

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 ___ sons - Gen 17:3-6
- B. He took care of his children
 - 1. He left _____ to Isaac - Gen 24:36; Jn 3:35
 - 2. He distributed gifts to his other sons
 - 3. He _____ 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 _____ in the cave of Machpelah
 - 2. God then _____ Isaac his son

II The Account Of Ishmael

Towledah = "Generations or family history"

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

III The Account Of Isaac

- A. He was married to Rebekah
- B. He was a man who _____ God - Jam 4:2; Ps 113.5-9
 - 1. He _____ for his barren wife and God _____
 - 2. He was blessed with two sons
- C. Rebekah inquired as to why they _____ - James 1:4-5
 - 1. Two _____ are in your womb - Hos 12:3
 - a. Two people will be separated
 - 2. One will be _____ 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 _____
 - b. A skilled _____ - Gen 10:9; Heb 12:16-17
 - c. Loved by his father, Isaac
- 2. Jacob was:
 - a. A _____ man - Job 1:8
 - b. A man who stayed among the _____
 - c. Loved by his mother, Rebekah
- B. A despising of the birthright
 - 1. Esau was _____ - Matt 4:1-4
 - 2. Jacob purchased Esau's birthright - Dt 21:17; 1Chr 5:1-2
 - 3. Esau _____ his birthright
 - a. He failed to _____ the Lord - Is 40:29-31; Ps 34:10
 - b. He sold his birthright
 - c. He _____ 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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