

# January 21/Day 21

## Genesis 27

### Verses 1-4

- What was wrong with Isaac's eyes in his old age?
- What did Isaac ask Esau to do? Why?

### Verses 5-17

- How did Rebekah know about the conversation between her husband and her son?
- What did she tell Jacob to do?
- Why did Jacob think the plan may not work?
- We always hear about Jacob's deception of Isaac, but name the ways Rebekah deceived him? Be specific. I want you to see what she did by the works of her hands.
- Did Rebekah's behavior show respect for Isaac? Observe Ephesians 5:33, "Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband."

### Verses 18-26

- Was Isaac certain he was talking to Esau?
- Whose name did Jacob evoke when questioned by his father?
- Think back to what God told Rebekah in regard to the two nations in her belly, who would serve whom? So, Jacob was unintentionally correct in what he said about God, though he was being deceitful.
- How did Jacob convince Isaac that he was Esau?

### Verse 27

- Name another way Jacob convinced Isaac he was Esau.

### Verses 28-29

- Name the elements of Isaac's blessing.

### Verses 30-38

- Who came back from hunting the split-second Jacob left Isaac's presence?
- How did Isaac respond when Esau told him who he was?
- How did Esau respond when he heard the blessing had already been given? Do you remember Esau had sold Jacob his birthright, though Esau tells his father Jacob took it away from him? Now he has taken his blessing as well.

- Had Isaac reserved a blessing for Esau?

Verses 39-40

- Note this would have been the curse on Jacob had he not deceived Isaac and taken the blessing.
- Remember this when we get to the Edomites. Esau and Edom are interchangeable.

Verses 41-45

- Bearing a grudge is unforgiveness.
- What did Esau intend to do after Isaac died?
- Where did Rebekah send Jacob? How long should he stay?
- What had Rebekah's deception caused her in regard to her family, her sons?

Verse 46

- Do you know to whom Rebekah is referring in this verse? Remember, Esau had married women from the land and culture in which they lived.
- Her statement is two-fold: So Jacob would find a wife from within the family and also to have an excuse for Jacob's leaving.

## Genesis 28

Verses 1-5

- Besides the blessing of Isaac, whose blessing would Jacob carry with him to his descendants?
- Are you thankful for your ancestors who walked with the LORD?

Verses 6-9

- What word is used in verse 7 to describe Jacob's response to his parent's instruction?
- What did Esau learn about his parent's feelings for his two wives? How did he try to remedy this? Why do you think Esau thought marrying into Ishmael's family would help his situation?

Verses 10-17

- What did Jacob use for a pillow?
- What item appeared in Jacob's dream and what were angels doing on it?
- How did the LORD describe Himself to Jacob? The God of Abraham and the God of Isaac. If he has to introduce Himself, does it seem like he is also the God of Jacob at this point?
- What information does God add for Jacob in regard to the land?
- What does God promise Jacob in regard to him personally?

- Jacob said “Surely the LORD is in this place” and “this is none other than the house of God”. In the passage below we will see he names this place Bethel. Bethel means “House of God”.
- Awesome means “terrifying” or “fearful”.

Verses 18-21

- What did Jacob do with the stone?
- What is confirmed about Jacob’s relationship with the LORD at this point? When would the LORD be his God?
- It seems like Jacob needs to know for sure if God is trustworthy.
- What does Jacob promise to do with all God gives him? Have we seen a tithe before in Genesis? Between whom?

## Genesis 29

Verses 1-3

- How did the sons of the east water their flocks?

Verses 4-8

- Which daughter of Laban was helping with the sheep?

Verses 9-12

- What are we told about Rachel?
- What did Jacob do when he saw Rachel?

Verses 13-14

- How long did Jacob stay with Laban, his uncle?

Verses 15-20

- What two things do we learn about Leah?
- Besides being a shepherdess, what do we learn about Rachel?
- Whom did Jacob love and how long was he willing to work to earn her hand?
- I love verse 20. How does it describe Jacob’s love for Rachel?

Verses 21-30

- There was a wedding feast, but who was with Jacob in the morning?
- Was Jacob happy about this? He says Laban had “deceived” him. What had he, Jacob, done to Isaac and Esau?

- How long did Jacob end up serving Laban for Rachel?

Verses 31-35

- What does this passage say about Leah? Who saw this?
- What did God do in His compassion for Leah?
- What was Rachel's situation? Just like Sarah and Rebekah.
- We see another name for God here, Jehovah Ra'ah, "The LORD my shepherd". The extension of the name means "friend" or "companion".
- What was the name of Jacob's firstborn son? Second-born son? Third? Fourth?
- What happened to Leah after Judah was born?

These are the first of the sons of Jacob, the beginning of the tribes of Israel.

See you tomorrow.