

~LUZ 1 (61)

[Almond Tree]

- The earlier name of the town of Bethel, evidently given to it by the Canaanite inhabitants. Jacob applied the name Bethel, meaning **House of God**, to the site where he received a dream containing a divine revelation, a place where Abraham had previously camped.
- Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said; Truly Yehowah is in this place and I myself did not know it. (**Genesis 28:16**)
- And he grew fearful and added; How fear-inspiring this place is! This is nothing else but the house of God and this is the gate of the heavens. (**Genesis 28:17**)
- So Jacob got up early in the morning and took the stone that was there as his head supporter and he set it up as a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. (**Genesis 28:18**)
- Further, he called the name of that place Bethel, but the fact is, **Luz** was the city's name formerly. (**Genesis 28:19**)
- Eventually Jacob came to **Luz**, which is in the land of Canaan, that is to say; Bethel, he and all the people who were with him. (**Genesis 35:6**)
- **Luz** is identified with the ruins by the village of **Beitin**, about 17 kilometers (11 miles) North of Jerusalem. It appears that the name Bethel eventually superseded that of **Luz**, at the latest by the time of the Israelite conquest of Canaan.
- Meantime the house of Joseph itself also went up against Bethel, and Yehowah was with them. (**Judges 1:22**)
- Because of the rendering of;
- And it went out from Bethel belonging to **Luz** and passed over to the boundary of the Archites at Ataroth. (**Joshua 16:2**)
- In the **King James Version** and the **Revised Standard Version** which describes Ephraim's boundary as running, from Beth-el to **Luz**, some have assumed that these sites were distinct as separate towns.

- However, other modern translations here read, **Beth-el-luz**, **JP**, **Bethel-luz**, **JB**, **Bethel, that is, Luz**, **AT**, or **Bethel belonging to Luz**. **NW** After (**Judges Chapter 1**) the name **Luz** is no longer used.

See Also BETHEL 1

- The **Hebrew** word **/uz** corresponding to the name of the town is also used at;
- Then Jacob took for his use staffs still moist of the storax tree and of the almond tree and of the plane tree and peeled in them white peeled spots by laying bare white places which were upon the staffs. (**Genesis 30:37**)
- With reference to the almond-tree staffs used by Jacob.