

## Genesis 24-36 Isaac

### Genesis 24

We have in this chapter a beautiful story. In this story we have some wonderful

\_\_\_\_\_.

Abraham sends his servant to \_\_\_\_\_ to find a bride for his son Isaac. When the servant was near the city, he kneels and prays for wisdom. This was an amazing prayer, not only because of his faith, but also the fact that the answer came before he was \_\_\_\_\_ praying. The servant sought for God to show him the girl He wanted to be Isaac's wife. The servant was specific in what he asked. His \_\_\_\_\_ was for God to cause her to offer water not only for him, but for his camels also.

The result (v. 15) – “And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, what was born of Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.”

Without any knowledge of this servant's prayer, Rebekah \_\_\_\_\_ his request and offers water both to him and his camels. After this initial meeting between Rebekah and the servant, the servant meets her family. Laban, her \_\_\_\_\_, is the first to meet him. Then they take the servant to their house to meet the rest of her family.

When they are there, the servant gets to the business at hand. They have food ready but he insisted on telling why he was there. After he tells them all the things leading up to the moment and asks \_\_\_\_\_ permissions, Rebekah's father agrees that she can go. But the final decision is hers. Rebekah's mother and brother asks that she be able to stay with them for at least 10 days. The servant desires for her to go \_\_\_\_\_. They call Revekah and ask “Wilt though go with this man?” and she said “I will go.” (v. 58)

Isaac is back at home undoubtedly anxious for the return of his bride. As he is mediatating in the field, he lifeted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming. Rebekah looks and sees Isaac, gets off of her camel and asks the servant “What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us?” And the servant had said, “It is thy master...” The servant told Isaac all that had happened and Isaac took her and she became his wife.

### Note the types:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - type of the Heavenly Father. The Father is planning a marriage for His only begotten Son. (Matt. 22:2)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - type of Christ. He had been offered as a sacrifice and is seeking a bride. Like Christ, he had been given all things of his father. Like Christ, he loves his bride.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ - type of the Holy Spirit. Abraham's \_\_\_\_\_ servant goes to a distant land for the sole purpose of taking a bride for Isaac. Many believe the servant was Eliezer, but the Bible does not say this. This proves true of being a type of the Holy Spirit in the fact that all he wants Rebekah to know about is the \_\_\_\_\_. He constantly gave honor to the father (Abraham) and the son (Isaac). (John 15:26).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ - type of the church. Just as anyone today, she had to make the choice. She was asked "Will you go?" She responded "I will go." She then is taken to the bridegroom.

### Principles for Today

In finding a bride for the Christian man:

1. Seek guidance from \_\_\_\_\_. (verses 33-48; 49-5)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ should be alike. (verses 3-4)
3. Get to know her by \_\_\_\_\_. (verses 12-26)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ her relatives. (verses 29, 31, 50)
5. Be open and honest about your intention. (verses 33-49)
6. Discuss expectations of future and give evidence. (verses 35-36, 53)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ must make the commitment on her own before accepted. (verses 57-58)
8. Love her. (verse 67) "Even as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it."

### Chapter 25

We begin this chapter with Abraham getting married again. He was at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old. He marries a woman by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of \_\_\_\_\_ years. (verses 7-8) His sons, Isaac and Ishmael, bury him in the \_\_\_\_\_. After Abram dies "God blessed his son Isaac."

While God blessed him, we see no evidence of greatness in Isaac's life. He is described as mediocre while having a great father (Abraham) and a great son (Jacob.) We do see him in verse 21 as he "intreated the Lord for his wife because she was barren."

Rebekah then conceives and has \_\_\_\_\_ sons. God tells Rebekah "the elder shall serve the younger." Isaac is \_\_\_\_\_ years old when the twins are born. Esau sells his \_\_\_\_\_ to Jacob for a bowl of pottage.

### Chapter 26

The Abrahamic covenant is \_\_\_\_\_ to Isaac. Isaac makes the same mistake his father made and \_\_\_\_\_ about his wife (verses 6-10). The Lord blesses him in verse 12. In verses 15-22, we see Isaac re-digging wells that his father had dug earlier. They had been filled in by the Philistines.

Note: Our \_\_\_\_\_ have dug some wells for us that many have tried to \_\_\_\_\_. The well of the virgin birth and sinless life of Christ. The well of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. The well of His ascension and coming again. We need to dig these out and stand upon the truth.

Then we see Isaac \_\_\_\_\_ an altar and \_\_\_\_\_ upon the name of the Lord. The chapter closes with Isaac and Rebekah no doubt upset that \_\_\_\_\_ picks a \_\_\_\_\_ girl for a wife.

## Genesis 27-36 Jacob

We see the twin boys, Jacob and Esau, as grown men now. The \_\_\_\_\_ has already been sold to Jacob and now Isaac is ready to give the \_\_\_\_\_ of the firstborn, the Patriarchal blessing. He give instructions to Esau on how to get it. Rebekah overhears the instructions and plots for Jacob to receive the blessing. Together they \_\_\_\_\_ Isaac.

Note: God had already said “the elder would server the younger.” It was not Rebekah’s place to \_\_\_\_\_ God’s plans. It was her place to trust His promises.

Isaac is deceived and Jacob receives the blessing that he meant for Esau. Esau comins in right after and declaires he will get \_\_\_\_\_. One may ask why Esau “despised his birthright” but was so \_\_\_\_\_ over being tricked out of it. The reason could be summed up with this: The birthright carried with it \_\_\_\_\_ responsibilities and he had no desire for anything spiritual. The blessing carried with it a good and wholesome promise for the future.

Note: The terms of the Abrahamic covenant are passed from Isaac to Jacob... note that Esau is NOT partaker of this covenant.

1. In getting the “firstborn blessing” (though by Jacob’s deceit), Isaac invokes God on behalf of Jacob (verse 28); but when Esau begs his father for the blessing, Isaac does NOT invoke God (verse 39, 40).
2. Before Jacob leaves his parents in search of a \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapter 28); Isaac again blesses Jacob and specifically hands down the \_\_\_\_\_ covenant to Jacob (Chapter 28, verses 3-4).
3. “Birds of a feather flock together” is clearly true, as seen in Esau formally and definitely connecting himself to the “\_\_\_\_\_” (those excluded from the covenant). (Chapter 28, verse 9)

Jacob journeys from Beersheba to go toward Haran. He stops in a place called \_\_\_\_\_ for the night. He uses a \_\_\_\_\_ for a pillow and falls asleep. As he sleeps, he dreams of a ladder that reaches Heaven with the angels of God ascending and descending on it. God speaks to him in this dream. Before this, we see no \_\_\_\_\_ between God and Jacob. This begins the relationship and God wants to extend His covenant through Jacob. Wehile we do not see Jacob accepting, we do see him responding. (Verses 20-21) God in His mercy continues to deal with Jacob.

We have seen Abraham’s \_\_\_\_\_ with God. We have seen Isaac’s encounter with God. God is working now on Jacob and his encounter is coming. Jacob does recognize God’s working and changes the name of the place from Luz to \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapters 29-31

Jacob arrives in Haran and meets Rachel. She is Laban's daughter and Rebekah's niece. He moves a stone from the wall and watered the sheep for her. He kisses her and cries and introduces to her who he is. He then meets Laban and agrees to work \_\_\_\_\_ years for Rachel's hand in marriage. This begins one of the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ stories of all time.

The deceiver, Jacob, is deceived by Laban. He is reaping what he had sown.

1. Laban deceives Jacob concerning \_\_\_\_\_. (Chapter 29, Verses 15-25)
2. Laban deceives Jacob concerning his \_\_\_\_\_. (Chapter 30, Verses 7, 31, 41)

Jacob has eleven sons and one daughter in these chapters. The daughter's name is \_\_\_\_\_.

Laban's countenance changes toward Jacob and God speaks to Jacob in a dream about going back home. (Genesis 31 : 2-3, 11-13) Jacob decides to move away from \_\_\_\_\_ for these reasons.

## Chapter 32 (Jacob Becomes Israel)

Jacob is now returning home and is met by the \_\_\_\_\_ while on his way. The Bible helps us to understand this in Hebrews 1:14 where it teaches the angels minister even to those who are going to be saved.

Jacob learns that Esau, his brother, is on his way to see him and Esau is bringing 400 men with him (Verses 6-11). Jacob turns to prayer, calling upon God (Verses 9-12). He prays in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Then he sends out a bribe to his brother Esau (Verses 13-21).

Jacob then sends all of his family over the brook and he is left alone (Verses 22-23). There is a life and name-changing \_\_\_\_\_ with God here by the river \_\_\_\_\_. In verses 24-29 we see a wrestling match between God and man. Two facts come from this all night event:

1. His name is changed from Jacob (the crooked heel catcher) to Israel (Prince). (Chapter 32, verse 28)
2. He never walked the same again. He from now on would walk with a limp. (Chapter 32, verses 31-32)

Jacob calls the name of this place Peniel (the face of God). God touched his heart at Bethel, but He claimed his life at Peniel.

## Genesis 33

Esau arrives with his 400 men. Jacob divides his family into companies and sends the handmaids and their children to the forefront. After them came Leah and her children, then Rachel and Joseph. Jacob was feeling very \_\_\_\_\_ over what he had done earlier in his life to Esau. God had now done a work in Jacob's life and he understood the need to make things \_\_\_\_\_. Esau, seeing all the gifts, questions Jacob, "What meanest thou by all this drove which I met?" (verse 8). Jacob answers, "These are to find grace in the sight of my Lord." Jacob first refuses, then accepts these gifts. (verses 9-11)

Esau asks Jacob to go with him to Seir. Jacob tells him that the children and animals are too young to make the journey. Jacob promises to meet him in Seir, but this is a \_\_\_\_\_. Jacob builds a house in \_\_\_\_\_ far away from Seir. He buys a parcel of a field, but God never intended for him to buy something when He had already promised a land.

## Chapter 34

Jacob's daughter goes out to see the daughters of the land. This was a land they should not have been in in the first place. She is seduced by \_\_\_\_\_, the son of King Hamor. Shechem wants to marry Dinah and Hamor asks Jacob and his sons for permission. The sons deceive the Hivites and convinces all the men of the Hivites to be circumcised. Three days after, when these men were weak and sore, Simeon and Levi slay all the men with their swords.

## Chapter 35

God tells Jacob, "It's time to go to Bethel." Jacob has been living in Shechem for 10 years. Bethel was only \_\_\_\_\_ miles away and this is where God wanted him to be all along. (Genesis 31:11-13)

We see the first \_\_\_\_\_ recorded in God's Word. Jacob instructs his household to destroy all of their idols and get cleaned up because they are going \_\_\_\_\_. All of their idols and earrings are gathered and buried under an oak tree in Shechem.

They arrive and build an altar and he calls it "\_\_\_\_\_."

There are three deaths that bring much sorrow to Jacob:

1. His mother's nurse, \_\_\_\_\_, who came to live with his family after Rebekah died.
2. His wife, \_\_\_\_\_, while giving birth to her second child, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. His father, Isaac, dies at 180 years of age. He is buried alongside Abraham in the cave of \_\_\_\_\_ at Hebron.

## **Chapter 36**

This chapter is about the generation of Esau.

Final thoughts about Jacob:

1. He was saved (Matthew 8:11, Luke 13:28)
2. He was loved (Romans 9:13)
3. He loved Rachel dearly, but when he died, was buried with Leah. (Genesis 49:31-33)

