

Day 16

- Okay, so we will pick up from where we left off yesterday in Genesis 25, 26, and 27 to start. I hope you had time to look up the scriptures I had on the hard copy of yesterday's post, digging into the scriptures for yourself with Holy Spirit.
 - Here we go — Put on your goggles because this gets even deeper!
 - Rebecca loved Jacob more than Esau. Why? — When the two were in the womb, they were always wrestling with each other. Rebecca inquired of the LORD why the babies struggled within her — (in short), He told her the younger would rule over the older. (Genesis 25 & 26). She realized God had marked Jacob's life.
 - In Genesis 27, we read that Rebecca made clothes for Jacob from two young goat hides and used the meat to make Isaac's favorite stew that Esau usually made for him with wild game when he would return from a hunt. She was aware that her husband was getting close to death and was about to bless his oldest son, Esau, with his inheritance blessing, which would include full dominion over all that Isaac owned. (Genesis 27).
 - Dressing Jacob up in the goat hide and giving him the stew she had made, she sent Jacob to his father to ask for the blessing. Isaac was blind or nearly so, and although the voice sounded like Jacob, the hide felt like Esau. After bidding his son to come closer to him, Isaac smelled the smell of Esau, for Jacob was wearing his clothes. In that moment, Isaac pronounced the blessing over his son. (Genesis 27).
 - So, Jacob, being the second of twin sons, received the birthright and the inheritance blessing from his father. Jacob tricked Esau into giving him the birthright, then with the help of his mother, tricked Isaac into giving him the blessing. In this MOMENT in history, we can see what happened in the Garden of Eden between Adam and Satan.

- Now, we may really have to open our spiritual eyes for this one —
 - Because Esau lost everything, he hated his brother Jacob — So, Rebecca sent Jacob away, not only to protect him but for him to find a wife among his own people. If Jacob had stayed, he would have been murdered by his brother — just as Cain killed Abel (which is the first murder to happen on the earth). I see God's redemption plan in that for sure. God had a plan for Jacob, so He saved him from his brother.
 - When Jacob was on his way to his uncle's to find a wife from his uncle's family, he had a mighty encounter with God. In that moment, He vowed that the LORD shall be his God — and he vowed to give God a tenth of all his future blessing from the LORD. (Telling us that Jacob understood about tithes and offerings).
 - Okay, it gets deeper — I told you God is REALLY intricate.
 - After Cain killed Abel, Adam and Eve were given a third Son (notice the 3 — God's number) — Their son Seth's name means — appointed, compensation, anointed. (Genesis 4).
 - In Genesis 35, God told Jacob to gather his family and possessions and return to the land God had promised to his grandfather Abraham, where his brother Esau lived. — So like Abraham, Jacob made the journey out of the "wilderness" into the promised land (sound familiar — Israelites coming out of Egypt, led by Moses to the promised land). Talk about history repeating itself — or, actually, God continually showing us His

perfect plan of redemption coming, restoring our birthright AND our inheritance. Remember, in everything God does, He is trying to convey a message to His children, but we have to tune into His frequency to not miss those messages.

- It was during Jacobs return to the land promised to his grandfather Abraham, in the very place God met with him before, that Jacob named Bethel, that God met with Jacob again, changing his name to Israel and blessing him with the same promise God had spoken over Abraham. Now, it may seem a stretch for us to think that God would use one man to show us the deception and theft of Satan over Adam — in Jacob over Esau, and then use that same man, change his name, and now use him to represent the promise to come through Jesus Christ.
 - But — isn't that what Jesus did for us? He died for all mankind, for all time, to be the redemption of the world — to give us the incredible gift and opportunity to come from death to life in Jesus Christ. That's why the Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."
 - Was Jacob honest in his dealings with his brother? No, but God saw the destiny He had spoken over Jacob before he was placed in Rebecca's womb, and in looking through that destiny, God called Jacob to him — Jacob, hearing God's call, had his destiny stirred up inside of him, and he answered God. In that moment, God, changing Jacob's name to Israel was prophesying down Israel's line, every nation that would come forth, the rising of those within the tribe of Judah, that would represent the birth lineage of Mary, who would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.
 - Jacob represents the coming of Jesus, the Last Adam, who redeemed the birthright and the inheritance blessing of dominion over all His Father God has authority and dominion over, which is everything.
 - From Jacob's SEED, the Christ child was born. It was there for all of mankind to see the whole time before Messiah came, yet Satan never discovered the code. How do we know? Because if he had discovered the seed planted for the coming of Messiah was Jacob, Satan would have killed him, or at least tried to.
 - Satan wasn't aware that through the Last Adam would come full redemption of not only the lost but of the loss of the Birthright and Inheritance blessing for all mankind that the first Adam sold to Satan Himself. Through Jacob gaining his brother's birthright and inheritance, God was showing us what was to come. Satan would lose what he stole, and Jesus would redeem it all!
 - This is why when Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, he first tempted him with food - a carnal fleshly desire. Jesus answered back, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4.
 - Jacob means supplanter; someone who seizes, circumvents, or usurps — does that sound like what Satan did with Adam?
 - Israel means, you wrestled with God and man; God contends. Jacob wrestled with his brother Esau in the womb, and later wrestled with God. "Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day." Genesis 32:24. "And He [the Man] said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with man, and have prevailed." Genesis 32:28.

- So, the metamorphosis of Jacob to Israel represents man going from death to life in Christ Jesus...and so much more.
- Until next time, be blessed and encouraged. Keep digging into scripture for yourself, and keep growing closer to God, talking to Him, listening, and setting your eyes on Him only.