

## Week 2

### VII. The Account of Terah: Continued: 11:27-25:11

#### A. Day 8: Chapters 22-24

1. Abraham's Faith is Tested: Final Exam: 22
  - a. Abraham's faith is tested: 22:1-12: the promised seed is jeopardized
  - b. Abraham's faith is confirmed: 22:13-19
  - c. Bridge: dividing major sections of Abraham's life: 22:20-24
2. Parting Shots from Abraham: his wife's death: 23
  - a. Honoring his wife
  - b. Securing the land: Owning land in Canaan: the land of promise is where Abraham's ancestors will reside, not the land of his ancestors
3. Parting Shots from Abraham: 24
  - a. Honoring his son: 24:1-4: taking care of the Promised seed
  - b. Honoring God: 24:5-9: promising to keep Isaac in the future Promised Land
  - c. God's Providential Guiding: 24:9-27: Rebekah just happened to show up When she did and be from the right family
  - d. God's Success: 24:28-61
  - e. God's Union: 24:62-67

#### B. Day 9: Chapters 25-27

1. Abraham's Final Days: 25:1-11
  - a. The birth of nations: 25:1-4
  - b. The blessing of Isaac: the Promised seed: 25:5-6
  - c. The burial: 25:7-11

### VIII. The Account of Ishmael: 25:12-18

2. God keeps his word: see 17:20
  - a. God is faithful to Ishmael
  - b. The focus will now return to Isaac

### IX. The Account of Isaac: 25:19-35:29

1. Isaac's family life: 25:19
  - a. Two sons are born: Jacob and Esau are introduced. Which brother will carry on the Promised seed? 25:19-26
  - b. Jacob Securing the Promise: 25:27-34
2. Like Father, Like Son: 26
  - a. Isaac believed God's promises: 26:1-6
  - b. Isaac's faith was not always strong: resorted to deception: 26:7-11
  - c. God prospered Isaac, like he did Abraham: 26:12-15
  - d. Isaac had disputes over land: Abraham and Lot: 26:16-22
  - e. Isaac worshipped like his father: 26:23-25
  - f. Isaac makes peace with his neighbors: 26:26-33
  - g. Trouble is foreshadowed through Esau's choices: 26:34
3. Fulfilling the Prophecy of 25:23: 27: look what God used
  - a. An old man's failing eyesight and desires: 27:1-4
  - b. A conspiracy from a mother and a child: 27:5-17

- c. Jacob secures the blessing: 27:18-29
- d. Isaac is horrified and Esau is enraged: 27:30-40
  - i. This passage is a little disturbing, two points of clarification
  - ii. Remember Esau willingly forfeited the blessing in the last chapter
  - iii. Scripture is not condoning deception, the passage is informing the reader how Jacob became the recipient of the blessing instead of Esau
  - iv. The stress is seen in God bringing his promise to pass, regardless of the behavior of the twins (Jacob and Esau)
- e. Will God be able to fulfill his promise in spite of Esau's outrage? 27:41-46

### **C. Day 10: Chapters 28-30**

- 1. Jacob is forced out of the land: 27:41-33:17: Will he ever get back alive?
  - a. Jacob the Fugitive: 28:1-5
  - b. Esau's rebellion against his parents: 28:6-9
  - c. Jacob is the recipient of God's promise of protection and provision: 28:10-22
  - d. Jacob is obedient to his parents: see 28:2: marrying one of Laban's daughters/ this story mirrors the Rebekah story: 29: 1-14
  - e. Jacob is deceived: 29:15-25
  - f. Jacob has two wives: 29:26-30
  - g. Jacob's Children: this is where the 12 tribes would emerge, God is keeping his promise of forming a great nation
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> four from Leah: 29:31-35: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah
    - ii. Next 2: (30:1-9) Rachel's maid: Dan, Naphtali,
    - iii. Next 2:(30:10-13): Leah's maid Zilpah: Gad, Asher
    - iv. Next 2: (30:14-21): Issachar and Zebulun
    - v. Last one of chapter 30:22-24: Rachel's own son: Joseph: remember Benjamin is born later: 11 sons are now alive
    - vi. Remember God is not condoning all of this wife swapping: the author is informing the reader that God will keep his promise in spite of all human failure
  - h. God continues to bless Jacob: 30:25-43

### **D. Day 11: Chapters 31-33**

- 2. Going home: 31-33:17
  - a. Jacob is a fugitive again: a new set of enemies: 31:1-2
  - b. Jacob is instructed by God to go home: 31:3
  - c. Jacob begins to move: 31:4-21
  - d. Jacob's adversity on the journey: 31:22-42: Laban's gods were impotent, Jacob's God was alive
  - e. Jacob's peace with his father-in-law: 31:43-55
  - f. Jacob's fear concerning Esau: 32: 1-8
  - g. Jacob's prayer for protection: 32:9-12
  - h. Jacob's diplomacy: 32:13-21
  - i. Jacob's encounter with God: 32:22-32: Jacob is transformed by God, his name is changed to Israel
  - j. Jacob's peaceful encounter with Esau: 33:1-17

### **E. Day 12: Chapters 34-36**

3. Jacob is back in the land after a 20 year absence and much adversity: 33:18-35
  - a. A new start: 33:18-20
  - b. Their safety in the land is jeopardized: 34
    - i. The danger of intermarriage: 34:1-23
    - ii. The danger of deceit: 34:24-29
    - iii. The danger from Jacob's neighbors: 34:30-31
  - c. Transition to Bethel: 35
    - i. Instruction: 35:1
    - ii. Consecration: 35:2-8
    - iii. Confirmation: 35:9-15
  - d. Two funerals: 35:16-29
    - i. The death of Rachel: 35:16-20
    - ii. The disgrace of Ruben: 35:21-22
    - iii. The descendants of Jacob: 35:23-26
    - iv. The death of Isaac: 35:27-29

### **X. The Account of Esau: 36:1-37:1**

1. Esau's dwelling place: 36:1-8
2. Esau's descendants: 36:9-19
3. The nation of Edom: prelude to trouble for Jacob's descendants:
4. Summary: Jacob is in Canaan and Esau is in Sier: 37:1

### **XI. The Account of Jacob: 37:2-50:26: the big question: How did Israel end up in Egypt? We will see the hand of God in the preservation of his people**

#### **F. Day 13: Chapters 37-39**

1. God's Plan is Revealed to Joseph: 37:2-11: all of Jacob's family will come bow down before Joseph
2. Joseph's providential path to Egypt: Joseph arrives in Egypt via his brothers hatred of him: 37:12-36
3. God overrides the disobedience of Judah and preserves his line through the actions of Tamar: 38: Judah, Perez, and Jesus: all royal descendants of Judah
4. Joseph's providential path to prominence: 39:1-6/ v. 3
5. Joseph's providential path to prison: 39:6b-23/ v. 21

#### **G. Day 14: Chapters 40-42**

1. Joseph's providential interpretation of dreams in prison: 40: Joseph is forgotten
2. Joseph's providential release from prison: 41
  - a. Joseph is remembered by the cup bearer: 41:1-13
  - b. Joseph is enabled to interpret the dream: 41:14-36
  - c. Joseph is promoted by Pharaoh: 41:37-46
  - d. Joseph is an amazing success: 41:47-57
3. Joseph's providential reunion with his brothers: 42
  - a. Joseph's dream is partially fulfilled: 42:1-7: the brothers bowed before him
  - b. Joseph's desire to see Benjamin: 42:8-28
  - c. Jacob's reluctance to send Benjamin: 42:29-38