

Journey Through the Bible: A Year of Our Lord

Session 6: The Patriarchs Part II (Jacob and Joseph)

Remember Acts 17:11

Outline of Genesis:

Ch.	Subj.
12-20	Abraham
21-26	Isaac
27-36	Jacob
37-50	Joseph

Ways to Study Your Bible (All Useful):

Archaeological	(Focus on History)
Theological	(Focus on Doctrine)
Comparative	(Examination Between Passages)
Devotional	(Personal)
Observation:	Who, What, When, Where
Interpretation:	Reasons & Implications
Application:	How Does This Impact Me?

Review of Abraham:

- Beneficiary of an Everlasting Covenant (Gen. 12:2-3)
 - o Abraham's Family will Become a Great Nation
 - o Name will be Made Great
 - o He will Be a Blessing
 - o Family Will Bless All Nations (Peoples)
 - o Bless Allies and Curse Enemies
- Lived in Struggle Between His Wisdom & God's
 - o Ishmael (Son of Hagar)
 - Human Wisdom/Works/Doubt (Flesh)
 - o Isaac (Son of Sarah & Husband of Rebekah)
 - God's Wisdom/Grace/Faith (Spirit)
 - Son of Promise who was Also an Offering (Prophetic Foreshadowing)
- Relationship with Melchizedek (Foreshadow of Christ)
- Offering of Isaac as a Testament of Faith (Gen. 22)

The Descendants of Abraham:

(Sarah)	(Hagar)	(Keturah)
Isaac	Ishmael	Zimran
-Esau	-Nebajoth	Jokshan (Saudis)
-Jacob	-Kedar	Medan
	-Adbeel	Midian (Bedouins)
	-Mibsam	Ishbak
	-Dumah	Shuah
	-Massa	
	-Hadar	
	-Tema	
	-Jetur	
	-Naphish	
	-Kedemah	

Jacob (Gen. 25:23):

- Ya'aqob "He that Supplants/Undermines"
- 'aqeb "Heel"
- 'aqob "Deceitful, Sly, Insidious"
- "One Who Grabs the Heel"
- "One Who Trips"
- Covets Esau's Birthright

Esau: (Cf. Romans 9:11-13)

- E-sawv' "Hairy"
- 'e-dOm "Red" (Gen. 25:30)
- Firstborn Son of Isaac
- Had Distain for His Birthright
- Sells His Birthright to Jacob for a Bowl of Lentils
- Holy Blessing Stolen by Jacob through Deceit
- Married into the Ishmaelite & Canaanite Clans (Edomites)

Highlights (Jacob & Esau):

- All Parties are Guilty of Something
 - o Isaac Attempted to Bypass God's Plan by Blessing Esau (Jacob Chosen by God)
 - o Esau Broke His Oath with Jacob
 - o Rebekah & Jacob Obtained Isaac's (God's) Blessing through Deception
 - Resulting in Hatred & Separation
 - Jacob Never Saw Rebekah Again
- Parental Preference Destroyed This Family

Highlights (Cont.)

- Rebekah & Jacob Succeeded Only in Getting What God would have Given Anyway
 - o Alienated Their Loved Ones
 - o Jacob Fled to Face Life Alone
 - o God was Still at Work

Applications:

- Parental Favoritism Divided Loyalties, Destroyed Trust, and Devastated the Family
- Spiritual Insensitivity
 - o Reliance on Own Wisdom in Place of Discerning God’s Will or Waiting on God’s Timing
- Deception
 - o Jacob’s Only Reluctance was His Fear of Being Cursed Instead of Blessed (27:12)
 - o Would Later Learn that Blessings are Given not Taken through Human Trickery

Growing in Grace:

Chapter	Summery
29	Jacob Marries Leah (Deceived by Laban)
30	Jacob Marries Rachael (12 Sons Born)
31	Jacob Escapes Laban & Returns to Canaan
32	Jacob Wrestles and is Renamed Israel
33	Jacob is Reconciled to Esau
34	Dinah Kidnaped / Simeon & Levi vs. Shechem
35	Jacob Returns to Bethel / Rachel Dies in Childbirth (Benjamin) / Reuben Sins Against Jacob and Looses Firstborn Status

Head of Household Succession:

- Heir Apparent (Firstborn) Double Portion of Inheritance and Acts as Legal/Spiritual Head of Family
- Esau Forfeited/Sold Inheritance for Lintel Soup
- Reuben was Disavowed Because of Physical Assault on Bilhah (Jacob’s Concubine)
- Simeon & Levi Disavowed Because of Shechem
- Judah Next in Line
- Joseph Favored as Firstborn of Rachael (Jacob’s Favorite)

Judah & Tamar (Gen. 38):

- Levirate Marriage: Marriage of a Widow to the Next Eldest Brother to Protect & Provide for the Widow and Provide an Heir for the Deceased. (Deut. 25:5-10)
- In Certain Instances, Linked Along with the Tradition of the Goel or “Kinsman Redeemer.” (Cf. Ruth; Rev. 5)

Highlights of Joseph (Gen. 37-50):

- Joseph: Most Favored Son of Israel
 - o Eldest Son of Rachael
 - o Given the “Coat of Many Colors”
 - o Has Dreams of Preeminence Among His Family
 - Dream of the Sheaves
 - Dream of the Sun, Moon, & Stars
 - o Sold into Slavery by His Brothers
 - o Serves and is Imprisoned Falsely by Potiphar
 - o Interprets the Dreams of the Baker and Wine Stewart of Pharaoh
- Rise to Power
 - o Interprets Prophetic Dreams of Pharaoh
 - 7 Fat Cows Devoured by 7 Lean Cows
 - 7 Ripe Heads Devoured by 7 Thin Ones
 - 7 Plentiful Years Followed by Famine
 - o Installed as Prime Minister of Egypt
 - o Famine Brings His Brothers to Beg for Food
 - Keeps Simeon as a Hostage (Benjamin)
 - Reconciles to His Brothers
 - o Israel & Household Migrate to Egypt as Royal Guests
 - o Promoted to Brother of Israel (Children Adopted as Sons of Israel)
 - Ephraim Blessed Over Manasseh
 - o Oversees the Embalming of Israel
 - o Bodies to be Returned to the Promised Land

The Scepter of Israel (Gen. 49:10):

- Refers to National Sovereignty (Enforce Torah)
 - o Marked by the Ability to Carry Out Capital Punishment
- In 6 AD Archelaus was Named 1st Entharch of Judah
- In 7 AD Caponius Becomes Entharch and the Sanhedrin Loses All Legal Authority

Josephus. *The Jewish Wars*. 2:8.

