

GENESIS 25:19-28

LESSON: SONS FOR ISAAC AND REBEKAH — August 18, 2019

INTRODUCTION:

25:1-18 Abraham was 140yrs old and was lonely. Sarah had been dead for about three years, and Isaac and Rebekah had moved south to Beer-lahai-roi after their marriage. Abraham needed companionship and he married Keturah. And the names of Abraham and Keturah's six sons are listed. And the children began to have children, and thereby Abraham's descendants grew. Abraham gave all he had to Isaac, and to the sons of the concubines of Abraham, he gave gifts, sending them away from Isaac. Abraham lived and died at a ripe old age of 175yrs and gathered with those who had preceded him in death. His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite, near Mamre, the field Abraham had bought from the Hittites. Abraham was buried with Sarah his wife. After the death of Abraham, God blessed his son Isaac who lived by the "Well" Lahai-roi. Now, the 12 sons of Ismael (from Abraham and Hagar) are listed. 137yrs Ismael lived and died and was buried with his ancestors. Ishmael's descendants were scattered and lived in the area from Havilah to Shur; an area opposite of Egypt, on the way towards Assyria. They were constantly at war with one another. And he died in the presence of all his brethren (people of Israel).

LESSON: I. A NEED FOR DIVINE INTERVENTION GENESIS 25:19-22

25:19 **And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac:**— Now, the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son is chosen to carry on the line of God's people.

25:20 **And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.** Isaac married Rebekah at the age of 40yrs old. She was the daughter of Bethuel, the Syrian of Padanaram, and the sister to Laban the Syrian.

25:21 **And Isaac intreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.** For 20yrs Rebekah had no children in the marriage, and Isaac humbly requested and pleaded in prayer for God to give his wife a child. We can all think back on entreating God for something, never wavering, and waiting for it. And now, Isaac and his wife Rebekah finally conceived; became pregnant, that means that there had to be the divine intervention of God.

25:22 **And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the Lord.** This verse says the children struggled within her; therefore, there is more than one child within her womb. She went to the Lord in prayer asking why this struggle was happening within her.

II. A POTENT OF FUTURE CONFLICT GENESIS 25:23-28

25:23 **And the Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.** The Lord told her that two nations were in her womb, meaning the Lord had blessed her with twins. They would become rival nations. This was an omen or sign of future conflict. One would be stronger than the other, and the older shall be a servant of the younger. This definitely meant that God was choosing the younger son to inherit the promises made to Abraham. Why? - The younger son was not to receive God's inheritance through the laws of man, but it was to demonstrate His sovereignty and His mercy and grace. God does what He wants for our good! It is not by Law, but by Grace.

PITWM VERSE BY VERSE



25:24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. It is confirmed that when it was time for her to deliver, twins would come forth out of her womb.

25:25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. The blessing has arrived, and the first child (son) came out with reddish hair all over his body. He had a rugged sturdy, animal-like appearance, calling his name Esau. He would give rise to the nation Edom.

25:26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them. Now, the second son came out with his hand holding and grasping onto his brother Esau's heel. This was to symbolize that he would replace Esau as the first son. He was to be God's choice to receive the promises made to Abraham, both the Promised Land and the Promised Seed. He was named Jacob, meaning "*Grabber*" and he was to give rise to the nation Israel. Isaac, the father was 60yrs old when the twins were born (Isaac married at age 40 + Rebecca was barren for 20yrs + Isaac entreated for his wife for 20yrs, but God answered at age 60 for Isaac). This showed me that God does not always answer quickly: 40yrs old + 20yrs = 60yrs old.

25:27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents. The two boys grew into manhood, but, they followed two different ways of life. Jacob was the exact opposite of Esau

- Esau was a cunning hunter; a man of the field. He was sports-minded, irresponsible, not caring for family affairs.
- Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents. He was mature, seeing to family matters.

25:28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob. The parents made a grievous mistake showing favoritism were irresponsible and carnal.

- Isaac loved Esau. Isaac loved the taste of the wild game Esau brought him.
- Rebekah loved Jacob. He was the son who was responsible. She knew that Jacob was the son appointed by God to receive the inheritance promised to Abraham— **the elder shall serve the younger** (25:23).

SUMMARY:

We have now come to the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son. He is chosen to carry on the line of God's people. Isaac married Rebekah at the age of 40yrs old. She was the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. Even after many years of marriage, she had no children for 20yrs. and Isaac humbly requested and pleaded in prayer for God to give his wife a child. There was a struggle of the children within her. There was more than one child within her womb, so she asked the Lord why is this struggle happening within her? (25:19-22).

The Lord told Rebekah that two nations were in her womb, meaning the Lord had blessed her with twins. One would be stronger than the other, and the older shall be a servant of the younger. It is confirmed that when it was time for her to deliver, twins would come forth out of her womb. The first child (a son) came out with reddish hair all over his body, and they called his name Esau. The second child (a son) came out with his hand holding and grasping onto his brother Esau's heel. Isaac, the father was 60yrs old when the twins were born. The two boys grew into manhood, but, they followed two different ways of life. Jacob was the exact opposite of Esau. Esau was a cunning hunter; a man of the field. And Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents. The parents made a grievous mistake of showing favoritism. Isaac loved Esau, for he loved the taste of the wild game Esau brought him. Rebekah loved Jacob, for he was the son who was responsible, and she knew that Jacob was the son appointed by God to receive the inheritance promised to Abraham— **the elder shall serve the younger** (25:23).

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