

BOOK OF GENESIS

GENESIS 25:19-34

VERSES 19-21	ADDED TEXTUAL NOTES, QUESTIONS, OTHER
<p>¹⁹This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac.</p> <p>Abraham became the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.</p> <p>²¹Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant.</p>	<p>V. 21 – This sounds familiar! Where have we heard this before?</p> <p>V. 21-22 – What is different in this scene than from the past, familiar scene?</p>
VERSES 22-23	
<p>²²The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.</p> <p>²³The Lord said to her,</p> <p>"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."</p>	<p>V. 22 – Communicates the heart angst that leads to competitive side effects since the Fall.</p> <p>V. 23 – God declares a blessing – what is it and who is it for? What theme does this follow?</p>
VERSES 24-28	
<p>²⁴When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. ²⁵The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him</p>	<p>Vv. 12-18 – Why record this generational narrative?</p>

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<p>Esau. ²⁶ After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.</p> <p>²⁷ The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. ²⁸ Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.</p>	<p>V. 26 – grasping Esau's heel...what does this sound like?</p> <p>V. 28 – How does Isaac represent Abraham's failures dating all the way back to Adam's failure? Rebekah will have her moment that shares in a lineage of failure later in Gen. 27!</p>
<p>VERSES 29-34</p>	
<p>²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. ³⁰ He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.)</p> <p>³¹ Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."</p> <p>³² "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"</p> <p>³³ But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.</p>	<p>V. 31 – Jacob, the chosen/blessed one, uses deceit to achieve something. However, its folly. Why? Think back to previous stories of the blessed one (including Adam and Eve).</p>

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³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.

So Esau despised his birthright.

V. 34 – What is Esau’s sin? How does it reflect his father?