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Gen 2:8 & 3:24	Eastward	Banished. Punished. Removed from proximity to the Tree of Life.
Gen 4:16	Eastward	Leaving the presence of Lord.
Gen 11:1-4	Eastward	Self aggrandisement.
Gen 13:11-12	Eastward	Sodom a mistake.
Gen 24	Eastward	40 yrs deceit, ripped off, mistrust. Limited references to God for 40 years.
Josh 22	Eastward	Stay loyal to God & His ways.

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Gen 11:31-12:2	Westward	Journey of Faith Hebrews 11:8
Gen 12: 6- 8	Westward	Bethel (House of God). Hai (Ruin) east of Bethel.
Joshua 3	Westward	Entered God's land. The Rest.
Exodus	Westward	Most Holy Place. Enter East.
Ezekiel 43: 1-2	Westward	God's Glory comes from the East. Jesus returns through the East gate.

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**Familiar Spiritual Idea and Bible Language**



Light vs Dark

Sheep vs Goats

Good Fruit vs Bad Fruit

Jerusalem vs Babylon

Lamb vs Beast

Zion vs Sinai

Gerizim vs Ebal

Wheat vs Tares

Spirit vs Flesh

Seed of Woman vs Seed of Serpent

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**Spiritual Ideas best understood in People**



Abel vs Cain

True religion vs False  
Religion

Peter vs Judas

Spirit vs Flesh

Samaritan vs Priest

Good neighbour vs Bad neighbour

Person

East vs West



ESV    KJV  
 Genesis   33  
 are with me." But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord." 16 So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. 17 But Jacob journeyed to **Succoth**, and built himself a house and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called **Succoth**.  
 18 And Jacob came safely to the city of **Shechem**, which is in the land of Canaan, on his way from Paddan-aram, and he camped before the city. 19 And from the sons of Hamor, **Shechem**'s father, he bought for a hundred pieces of money the piece of land on which he had pitched his tent. 20 There he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-**Israel**.

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Though we each may be journeying in the right direction in life; it is possible along the way to have periods where the journey is not all consuming / where the journey is shadowed by a foot in each camp / or where we don't fully get to the destination / don't reach Bethel / don't in some way relinquish all, give over and abide in the House of God.

## God's Intervention

Eph 2

12 - 18

Remember that you were at that time **separated** from Christ, **alienated** from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having **no hope** and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have **been brought near by the blood of Christ**. For he himself is our peace, who has **made us both one** and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might **reconcile us both to God** in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and **preached peace** to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both **have access** in one Spirit to the Father.

Bethel

Eph 2

19 - 22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are **fellow citizens** with the saints and members of the **household of God**, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into **a holy temple** in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a **dwelling place for God** by the Spirit.



*“As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.”*



*“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”*

