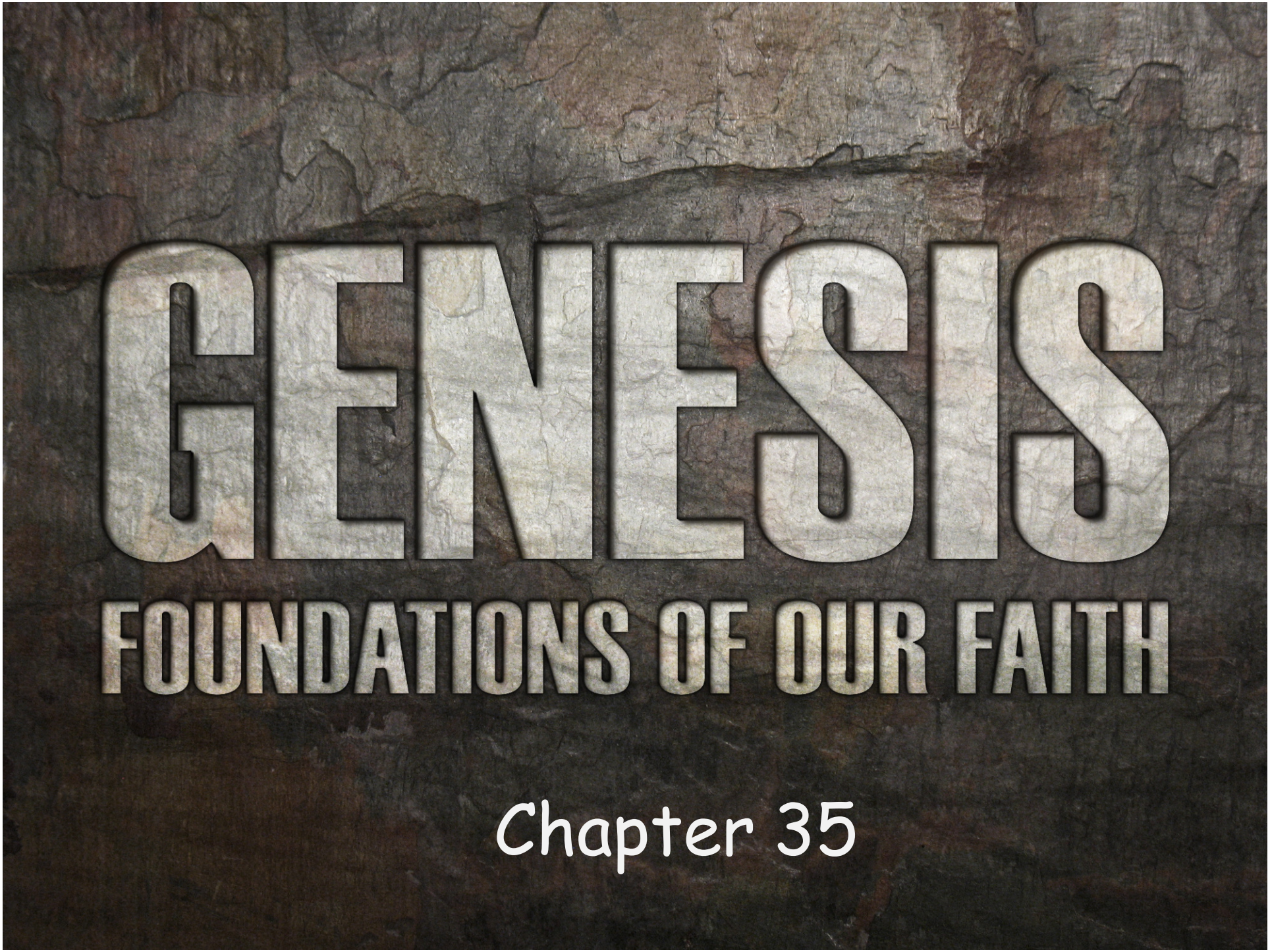
GENESIS
FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH
Chapter 35

Genesis

A. Four Key Events:
   1. Creation (ch. 1-2)
   2. the Fall (ch. 3-5)
   3. the flood (ch. 6-9)
   4. the dispersion (ch. 10-11)

B. Four Key People:
   1. Abraham (ch. 12-25)
   2. Isaac (ch. 21-35)
   3. **Jacob (ch. 25-50)**
   4. Joseph (ch. 37-50)

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Jacob's return to the Lord at Bethel

- Jacob and Esau born (Ch. 25)
- Jacob steals the birthright (Ch. 25)
- Jacob and Rebekah steal the blessing (Ch. 27)
- Jacob flees to Paddan-aram to find a wife (Ch 28)
- God meets Jacob on his trip North (Ch. 28)
- Jacob's dream; God's promises (28:10-17)
- Jacob names the place BETHEL and makes a vow to God there (28:18-22)

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Jacob's return to the Lord Bethel

- Jacob Rachel and agrees to marry her (Ch. 29)
- The deceiver gets deceived and ends up with two wives (Ch 29)
- Sons are born to Jacob (Ch 30)
- Jacob bargains with Laban and becomes very wealthy in livestock (Ch. 30)
- God tells Jacob to return to Bethel (31:3-13)
- Jacob deceives Laban and flees (31:20-42)

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Jacob's return to the Lord at Bethel

- Jacob and Laban make a covenant (31:43-44)
- Jacob reunites and reconciles with Esau (Ch. 32)
  - Angles of God meet him (v1-2)
  - Jacob prays for deliverance (v7-12)
  - Jacob wrestles with God (v24-25)
  - God blesses him and changes his name to Israel (v26-28)
- Esau is gracious to Jacob, and departs in peace (Ch. 33)

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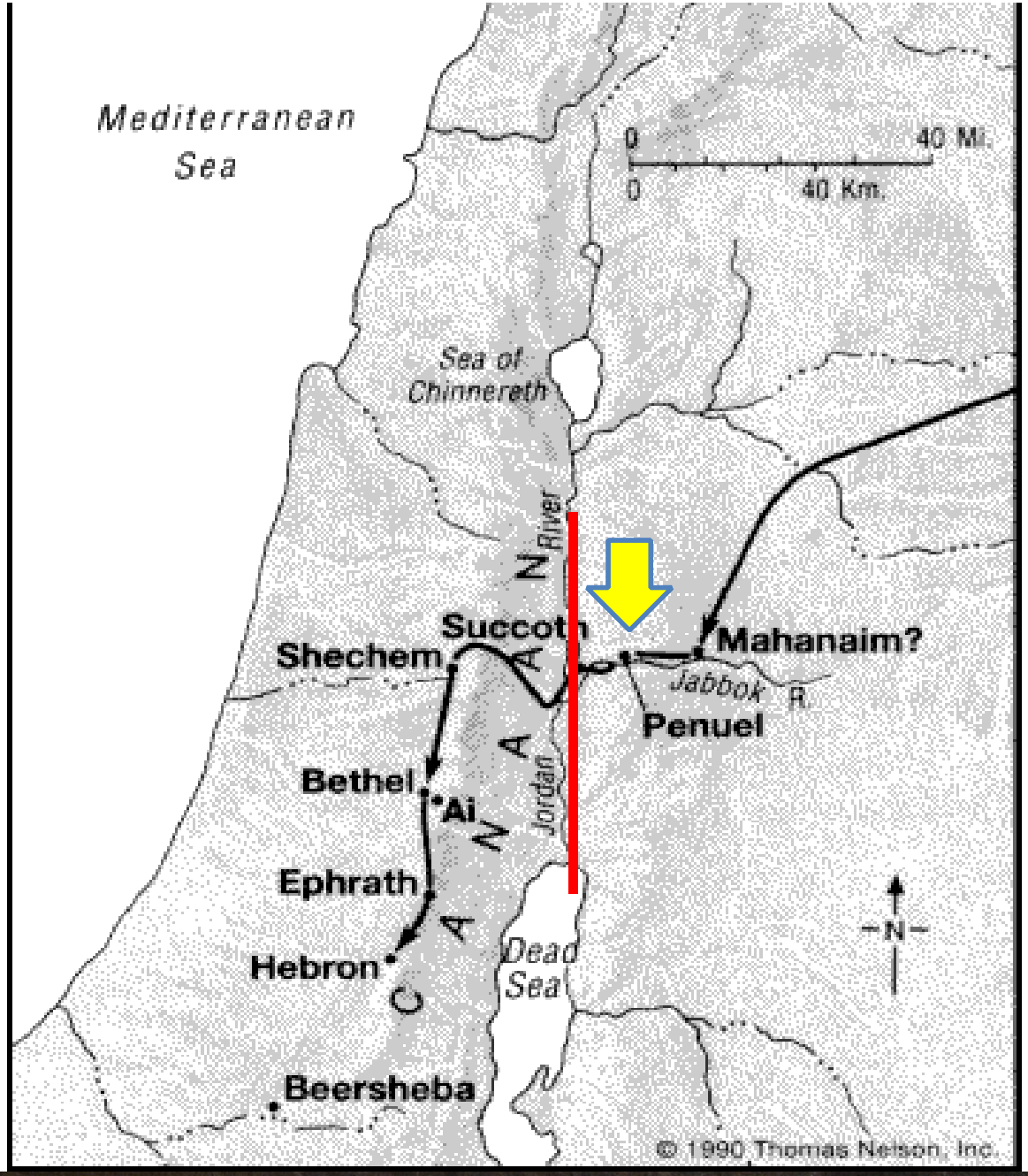
- Jacob builds a house in Succoth (33:17)
- Jacob moves on to Shechem and builds an altar to the Lord there (33:18-20)
- Dinah is defiled (34:1-2)
- Her brothers take revenge (34:7-31)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Jacob's return to the Lord at Bethel

- God again tells Jacob to go to Bethel (v1)
- Jacob puts away foreign gods (v2-4)
- Jacob builds an altar at Bethel (v6-7)
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  - God blesses Jacob (v9)
  - God changes his name to Israel (v10)
  - God reminds Jacob of His promise (v11-12)
- Jacob sets up a pillar as a memorial (v14-15)

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Ezekiel 14:3

"Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and have put right before their faces the stumbling block of their iniquity..."

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1 John 5:21

Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

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- Jacob builds an altar at Bethel (v6-7)

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Luke 4:8

And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'"

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John 4:23-24

"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

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Revelation 4:10 – 11

"the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created."

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Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

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1 John 2:25

And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

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Ephesians 1:13-14

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.*

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- Jacob sets up a pillar as a memorial (v14-15)

Lessons from Genesis 35

- No matter how long it has been, we can always come back to God to receive His blessings.
- Coming to God for blessings often involves an honest evaluation of our spiritual lives and personal purification.
- Regardless of how far we wander from the Lord, He continues to be with us.
- Worship needs to be a central part of our relationship with God.
- When God does amazing things in our lives, it is good to physically commemorate them.