

Lesson 6: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

Genesis sets the stage for the Exodus of God's people. It covers the beginning of the world, and the formation of Israel. It is the foundation, and is therefore necessary to all the rest of Scripture, which is built upon it.

1. 23- **3 strangers** (Sarah, Sodom, and Lot), 2 Peter 2:7-9, Jude 1:7,
 - o Three strangers come: The Lord and two angels.
 - o Sarah laughs at the Lord saying she will have a son in one year
 - o Abraham intercedes for Sodom (talks God down from 50 to 10 righteous people needed to save the city)
 - o 2 angels go to Sodom, stay at Lot's house, men attack, blindness, the flee (Heb 13:2)
 - o Lot's wife looks back (Luke 17:28-32). Daughters think no other men available. (Moabites, Ammonites)
2. 24/26- **Isaac born, Ishmael sent away**, Gal 4:21-31, **28**
3. 36- **Sacrifice of Isaac** (type of Christ)
 - o What was Abraham thinking? Hebrews 11:17-19 reveals Abraham's thoughts
 - o Picture of Christ. We all should die, but God provides a substitute ram, Christ.Did you know??? After Sarah dies, Abraham remarries and has six sons. (Gen 25)

Isaac: God provides Isaac a wife, Rebekah. God renews His covenant with Isaac. (Gen 26:1-5)

Jacob:

1. God chooses Jacob even before he is born. (Gen 25:23) (Rom 9:9-13) Esau father of the Edomites. (Ruth, Herod)
2. Esau sells birthright to Jacob. (Gen 25:29-34)
3. Isaac blesses Jacob unknowingly. (Gen 27)
4. Jacob's Dream (Jacob's Ladder)
 - a. God renews the covenant (Gen 28:13-14)
 - b. Jacob vows to give a 10th. Tithing should here be mentioned. Two issues with tithing:
 - i. Give God 10%, but submit to Him just as much the other 90%.
 - ii. Don't assume that the passing offering plate is the only place to put the 10%.
 - c. Jacob names the place '**Bethel**'- house of God. Was a special place for Abraham also. Just north of Jerusalem. Becomes a key point for Jacob in his adulthood. (Remember, now he is away from his family. He is on his own.)
5. Jacob marries Leah and Rachel. (His first cousins)
 - a. The deceiver gets deceived
 - b. Leah's journey in Gen 29:31
 - c. The sister's competition includes their maidservants
6. Jacob wrestles with God. (Gen 32:22-32)
 - a. This is after Jacob flees from Laban and is preparing to encounter Esau.
 - b. This is at **Bethel**.
 - c. Jacob renamed Israel. (32:28)
 - d. Verse 30 reveals that it was God who Jacob wrestled with.
 - e. What does this story show us?
 - i. Who initiated this meeting? Vs.9-12,24 Possibly Jacob.
 - ii. Name changed from 'deceiver' to 'wrestled with God'

- iii. Jacob is scared of Esau. He has ran away from a cheating father-in-law. But he will no longer get God's blessing through deceit. He calls God out.
 - iv. He wants God's blessing so badly. He knows that God is holding all the cards.
 - v. How badly do we want God's Kingdom? Are we willing to take hold of God, and not let go, till He brings us with him? Hosea 12:2-6
7. Jacob and Esau reconciled. (Gen 33)
 8. Dinah defiled. (Gen 34)
 - a. The Hivite prince Shechem defiles Dinah.
 - b. Shechem's father, king Hamor asks Jacob for Dinah to be given to his son.
 - c. Jacob's sons answer deceitfully (runs in the family), that the Hivite's must first be circumcised. Hivites see profit to be made in the union of the two peoples.
 - d. On the 3rd day, Simeon and Levi kill all the men and pillage the village.
 - e. Jacob judges them at his death. (Gen 49:5-7) (Reuben also judged- Gen 35:22)
 9. Jacob returns to **Bethel**. (Gen 35:1-15) 22 years after he first encountered God.

Homework:

- Read Joseph's dream in Genesis 37:9 and compare it with Revelation 12:1. How might this comparison help identify the 'woman' mentioned in Revelation 12?
- In Genesis 48:3, Jacob mentions a place called Luz where God appeared to him. What other name does this place Luz go by? (May have to do a word search online)
- What pattern from Jacob's life do you see continued in Genesis 48? Is there any principle of God's Kingdom to be learned from this pattern?
- Try and find Jesus prophesied in Genesis 49. (As you do, looking at the Hebrew is very insightful. You can download E-sword for free and look at the KJV with the Hebrew attached.)
- In Genesis 48:5 Jacob makes a change to the 12 tribes, making them 11 tribes, and two ½ tribes. Write a list of these 12 tribes. You can see the list of them mentioned in Numbers 1:19-46. Interestingly, in Revelation 7:4-8 we find another list of the 12 tribes, though different. Which tribe or tribes is absent, and why? (A helpful passage: Judges 18:14-31)