

(The Patriarchs: Isaac, Jacob and Joseph)

Genesis 25:19 - 52:26

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19-26 Isaac prays for barren Rebekah, she gives birth to twins, Esau [Heb. "hairy"] and Jacob [Heb. "He who takes by the heel, the supplanter"]. Prophecy concerning each of them.

27-28 Their different characters and interests

29-34 Esau, the first born, sells his birthright to Jacob

Genesis 26

1 Because of famine, Isaac moves to Gerar

2-5 The Lord renews to him the promises of Abraham

6-11 Isaac lies concerning Rebekah being his sister and is reproved by the king, Abimelech

12-17 He grows rich and is envied; so is sent away

18-22 Quarrels with locals over wells

23-26 He moves to Beersheba where the Lord appears and renews His promise of blessing. Isaac builds an altar.

27-33 Abimelech makes a covenant with him at Beersheba-"the well of oath"

34-35 Esau marries two Hittite women. It grieves his parents

Genesis 27

1-4 Old and blind, Isaac sends Esau for venison

5-13 Rebekah instructs Jacob how to get his father's blessing

14-29 By disguising himself as Esau, he receives it.

30-40 Esau is very angry and begs Isaac to bless him, yet the blessing given to Jacob still stands

41- Esau threatens Jacob's life

42 Rebekah advises Jacob to flee

Genesis 28

1-5 Isaac blesses Jacob and sends him to Padan-aram for a wife from Bethuel's family, his maternal grandfather.

6-9 Esau marries Mahalath, the daughter of Ishmael

10-22 At Bethel, [Heb. "the house of God"], Jacob has a dream of a ladder to Heaven and God renews to him the promises He made to Abraham and Isaac. Jacob vows to serve Him.

Map 5. The journeys of Isaac

Genesis 29

1-12 At Haran, in Mesopotamia, Jacob meets Rachel at a well

13-20 He agrees with Laban to work seven years for her

21-27 Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Leah

28-30 He marries Rachel and works another 7 years for her

31-35 Leah has 4 sons - Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah

Genesis 30

- 1-8 Envious, Rachel, gives her maid, Bilhah to Jacob. Bilhah bears Dan and Naphtali
- 9-13 Leah gives her maid, Zilpah, to Jacob. Zilpah bears Gad and Asher.
- 14-21 Leah bears Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah
- 22-24 Rachel bears Joseph.
- 25- Jacob desires to depart
- 27-36 Laban offers him a new agreement
- 37-43 Jacob's way of increasing his flock, becomes rich

Genesis 31

- 1-21 Due to the envy of Laban and his sons, Jacob and his household depart secretly. Rachel steals father's household gods
- 22-30 Laban pursues him to Gilead, complains of wrongdoing
- 31-35 Laban searches for images, which Rachel hides.
- 36-42 Jacob, ignorant of the theft, complains to Laban
- 43-55 Laban and Jacob make a covenant at Galeed [Heb. "witness heap"] and Mizpah [Heb. "the watchtower"]. Jacob offers a sacrifice. Laban leaves.

Genesis 32

- 1-2 Jacob has a vision at Mahanaim [Heb. "two camps"]
- 3-6 His message to Esau in the land of Seir, in Edom
- 7-12 Being afraid of Esau, he prays for deliverance
- 13-23 He sends presents ahead of him to Esau and crosses his family over the Brook of Jabbok
- 24-32 Jacob wrestles until daybreak at Peniel [Heb. "the face of God"] with an angel who dislocates his hip. He prevails and gets a new name, Israel [Heb. "a prince of God, the man who prevails with God and sees Him face to face"].

Genesis 33

- 1-15 Jacob meets a welcoming and affectionate Esau
- 16 Esau returns to Seir
- 17 Jacob journeys to Succoth
- 18-20 Jacob moves to Shechem. He builds an altar and calls it El-Elohe-Israel [Heb. "God, the God of Israel"]

Genesis 34

- 1-3 Shechem, son of Hamor, the Hivite, rapes Dinah
- 4-12 Through Hamor, he asks to marry her
- 13-19 Jacob's sons agree on the condition that the Shechemites are circumcised.
- 20-24 Hamor and Shechem persuade the men to do it
- 25-29 Simeon and Levi kill the men and loot Shechem.
- 30-31 Jacob is displeased at their treachery

Genesis 35

- 1-7 God commands Jacob to go to Bethel (Luz). He cleans his house of idols and builds an altar there.
- 8 Deborah, Rebekah's nurse dies at Allon-bacuth [Heb. "oak of weeping"]
- 9-15 God blesses Jacob and renews covenant promises
- 16-20 On route to Ephrath (Bethlehem) Rachel dies after giving birth to Benjamin and is buried
- 21-22 Israel goes to Eder. Reuben defiles Bilhah.
- 22-26 The twelve sons of Jacob. // 1 Chron 2:1-2
- 27 Jacob comes to Isaac at Hebron.
- 28-29 Isaac dies at 108 years and is buried by Jacob and Esau

Map 6: Jacob in Canaan

Genesis 36 // 1 Chron 1:35-54

- 1-19 Sons and grandsons of Esau, 'father of the Edomites' Esau goes to Seir
- 20-30 Descendants of Seir, the Horite.
- 31-39 Kings of Edom
- 40-43 Dukes, descended from Esau, who reigned in Edom

Genesis 37

- 1-4 Joseph is loved by his father but hated by his brothers
- 5-11 He has 2 dreams interpreted as his family bowing to him
- 12-17 He visits his brothers, shepherding in Dothan
- 18-20 His brothers plot to kill him. Reuben plans to save him
- 25-28 The other brothers sell him to Ishmaelite traders.
- 29-35 Jacob, deceived by the coat covered in blood, mourns
- 36 Joseph is sold to Potiphar, captain of Pharaoh's guard in Egypt.

Genesis 38

An episode in Judah's life:

- 1-5 Judah marries a Canaanite who begets Er, Onan and Shelah
- 6-11 Er marries Tamar and dies. Onan refuses to raise seed in his brother's name so Judah promises Shelah to Tamar when he is of age; but does not keep his word.
- 12 Judah's wife dies
- 13-26 Tamar deceives Judah by playing the harlot
- 27-30 From Judah, she bears twins, Perez and Zerah

Genesis 39

- 1-6 In Egypt, Joseph advances to overseer in Potiphar's house
- 7-18 Potiphar's wife solicits him. When he refuses her, she falsely accuses him.
- 19-23 Potiphar throws him into prison where the Lord prospers him and he is put in charge of the prisoners.

Map 7: Joseph's Travels

Genesis 40

- 1-4 The Pharaoh's chief butler and baker are imprisoned
- 5-19 Joseph interprets their dreams, which come true.
- 23 The chief butler is restored but forgets Joseph

Genesis 41

- 1-13 2 years later, the Pharaoh has two dreams
- 14-36 Joseph interprets them and counsels Pharaoh
- 37-45 Pharaoh sets Joseph, now 30 years old, over all Egypt
- 46-49 During 7 years of plenty, he stores grain
- 50-52 He begets Manesseh [Heb."forgetting] and Ephraim [Heb."fruitfulness"]
- 53-57 When the predicted famine begins, Egypt is supplied and people come to Joseph

Genesis 42

- 1-7 Jacob sends his ten sons to Egypt to buy corn
- 8-17 Joseph recognises them but imprisons them as spies.
- 18-23 He releases them on condition they return with Benjamin. 24 He keeps Simeon as a guarantee
- 25-38 They return to Jacob in Canaan with the corn and money.
- 36-38 Jacob will not let them return with Benjamin.

Genesis 43

- 1-15 Hard pressed by the famine, Jacob is forced to allow Benjamin to go to Egypt.
- 16-25 The brothers return. They speak to the steward of their fears. Simeon is returned to them
- 26-34 Joseph, hiding his emotions, makes them a feast

Genesis 44

- 1-5 Joseph hides a silver cup in Benjamin's sack
- 6-13 It is found so they return to Egypt in despair
- 14-17 Joseph says he wants to keep Benjamin as his slave
- 18-34 Judah pleads with him to let Benjamin go because of Jacob's love for him and offers to stay in his place

Genesis 45

- 1-4 Joseph weeps and discloses himself to them
- 5-15 He explains to them God's providence and asks that his father come to Egypt
- 16-24 Pharaoh confirms it and gives land and gifts
- 25-28 Jacob is revived by news of Joseph being alive

Genesis 46

- 1-4 Jacob sets out. At Beersheba, he offers sacrifice and God promises to be with him in Egypt
- 5-7 Jacob with his whole family move to Egypt
- 8-27 Genealogical numbering of his 70 descendants
- 28-30 Joseph meets Jacob in the land of Goshen
- 31-34 He instructs his brothers how to answer Pharaoh

Genesis 47

- 1-12 Joseph presents five of his brothers and father to Pharaoh who allows them to settle in Goshen.
- 13-22 In exchange for food, Joseph gets for Pharaoh the money, livestock and land from all the Egyptians, except the priests
- 23-26 he restores the land to them for a fifth of the produce
- 27-31 The Israelites prosper. Jacob, now 147 years old makes Joseph promise to bury him in the land of his fathers.

Genesis 48

- 1- Joseph, with his two sons visits his dying father who takes them as his own. Jacob blesses them, preferring Ephraim, the younger, to Manasseh, the firstborn. He prophesies their return to Canaan and gives Joseph one portion more than his brothers.

Genesis 49

- 1-27 Jacob calls his sons to him to bless them or prophesy over them each one in a particular way.
- 29-33 He tells them to bury him with his fathers in the cave of Machpelah and dies

Genesis 50

- 1-14 Joseph mourns, arranges to take the body to Canaan. He mourns at the threshing floor of Atad and buries Jacob in the cave of Machpelah.
- 15-21 Joseph reassures his brothers who ask his pardon for the past. Joseph interprets the past events as God's preparation for his being set in place to be the deliverer of his family.
- 22-26 Joseph lives to see his third generation. He prophesies his brothers' return to Canaan and has them swear to take his bones. He dies.

SOME NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES TO:

Destiny of persons is as God says

Demonstrated by the two boys in the same womb Ge 25.23. Paul shows that it all depends on God, who states how it shall be Ro.9.12

Abrahamic covenant

Peter reminds the Jews of Jerusalem [Ac 3.25] that it is they who are the sons of the covenant [Ge 26.4] and encourages to claim their heritage through the work of Jesus the Messiah.

Jacob re-iterates the promise God gave him through Abraham [Ge 48.4] as

Stephen states Ac 7.5