

Genesis 25: 1-6 (Abraham remarries!)

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Abraham remarried after Sarah's death although nowhere

does it say that he loved her or that she replaced Sarah.

The name Keturah suggests that she might have been of Egyptian descent. Verse 6 says, "But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines,..." and verse 5 had said that Abraham gave everything (the inheritance) to Isaac leading me to conclude that his partners were more concubine in nature. Yes, he did give gifts to his numerous children but that is it. Scripture also says that Abraham sent the offspring away to the east. Why? So that they would not mingle with, or prosper with his son Isaac. Indeed these sons would become fathers of many Arab tribes.

Most note worthy truth of verses 1-6 is that when God does something He does it right! (see printout on what Abraham was like before God intervened). Now after God's intervention he was vigorous and full of stamina! I would even venture to say that he did not look like he was a day over 50. The same goes for Sarah, who at 89 still attracted the Pharaoh (in chapter 20).

Genesis 25: 7-8 Abraham lived a total of 175 years. 75 years after Isaac was born. Jacob and Esau were 15 years old.

Genesis 25: 9-11 Despite the rough years behind them, Isaac and Ishmael buried their father together. By Sarah. Notice that Isaac is not (fully) blessed by God until Abraham passes away. We were not fully blessed by God, nor those waiting patiently in Paradise, until Jesus passed away. Our right to be heirs happened at the cross.

Genesis 25:12-18 The inclusion of Ishmael's first (62) generation genealogy indicates God's blessing on Hagar and

Ishmael as promised to Abraham. Again, we have to assume that Hagar, and Ishmael, were righteous through their journey with Abraham and his God. But of course the future generations would persecute the Jew, and of course the Christians. Their bases would be founded on the fact that the Scriptures called Ishmael's sons the 12 princes. Obviously, Satan used 12 princes as his counterfeit 12 tribes of Israel (Gen 25:16). And since Ishmael was physically born first the muslim nations point to him as the heir to Abraham (by passing God saying that Ishmael would not be the heir but rather Isaac who is the "one and only son"). Ishmael's genealogy ends here.

Genesis 25:19-26 Now Scripture gives us Isaac's genealogy and it will continue through the Bible till we get to Jesus' birth, at which time all genealogies will stop.

verse 21 tells us that Rebekah too was barren. At least until Isaac prayed about it. Later we will find Rachael not able to conceive. I don't know why that is but there must be a reason. verse 23 tells us that two nations were in Rebekah's womb. Again, pointing to a nation of God's people and a nation contrary, or enemies, of God's people. (see Printout Romans 9:10-13). verse 26 Indeed describes Jacob to a tee! Heel catcher means "deceiver", "heel catcher", "one who trips another up"... (we will see that play out often in Jacob's life, but we will also see how his steadfast, unending, love for the LORD will make him receive a blessing from the LORD after he wrestles with Him all night long!

Genesis 25: 27-28 We love our children the same. 63
Yes, they always are different but that is what makes

them unique. That is why I would like to change the word "loved" to the phrase, "saw something special in". Isaac was drawn to Esau's hunter instinct and Rebekah was drawn to Jacob who was probably a "momma's boy". Never-the-less God has made clear that Jacob will rule over Esau (Again, we have to keep the lineage of Jesus in mind). NOTICE VERSE 29 IS ~ 20 YEARS LATER.

Genesis 25: 29-34 As we just discovered, God in His foreknowledge knew that Esau would turn out as Esau turned out, It was not because of his upbringing for his twin had the same upbringing.

Note two indicators are arising here: 1. Jacob is using his brothers being hungry to swindle him out of his birthright (heel catcher) and 2. Esau has no regard for the spiritual blessing that comes with being the firstborn and probably figures that he'll get the financial birthright double portion regardless of his oath. Verse 34 speaks to that; "Thus Esau despised his birthright. Also, if Esau were truly dying then the righteous side of Jacob would have gladly given him stew.

Genesis 26: 1-5 (Biblical deja vu): The famine has come to the land again and Isaac is thinking about heading down to Egypt to get food supplies but God tells him not to go down to Egypt. He tells him to stay in Gerar and He says, "I will be with you and bless you". Then God passes on the blessing that He gave Abraham when He said, "... for you and your descendants I give all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed. All the nations indicates

that the Messiah will stem from Isaac's descendants. (see printout)
The Biblical lineage also negates any other possible Messiah! ←

Genesis 26:6-11 (The apple doesn't fall far from the tree): (64)
Here we see the righteous Isaac lying about his wife

being his sister, just like his father did. This is called generational sin. And God says that generational sin is hard to overcome: (here specifically as it applies to idol worship, but the same for sinful habits): Deuteronomy 5:9-10: "you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the Fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments." This Scripture points to those that hate, and respectively love, God. That is not the case here. Here we have Generational sin, or D.N.A. sin. Here Isaac too forgot that God said He would bless him. And if God blesses him and promises to bless his offspring then why would he too worry about someone taking his wife? The best cure for Generational sin is faith. And the definition of faith is taking God at His word!

Genesis 26:12-18 Isaac, after being rebuked by the same Abimelech from the valley of Gerar that also rebuked his father for doing the same thing, starts to work the land. And just as the Lord had promised he prospered, so much so that his crop yielded a "hundred fold". Again, God told him not to go down to Egypt but to settle in Gerar and that He would bless him there, and He did! So much so that Abimelech told him to leave. So he settles in the valley of the Gerar region and notices that all the wells his father had dug were backfilled and no longer useable. Isaac digs new wells in the same place and names them the same as his father did to honor the Lord.