BOOK OF GENESIS" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font. "THE BOOK OF" is in a smaller font size than "GENESIS".

THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

GOING HOME

GENESIS 35

A bit of review of Jacob's life:

- When Jacob came to Penuel, a tremendous thing happened to him: Jacob's flesh got the beatdown!
- Actually, **chapter 34** evidences that Jacob was not yet fully walking by faith.
- Was Jacob ready for Bethel now? Probably not.
- God allows Jacob to come to the end of himself and uses his mistakes to shape him and mold him.

JACOB GETS A “DO OVER”

Part of the good news of the Gospel is that God does not leave us the way we are. **2 Cor. 5:17**

What new things are happening in Jacob’s life?

- 1. God is speaking again to Jacob. v. 1**
- 2. Jacob is finally leading his household. v. 2-4**
- 3. God protected Jacob and his household. v. 5**
- 4. Jacob is worshipping God. v. 6-8**
- 5. God appears personally to Jacob again. v. 9-15**

THEN JACOB GETS A NEW SON TO GO WITH HIS NEW LIFE IN BETHEL v. 16-20

- 1. The joy of birth v. 16-17**
- 2. The weeping of death v. 18a, 19**
- 3. The redemption of a name v. 18b**
- 4. The walk of love v. 20**

Were it not for the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the town would be remembered primarily for the death of Rachel.







NEW KINDS OF SORROW v. 22-29

- The death of a dear wife is a normal human experience with no circumstantial guilt attached.
- What Reuben did was stained with guilt and shame.
- For Reuben to take his father's wife was a declaration that he was now the head of the family. **2 Sam. 3:6-11; 2 Sam. 12:8; 2 Sam. 16:20-23**
- Those who teach that our dedication to the Lord automatically protects us from troubles and tears need to read this chapter carefully. Praise the Lord for His grace and mercy in our delays and detours!