

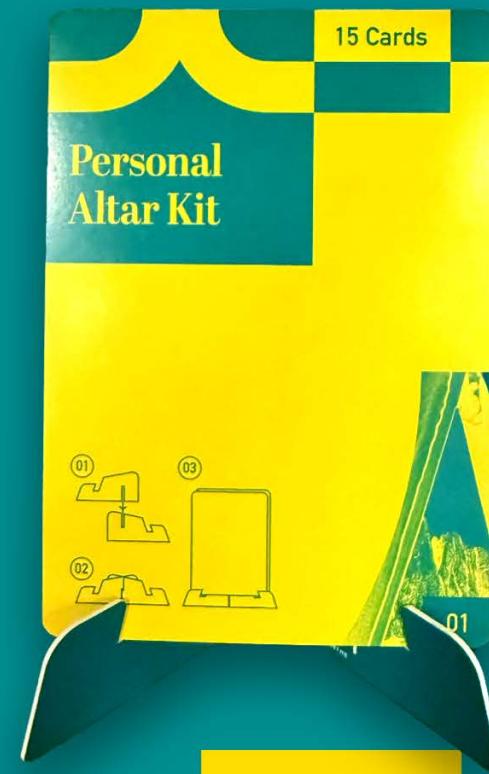


OUR HEART

GOD'S HOUSE



# PERSONAL ALTAR KIT





**GENESIS 35:1-15**



THE ALTAR IS  
A Place of Worship



# Worship is

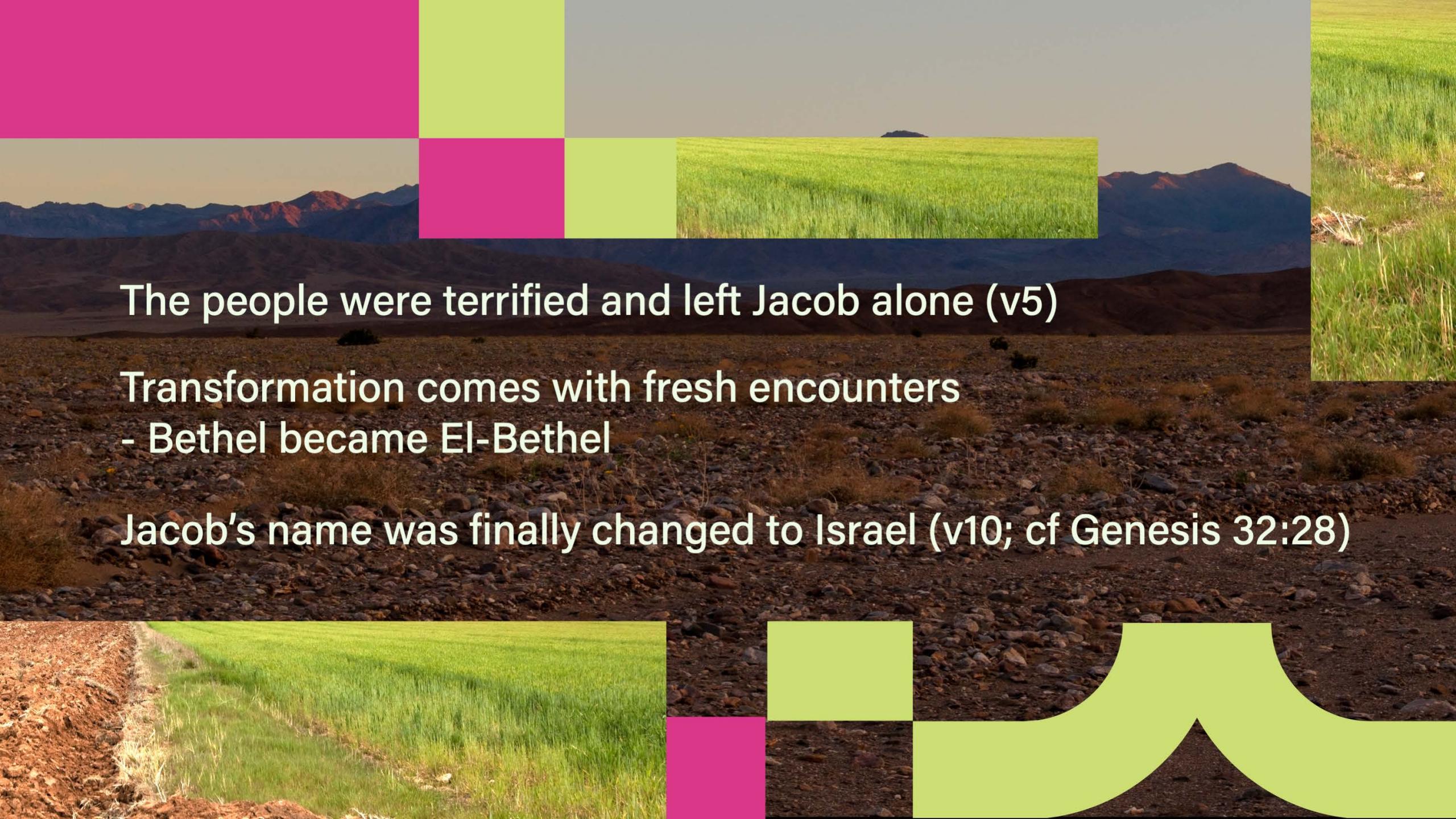
- a place of sanctuary
- a place of remembering
- a place of surrender
- a place of leadership



*Worship is the centrality of our relationship  
with God - the very reason for the altar*



THE ALTAR IS  
A Place of Transformation



The people were terrified and left Jacob alone (v5)

Transformation comes with fresh encounters  
- Bethel became El-Bethel

Jacob's name was finally changed to Israel (v10; cf Genesis 32:28)



The most beautiful part of  
growing in our relationship with God  
is the transformation  
He brings in our lives



# THE ALTAR IS A Place of Covenant



The covenant of God unlocks  
His purposes in our lives (v11)



God's purposes carry His blessings,  
promise, and protection (v12)



*God will fulfill His covenant in our lives  
as we focus on the importance  
of our relationship with Him*



The altar  
is both

Relationship and responsibility  
Passion and duty  
Heart and mind



*Our focus must be God and not the result*

*Our intent must be the pleasure of God*

A landscape photograph of a desert at sunset. The foreground is a rocky, gravelly ground. In the middle ground, there are low, rolling hills. The background features a range of mountains with their peaks bathed in a warm, orange glow from the setting sun. The sky is a clear, pale blue. Overlaid on the left side of the image is a large, stylized graphic element composed of yellow and brown rectangles. It has a vertical column of three rectangles on the left, a large horizontal rectangle in the center, and a semi-circular shape above it, creating a shape reminiscent of a stylized 'E' or a mountain range.

*The danger happens  
when right intent leads to right actions  
but the form slowly takes over*



*Subtle compromises  
lead to continuous neglect,  
ultimately resulting in total abandonment*