

# Genesis 25-26 - Lesson 35

## Isaac's Covenant and Blessing

### 1. 25:1-18 - Prophecy Fulfilled

- a. God fulfills his words of promise: Gen 15:15, 16:12, 17:4, 17:20
- b. Ishmael is not shamed, but is blessed as God had promised
- c. *"the generations of"* - shows up twice in this chapter: Ishmael and Isaac
- d. *"gathered unto his people"* - his people were still alive after death (ref. Lk 16:22)

### 2. 25:19-24 - The Prophecy of the Twins

- a. Rebekah barren after 20 yrs. Again, God must intervene to fulfill his purpose
- b. It was a struggle from the beginning, and it continues through their life.
- c. *"elder shall serve the younger"* - God chose Jacob, but did not hate Esau here
- d. Romans 9:6-13 teaches God's purpose being by his choice, not our works.
- e. *"being not yet born"* - before they did good, or evil (evil is recorded for both)
- f. Esau was not hated until Mal 1:2-3, Obadiah 10-16 explains why

### 3. 25:25-34 - Esau Despises His Birthright

- a. *"cunning hunter"* is not a favorable description - Gen 10:9, 27:40 (also Gen 4:2)
  - i. Assoc. with the hunter is the thrill, power, and prestige of the world - 25:34
- b. Isaac loved Esau because of... food? (carnal) What about the prophecy? (spiritual)
- c. *"at the point to die... what profit?"* - spiritual headship, double portion, blessing?
- d. Don't be as profane to despise your birthright - Heb 12:16-27, 2 Tim 2:15-16

### 4. 26:1-5 - Covenant with Isaac

- a. The first famine we read in nearly 100 years, God prevents Isaac from leaving
- b. God gives the covenant to Isaac. There are commandments, statutes, and laws.
- c. *"because..."* - is referring to Genesis 22:18 where Abraham was tested and obeyed

### 5. 26:6-25 - Isaac Blessed

- a. Isaac and Rebekah repeat what their parents did, because of the pagan culture
- b. Isaac is blessed by God, and does not find peace until he finds the right place
- c. 26:24-25 - God speaks to him again after he separates from the world, but stays in God's promised land

### 6. 26:26-35 - Oath with Abimelech

- a. The world comes to be blessed of Isaac after he separates from it
- b. The nations surrounding Isaac recognize him as God's man
- c. *"he called their names after the names"* - Beersheba twice is not a mistake - Gen 21:31
- d. Esau marries outside the covenant, two wives, and brings grief to his parents. Even so, Isaac still wants to give him the blessing.