

~BOCHIM (36)
(Bo'chim) [Weepers]

- **A site at which Yehowah's angel addressed the Israelites, reproving them for having disregarded Yehowah's warning against entering into relations with the pagan inhabitants of the land. The weeping that thereafter resulted among the people gave the place its name.**
- **Then Yehowah's angel went up from Gilgal to **Bochim** and said; I proceeded to bring you up out of Egypt and to bring you into the land about which I swore to your forefathers. Furthermore, I said; Never shall I break my covenant with you. (**Judges 2:1**)**
- **And for your part, you must not conclude a covenant with the inhabitants of this land. Their altars you should pull down. But you have not listened to my voice. Why have you done this? (**Judges 2:2**)**
- **So I, in turn, have said; I shall not drive them away from before you, and they must become snares to you, and their gods will serve as a lure to you. (**Judges 2:3**)**
- **And it came about that as soon as Yehowah's angel had spoken these words to all the sons of Israel, the people began to raise their voices and weep. (**Judges 2:4**)**
- **Hence they called the name of that place **Bochim**. And they proceeded to sacrifice there to Yehowah. (**Judges 2:5**)**
- **The site is unknown, but the expression went up from Gilgal to **Bochim** would indicate a location West of Gilgal, Gilgal evidently lying in the low valley of the Jordan.**