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- A location in Benjamin. As one sign confirming Saul's leadership over Israel, he was to meet and receive a message about his fathers lost she-asses from two men close by the tomb of Rachel in the territory of Benjamin at **Zelzah**.
- Samuel then took the flask of oil and poured it out upon his head and kissed him and said; Is it not because Yehowah has anointed you as a leader over his inheritance? (**1 Samuel 10:1**)
- On your going away from me today you will certainly find two men close by the tomb of Rachel in the territory of Benjamin at **Zelzah**, and they will certainly say to you, The she-asses that you have gone to look for have been found, but now your father has given up the matter of the she-asses and has become anxious about you men, saying; What shall I do about my son? (**1 Samuel 10:2**)
- And it must occur that when these signs come to you, do for yourself what your hand finds possible, because the true God is with you. (**1 Samuel 10:7**)
- The **Greek Septuagint** has been translated to read **leaping mightily** instead of **Zelzah**, though the latter term appears in the **Hebrew Masoretic** text. Rachel was buried at an unknown point on the way from Bethel to Bethlehem.
- Then they pulled away from Bethel. And while there was yet a good stretch of land before coming to Ephrath, Rachel proceeded to give birth, and it was going hard with her in making the delivery. (**Genesis 35:16**)
- But so it was that while she had difficulty in making the delivery the midwife said to her; Do not be afraid, for you will have this son also. (**Genesis 35:17**)
- And the result was that as her soul was going out, because she died, she called his name Benoni, but his father called him Benjamin. (**Genesis 35:18**)

- **Thus Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath, that is to say; Bethlehem. ([Genesis 35:19](#))**
- **Hence Jacob stationed a pillar over her grave. This is the pillar of Rachel's grave down to this day. ([Genesis 35:20](#))**
- **And the site of Zelzah remains undetermined.**