

The Offspring Of Abraham

Genesis 25:1-34

Introduction

I The Account Of Abraham's Final Years

- A. He took another wife named Keturah
 - 1. She bore him **6** sons - Gen 17:3-6
- B. He took care of his children
 - 1. He left **everything** to Isaac - Gen 24:36; Jn 3:35
 - 2. He distributed gifts to his other sons
 - 3. He **sent** the other sons away from Isaac - Gen 21:9-10
- C. He died at the age of 175 - Heb 11:13-16
 - 1. He was buried by his **sons** in the cave of Machpelah
 - 2. God then **blessed** Isaac his son

II The Account Of Ishmael

Towledah = "Generations or family history"

- A. He was the son of Hagar
- B. He had **12** sons - Gen 17:20
- C. He died at the age of 137
- D. His descendants settled in Havilah to Shur
 - 1. They lived in **hostility** toward their brothers - Gen 16:12

III The Account Of Isaac

- A. He was married to Rebekah
- B. He was a man who **trusted** God - Jam 4:2; Ps 113:5-9
 - 1. He **prayed** for his barren wife and God **answered**
 - 2. He was blessed with two sons
- C. Rebekah inquired as to why they **jostled** - James 1:4-5
 - 1. Two **nations** are in your womb - Hos 12:3
 - a. Two people will be separated
 - 2. One will be **stronger** than the other - Rom 9:10-16
 - a. The older will serve the younger

IV The Account Of Esau And Jacob

- A. A description of the sons
 - 1. Esau was:

- a. Red and **hairy**
 - b. A skilled **hunter** - Gen 10:9; Heb 12:16-17
 - c. Loved by his father, Isaac
2. Jacob was:
- a. A **quiet** man - Job 1:8
 - b. A man who stayed among the **tents**
 - c. Loved by his mother, Rebekah
- B. A despising of the birthright
- 1. Esau was **hungry** - Matt 4:1-4
 - 2. Jacob purchased Esau's birthright - Dt 21:17; 1Chr 5:1-2
 - 3. Esau **forfeited** his birthright
 - a. He failed to **trust** the Lord - Is 40:29-31; Ps 34:10
 - b. He sold his birthright
 - c. He **despised** his birthright - Heb 12:16; Eph 1:3-14

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. Think ahead to the day of your death. What would you like to pass on to your children materially? Spiritually? What steps do you need to take now to make that a reality?
2. What kind of person do you envision Esau to be? How do you envision Jacob? Which one are you most like? Which would you want for a son? For a friend? Why?
3. Read James 2:1-13. What's wrong with favoritism? What problems result when we show favoritism in our family?
3. Jacob knew the promises of God, but grew impatient and decided to take matters into his own hands. Is there an area in your life where you have grown impatient and are tempted to "make things happen"? What should you do?
4. What does this story teach you about the sovereignty of God in human history? In the gift of salvation? In your life?
5. Take a few moments to humbly yield your life back to God; your plans, your future, your dreams, your fears. Then take a moment to make Proverbs 3:5-6 a personal prayer of surrender.

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