

Recap from last weeks Bible study: Jacob and (69)
his mother Rebekah swindle the Birthrite away from
Esau. Isaac is set on giving the birthrite to Esau
even though God specifically said it would not be so.
All lacked faith! Rebekah and Jacob because Esau was
told that when he came back from hunting that Isaac
would give him the birthrite blessing and they knew
time was short and figured God could not pull it off
in that short of a time so they needed to act, and quickly.
Isaac lacked faith because God had made it crystal
clear that Jacob would be the blessed one, not Esau.

Genesis 27:30-36 Esau walks in right after the blessing
and is fuming! But not because of the spiritual blessing
that he missed but rather the "double portion" part of the
blessing, which, by the way, he gave away for a bowl of stew.
Both Esau and Isaac realize that they have been conned.
verse 33 says, "that Isaac trembled exceedingly". I believe
that this was the moment that he realized that all things
did end up as God had said they would. **THIS IS THE SAME
TREMBLING THAT NON-BELIEVERS WILL HAVE ETERNALLY**
It is the realization that God controls all things, even to the
minutest detail, and that all our pride, scheming, planning,
and manipulations will all be a waste of time if God does
not want it that way!

Genesis 27:37-38: Esau wept because of the prominent
status and financial gain that was lost. Only!

Genesis 27:39-40: Isaac proclaims what will become of
Esau: he will dwell in a land of plenty, he will be a warrior
(by the sword you shall live), and he will be ruled by his
brother Jacob. But when the time is right he will separate
from Jacob and be far off from his rule over him. Remember
that Esau's lineage would lead to the Muslim nation and
that he married Judith and Basemath both Hittite
women from the Caanomite peoples. - Scripture had just told
us (in Genesis 26:35) that this did not please Isaac and
Rebekah! (Nor God for that matter).

Genesis 27: 41 This is the exact same hatred that Cain had for Abel! Both Abel, and now Jacob, were 70 blessed by God because of their past, present, and future faith! And likewise both Abel and Esau both fell out of grace because of their past, present, and future lacks of faith!

Esau's hatred for Jacob is so strong that he tells himself, "Once Isaac my father has passed away, I will hunt down Jacob and kill him."

Genesis 27: 42-46 Rebekah tells Jacob to flee to her brother's house for a few days, until Esau has cooled down. Again, lack of faith. Furthermore, she plans to let Jacob stay in that area so that he might find a wife from there and not intermingle, and marry, false god worshipping wives like Esau did. She recognized however, to her credit, that had Jacob also married Canaanite women her having been mother to both of her sons would have been worthless.

Again, keeping God out of the planning! She probably thought that since that is how God led Abraham to send someone to find her would now work again for Jacob. But we must be very careful not to assume that since God did a miracle in one specific way that that is the way He always does it. God rarely repeats miracles, He often delivers miracles in new and miraculous ways!

Also, she said, "lest I lose both sons". Well in a way she did! Her and Jacob's deception led to this boiling pot. The result! Jacob would indeed be lost to her for a couple of decades because he went to her brother Laban's house for a "few days".

Genesis 28: 1-5 Isaac agrees to the plan. He blesses Jacob and sends him back to the household of Rebekah and the relatives of his father Abraham to seek a bride from there so as not to marry Canaanite women as his brother did. Isaac also prays that the blessing of becoming a "great nation through whom all nations shall

be blessed (the Image of the Messiah) will also (71) be given to Jacob. As it was given to Abraham, then to Isaac upon Abrahams death.

Genesis 28: 6-9 (Esau's true character is revealed)

Esau sees that Isaac and Rebekah have sent Jacob to get a wife from Abrahams decendants so.. that he does not marry wives that don't serve the same God as they did like Esau did. So to further disrespect his parents, again, he marrys the daughter of Ishmael! He did this out of spite! Again, God foresaw that Ishmael and Esau would be without any faith continually. God gave them the exact same opportunities to living a faith filled life that He gave Isaac and Jacob! The only difference is that two accepted, and two rejected. We all are either predestined to salvation by continued faith or predestined to being forever lost by continued lack of faith. We have the choice, God sees what we chose!

(And that is why God left us here on earth after we confessed Jesus Christ as Lord. It was that so our physical and verbal testimony of what Jesus did in us that will have many looking towards accepting and running from rejecting.)

Genesis 28: 10-15 The ladder is known as Jacobs ladder and here is my opinion on the significance of this vision.

① I believe it is both a promise to Jacob in that the Lord blesses Jacob from it with the Patriarchal blessing that He gave Abraham and Isaac before him. But also that God gave Israel as a nation, because out of Israel (Jacob's latter name) the Messiah would truly come. Also, the nation of Israel was present in the promised land, dispersed for 1878 years (70 A.D. - 1948), and then returned to, gathered to, it again by God.

② Verse 15, I believe (my opinion) also is two fold. One to Jacob where it says, "behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you. (both to Jacob and to the Irealites after the Exodus and finally when He sits on His throne in the Millenium.

which means He will never leave Jacob, Israel, or (72) you and I. I say never because here the Lord says, "until I have done what I have spoken to you"; And that is not done until the end of the Millennium, at which time The New Heaven and the New Earth descends and there will be no more Israel, promised land, or Gentiles. It will be a new eternal relationship based on mutual Agape Love. ③ I believe the ladder also represents what God the Father lost in the Garden. Due to our father falling we too were cast out of the presence of God. I believe this ladder also represents God's heartache of having to send angels, and even His Son, down to us. This ladder will become obsolete after the rapture and extinct after the Millennium.

Genesis 28:16-17 Jacob realized that the promised land was much more than real estate. It was Holy Ground.

Genesis 28:18-22 In the morning Jacob took the stone that he rested on and set it up as a marker (alter) to God and named that place Bethel (means "House of God" in Hebrew). Jacob then makes an oath to God, of thanksgiving. It sounds like an "If God will, then I will" statement but it is not. It more a statement like, "I am so grateful that God is going to bless my coming and my going, so from now on I am going to honor Him with the first tenth of all that I receive from Him.

Of course tithing does not come until 500 years later after the Exodus.

Abraham, several decades earlier did the same thing when he honored Melchizedek with a tenth of his riches. And we noted that Melchizedek had many features of being diety, if not actual Diety.

None the less, both Abraham and Jacob tithed with the intent of a "thank you". Thank you for what you have done, what you are doing now, and especially thank you for what has not yet happened. They walked by faith and not by sight!