

The Torah Project

Genesis 35b-36

Genesis 35:8

Now **Deborah**, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the oak; it was named *Allon-bacut*.

דברה

(De-vo-rah)

"word"

Def. #1



תבה
(tei-vah)
“ark”
 (“word”)

Two “Devorahs”	Two “arks”
“Devorah” – Rebecca’s nurse	“teivah” – Noah’s ark
“Devorah” – A Judge of Israel	“teivah” – Moses’ basket

Exodus 2:5-7

Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the **teivah** among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it *to her*. When she opened *it*, she saw the child, and behold, *the* boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.” Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?”

מִיִּנְקָה
(mei-ne-ket)
“nurse”

יְיָ = “Shaddai”
טָוּ = “breast”

דברה

(De-vo-rah)

Def. # 2 → "bee"



Honey

Sting

Psalm 19:9-10

The fear Adonai is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of Adonai are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than **honey** and the drippings of the honeycomb.

Psalm 119:103

How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, *sweeter* than **honey** to my mouth!

Abram

אברם



אברהם



Abraham

Isaac

"Laughter"

יצחק



יצחק

Isaac

Yakov

~~יעקב~~



ישראל

Yisrael

(2 words)

~~בן אוני~~

~~**Ben Oni**~~

~~**"Son of my Sorrow"**~~

(1 word)

בנימין

Benyamin

"Son of the Right Hand"

PRINCIPLE: Never name something out of pain.

The Unfinished Verse

(Genesis 35:22)

קָבַרְתָּ רוּחַ עֵדֹה הַיּוֹם וַיִּסַּע יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֵּט אֶהְלֵךְ
מִהַלְאָה לְמִגְדָּל עֵדֹה וַיְהִי בְשֹׁכֵן יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאֶרֶץ
הַהוּא וַיֵּלֶךְ רְאוּבֵן וַיִּשְׁכַּב אֵת בְּלָהָה פִּילַגֶּשׁ אֲבִיו

וַיִּשְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל
וַיְהִי בְּנֵי יַעֲקֹב שְׁנַיִם עָשָׂר בְּנֵי לֵאָה בְּכוֹר יַעֲקֹב
רְאוּבֵן וְשִׁמְעוֹן וְכוּי וַיְהוּדָה וַיִּשְׁשֹׁנָה וְזַבְלוֹן בְּנֵי

Genesis 49:1-7

Then Jacob summoned his sons and said, “Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what will befall you in the days to come. Gather together and hear, O sons of Jacob; and listen to Israel your father. **Reuben**, you are my firstborn; my might and the beginning of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power. Uncontrolled as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father’s bed; then you defiled *it* – he went up to my couch. **Simeon** and **Levi** are brothers; their swords are implements of violence. Let my soul not enter into their council; let not my glory be united with their assembly; because in their anger they slew men, and in their self-will they lamed an ~~ox~~. Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; and their wrath, for it is cruel. I will disperse them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.”
