

GENESIS

27:1-46

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Stolen Blessing



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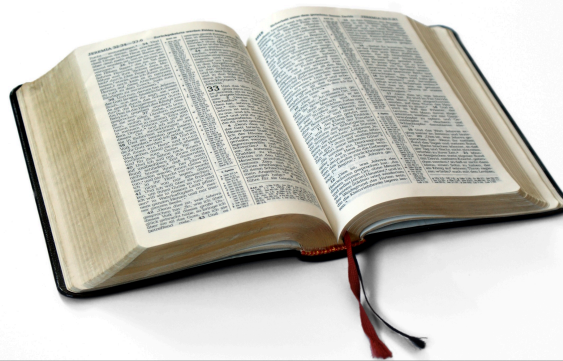
Value of Genesis 27

“In this chapter Moses recounts, at length, a narrative that does not seem to be very useful. It amounts to this: Esau went out, at his father’s command, to hunt. Jacob, in his brother’s clothing, was, through the cunning of his mother, induced to obtain by stealth the blessing that belonged to the firstborn. It seems as if Jacob was playing a children’s game, presenting to his father a kid instead of venison. He pretended to be a hairy person by putting on skins and in such a disguise passed himself off as his brother in order to obtain the blessing by deceit.”

Calvin J. (2001). *Genesis* (p. 235). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books.

Value of Every Passage of Scripture

2 Timothy 3:15–17 ...from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



How to get more out of Bible study

1. Observation

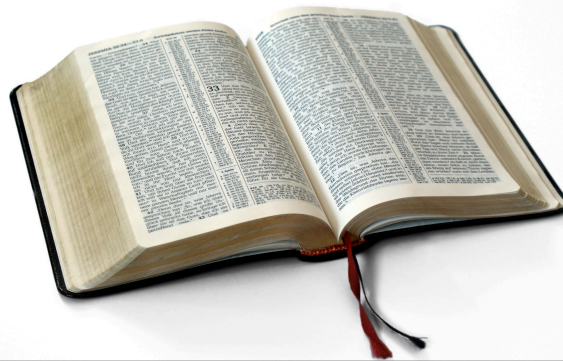
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What's the background of the incident?

Who is involved?

What are the relationships between people? What is happening?

Why are particular choices made or actions taken?



How to get more out of Bible study

2. Interpretation

Why did these events happen?

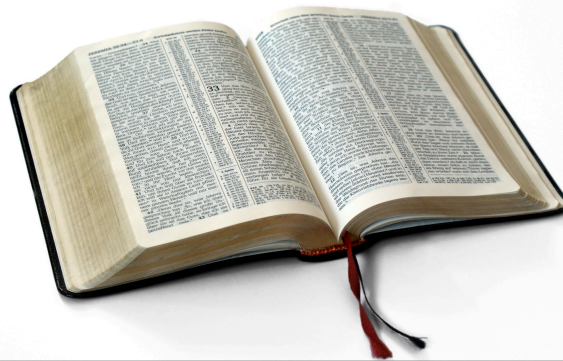
What are the cause-effect relationships?

What were the results?

What does this passage reveal about God and His ways?

What is the primary message of the passage?

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How to get more out of Bible study

3. Application

How am I like the people here? What experiences of mine are parallel? When do I have similar feelings, face similar situations? How can I profit from or be guided by what is recorded?

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What's the main theme of Genesis 27?

Parental Favoritism?

Desires of the flesh & spirit

Sibling Rivalry?

the
BLESSING

Faith & Works?

Bitterness?

Deceit?

What's the background Genesis 27?



Genesis 25

Isaac and Rebekah were childless

Genesis 25:21 Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

Isaac
“pleaded” עָתַר (*‘ā·tār*) = prayed, entreated, supplicated

Rebekah
“conceived” הָרָה (*hā·rāh*) = conceived, became pregnant

Rebekah had a very difficult pregnancy

Genesis 25:22 But the children struggled together within her; and she said, “If *all is well*, why *am I like this?*” So she went to inquire of the LORD.

“**struggled together**” רָצַץ (*rā·šāṣ*) = oppress, i.e., cause the trouble, hardship, and harassment of an opponent or enemy, even conveying the sense of a crushing battle



The Lord's Revelation to Rebekah

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Genesis 25:23 And the LORD said to her: Two nations *are* in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; *one* people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger.”

שְׁנֵי גוֹיִם בְּבֶטְנִי (sheme goyim be-vitnekh)

“two kinds of people
within your womb”



TWIN SONS OF ISAAC & REBEKAH

Jacob & Esau

Genesis 25:21-26



Esau

Father of the Edomites



Jacob

Father of the Israelites

As it is written,
*“Jacob I have loved,
but Esau I have hated.”*

Romans 9:13

Genesis 27:39–40 Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: “Behold, your dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above. ⁴⁰ By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; and it shall come to pass, when you become restless, that you shall break his yoke from your neck.”

Genesis 27:28–29 Therefore may God give you of the dew of heaven, of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine. ²⁹ Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren and let your mother’s sons bow down to you. Cursed *be* everyone who curses you and blessed *be* those who bless you!”

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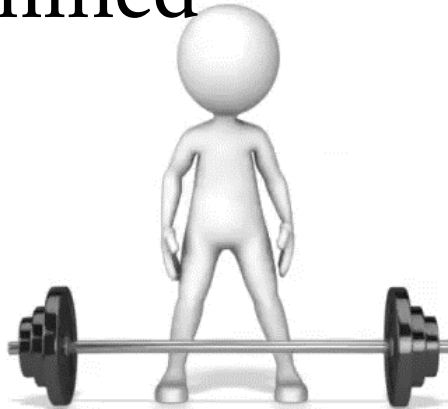
“separated” פָּרַד (pā·răḏ) = separated, scattered



The Lord's Revelation to Rebekah

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“stronger” אָמַץ ('ā·mēṣ) = strong, victorious, courageous, established, determined



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“older” רב (*răb*) = great, many, numerous, abundant

“younger” צעיר (*ṣā·îr*) = younger, smaller, least, insignificant



The Characteristics of Rebekah's First Born

Genesis 25:25 And the first came out red. *He was* like a hairy garment all over;

אֲדָמוֹנִי ('ăḏ·mô·nî) = ruddy, red, reddish

אָדָם ('ā·ḏām) = mankind, people

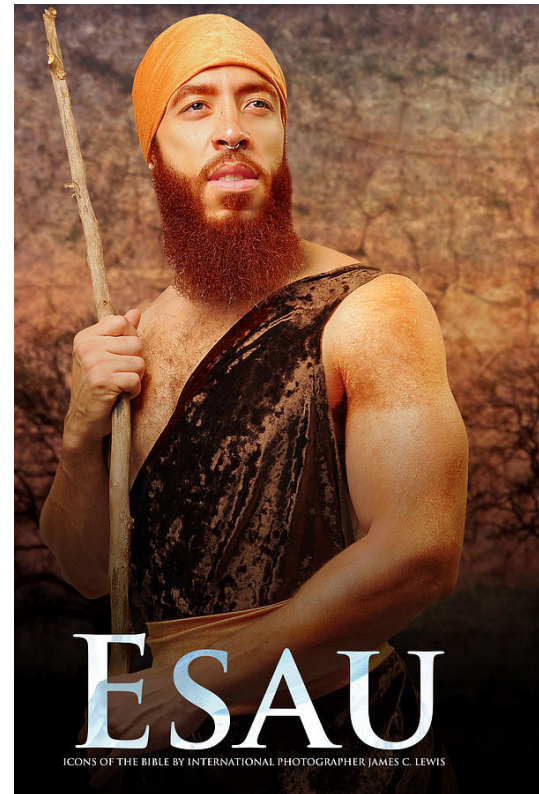
אֲדָמָה ('ăḏā·māh) = dust, clay, earth

The Name of Isaac & Rebekah's Firstborn Son

Genesis 25:25 And the first came out red. *He was* like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau.

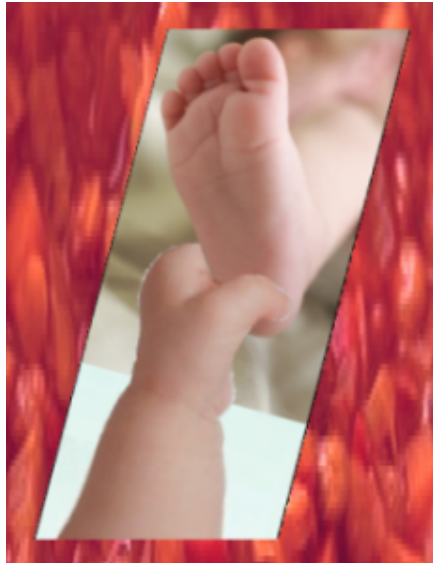
שְׂעָר (śē·'ār) = hairy garment

עֵשָׂו ('ē·śāw) = hairy



The Name of Isaac & Rebekah's Second Born Son

Genesis 25:26 Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob.



עֵשָׂו בְּעֵקֶב אֲחִזָּת
Esau in heel of holding

יַעֲקֹב שְׁמוֹ וַיִּקְרָא
Jacob name of him and he is calling

יַעֲקֹב (*yă·^ʿqōb*) = one who graps at the heel

The Characteristics of Jacob

Genesis 27:36 And *Esau* said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!”

וַיֵּקְבֹּלְנִי

יַעֲקֹב

has come from behind Jacob

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

“heel” עֶקֶב (‘ā·qēb)

The Characteristics of Esau

Genesis 25:27 So the boys grew. And **Esau** was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents.

Esau – שׂוֹיֵד (šă·yid) = wild game hunter



Isaac favored Esau

Genesis 25:28 And Isaac loved Esau because he ate *of his game*,

Philippians 3:18–19 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹ whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is their* belly, and *whose glory is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.



Rebekah favored Jacob

Genesis 25:28 And Isaac loved Esau because he ate *of his* game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

- “**mild man**” – rabbinic literature interpreted *tām* as *tzadik tamim* (the guileless righteous person) and viewed Esau as the personification of wickedness.
- “**dwelling in tents**” – Jacob was a homebody, probably a ‘momma’s boy’, studious, and quiet, while Esau was physically agile, skilled in the use of weapons, and clever as a wilderness survivor/hunter.

Esau wanted Food

Genesis 25:30 And Esau said to Jacob, “Please feed me with that same red *stew*, for I *am weary*.” Therefore his name was called Edom.

Esau had been out hunting, he was tired, and very hungry. He begged food of his brother, Jacob, who had a garden. Jacob’s stew may have been a beef stew. For certain, it was red in color. As a result Esau became the father of the Edomites.



Jacob wanted the Birthright

Genesis 25:31 But Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright as of this day.”



Genesis 25:23 And the LORD said to her: “Two nations *are* in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; *one* people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger.”

What is a Birthright?

- The inherent right of the eldest son
- Additional privileges & advantages
- Double portion of the father's property (Deut. 21:15-17)
- Succeed the father in all official authority & responsibility (2 Chron. 21:3)

Esau Despised His birthright

Genesis 25:31–33 But Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright as of this day.” ³² And Esau said, “Look, I *am* about to die; so what is this birthright to me?” ³³ Then Jacob said, “Swear to me as of this day.” So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob.



Who's involved?

- 1) Esau-Isaac, 27:1–4
- 2) Rebekah-Jacob, 27:5–17
- 3) Jacob-Isaac, 27:18–29
- 4) Esau-Isaac, 27:30–40
- 5) Rebekah-Jacob, 27:42–45
- 6) Rebekah-Isaac, 27:46
- 7) Jacob-Isaac, 28:1–5

What's the relationship between those involved?

- Between Isaac & Rebekah
- Between Isaac & Esau
- Between Rebekah & Jacob
- Between Esau & Jacob

Why were particular choices made or actions taken?

Genesis 26:34 When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.

Genesis 26:35 And they were a grief of mind (*morat ruach = bitterness of spirit*) to Isaac and Rebekah.

Overall Theme of Genesis 27

*In this account
Isaac, Rebekah, Esau & Jacob
all
made bad choices.*



But God's providence was not thwarted, neither His promises unfulfilled!

Context for Genesis 27

Genesis 26:34 When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.

Judith יְהוּדִית (*y^ehû·dî̄t*) = "Jewish woman", referring to a person from the tribe of Judah.

Basemath בַּשְׂמַת (*bās·mă̄t*) = "sweet smelling"

Context for Genesis 27

Genesis 27:46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, “I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these *who are* the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?”

weary קוֹיָץ (*qûs*) = detest, be disgusted, loathe, i.e., have a feeling or attitude of abhorrence



1. How old was Isaac at the beginning of Genesis 27?

Genesis 27:1 Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.” And he answered him, “Here I am.”

- At 60 years old Isaac became the father of Esau & Jacob (25:26) 60
- At 40 years old Esau married 2 Hittite women (26:34) 40
- Esau had been married 37 years 37

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2. What was Isaac's physical infirmity and limitation?

Genesis 27:1 Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." And he answered him, "Here I am."

Deuteronomy 34:7 Moses *was* one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.

Genesis 28:6 Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, *and that* as he blessed him, he gave him a charge, saying, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,"

3. What additional physical infirmity did Isaac likely have?

Genesis 27:19 Jacob said to his father, “I *am* Esau your firstborn; I have done just as you told me; please arise, sit and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me.”

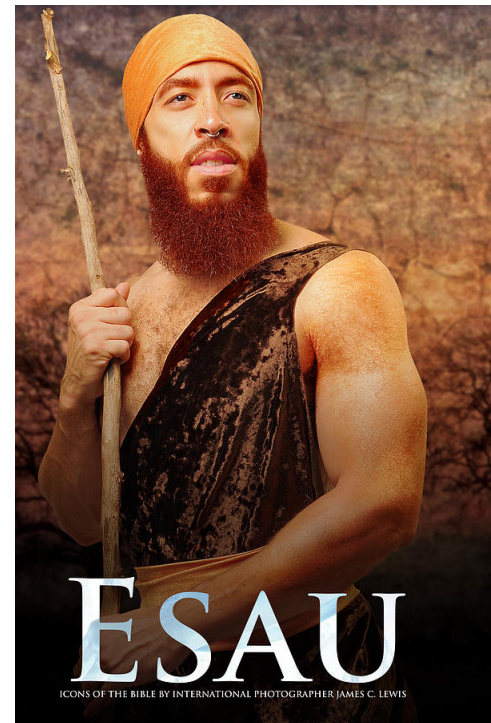
Genesis 27:31 He also had made savory food, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, “Let my father arise and eat of his son’s game, that your soul may bless me.”



4. Who did Isaac call for?

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*Why did Isaac
choose Esau?*



5. Why did Isaac call for Esau?

Genesis 27:2-4 Then he said, “Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death. ³ Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me. ⁴ And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring *it* to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”

- “Birthright” ***bekorah*** is literally “firstborned-ness.”
- “Blessing” ***berakah*** is the father’s prayer for God’s bounty to a son.

6. Why else did Isaac call for Esau?

Genesis 27:5–6 Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to Esau **his son**. And Esau went to the field to hunt game and to bring *it*. ⁶ So Rebekah spoke to Jacob **her son**, saying, “Indeed I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying,



7. Did Isaac call ever call for Jacob?

Genesis 27:1,5 Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.” And he answered him, “Here I am.” ^{5b} And Esau went to the field to hunt game and to bring *it*.

Genesis 28:1 Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

8. What is the significance of Esau's response?

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Genesis 22:1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

Genesis 22:7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?"

9. What prompted Isaac to bless his son Esau?

Genesis 27:2-4 Then he said, “Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death.³ Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me.⁴ And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring *it* to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”

Genesis 25:17 These *were* the years of the life of Ishmael: one hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.

- Isaac’s age in Gen. 27: **137**
- Ishmael’s age when he died: **137**

10. How old was Isaac when he died?

Genesis 35:28 Now the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty years.

- Isaac's age in Gen. 27: **137**
- Isaac's age when he died: **180**

Isaac lived for another 63 years!



11. Why did Isaac request “a delicious meal” before he gave the blessing?

Genesis 27:4 And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring *it* to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”



savory food מַצְטָרֵם (*măṭ·'ām*) = tasty food, delicacy

12. Why didn't Isaac include Rebekah in blessing Esau?

Genesis 18:9-10 Then they said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” So he said, “Here, in the tent.”¹⁰ And He said, “I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son.” (Sarah was listening in the tent door which *was* behind him.)

1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

13. What exactly is a blessing?

Genesis 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

Genesis 2:3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.



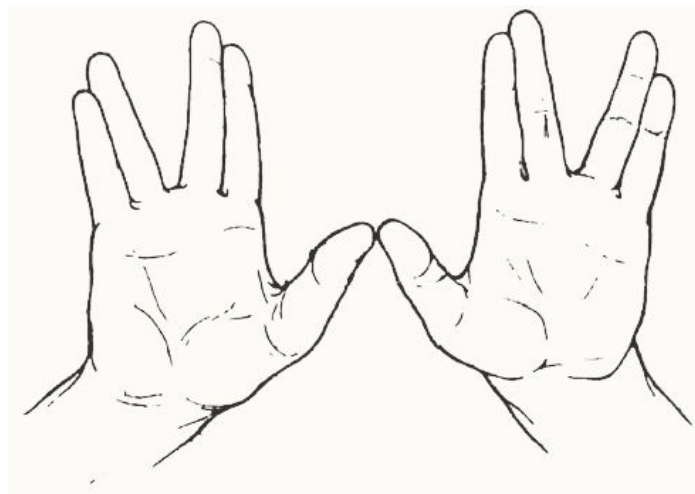
14. What is the difference between the “birthright” Esau sold and the “blessing” Jacob stole? (27:1-40)

- “**Birthright**” = a double portion of the inheritance (Deut. 21:17) and the right to be family chief and priest (Exodus 4:22).
- “**Blessing**” = a spiritual, supernatural, and often prophetic



Aaronic Blessing

Numbers 6:23–27 “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: ²⁴ “The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”’ ²⁷ “So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.”



Aaronic Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

“The LORD” (יהוה - *yhwh*)

The eternal One, the
covenant-making God

“bless you” (בָּרַךְ - *bā·răk*)

To kneel, show respect



Aaronic Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

“keep you” (שָׁמַר - *šā·mār*) = to guard, to protect

briers, thorn-shrub (שָׁמִיר - (*šā·mîr*))



Aaronic Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

“His face” - (פָּנָה *pā·nēh*) = appearance, presence; implies “wholeness of being”; always in the plural



Aaronic Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

“shine” (אֹר - 'ôr) = light, illuminate, reveals
what has been in the dark



Aaronic Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

“be gracious” (חַנּוּן - *ḥā·nān*) = healing, help,
lifted up, finding refuge, strength, rescue



Aaronic Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

“give” (שִׁם - *śîm*) = literally means to "set down in a fixed and arranged place."



Aaronic Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

“peace” (שָׁלוֹם - *šā·lôm*) = make whole, complete;
literally “make fat”

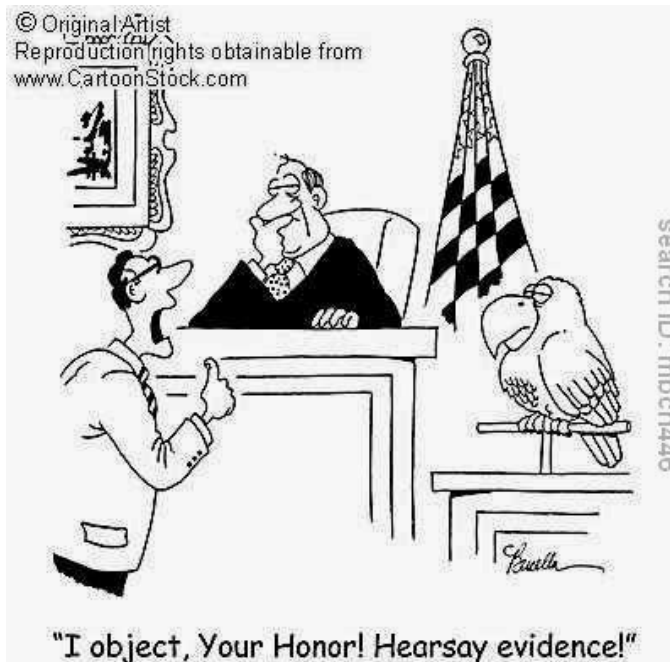


The Eternal, Covenant-Making LORD

- kneels before you presenting gifts and
- guards you with a hedge of protection
- illuminates the wholeness of His being toward you bring order and
- comforts and sustains you
- lifts you up with the wholeness of His being and
- looks upon you and He sets in place all you need to be whole and complete

15. What else did Rebekah hear in this chapter?

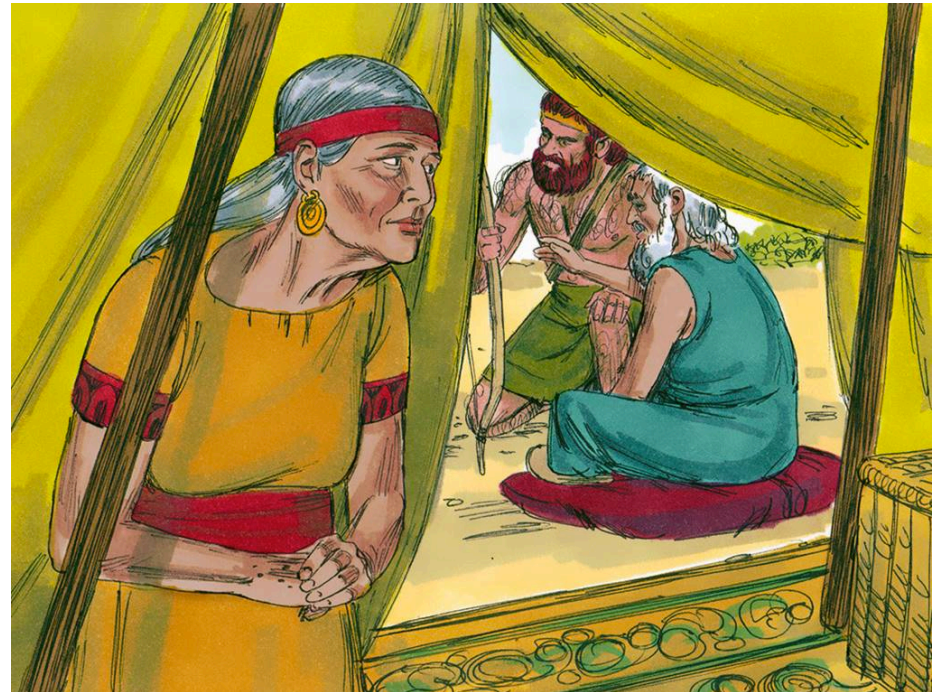
Genesis 27:42 And the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, “Surely your brother Esau comforts himself concerning you *by intending* to kill you.”



16. Where was Rebekah when Isaac spoke to Esau?

Genesis 27:5 Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt game and to bring *it*.

- Rebekah “was listening” (*šōma‘at*)
- Sarah “was listening” (*šōma‘at*) to the three visitors from the door of the tent (18:10)



17. What promise did God give to Rebekah regarding Jacob and Esau?

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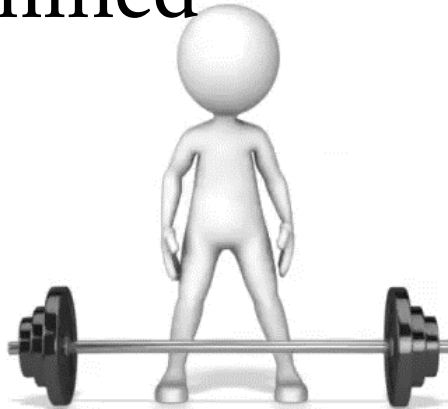
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18. Why didn't Rebekah speak to Isaac about his intentions to bless Esau?

Genesis 27:13 But his mother said to him, “*Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get *them* for me.*”

obey שָׁמַר (šā·mắ) = watch, keep, guard, observe

Genesis 18:19 For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep (šā·mắ) the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”

19. What did Rebekah do in response to what she overheard?

Genesis 27:6 So Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, “Indeed I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying,



Genesis 27:7 ‘Bring me game and make savory food for me, that I may eat it and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.’

20. What did Rebekah tell Jacob to do?

Genesis 27:8-10 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to what I command you. ⁹ Go now to the flock and bring me from there two choice kids of the goats, and I will make savory food from them for your father, such as he loves. ¹⁰ Then you shall take it to your father, that he may eat *it*, and that he may bless you before his death.”



“The end cannot justify the means, for the simple reason that the means employed determine the nature of the ends produced.”

Aldous Huxley



Del Reeves

*Working
Like the
Devil for
the Lord*

21. What objections did Jacob make to his mother's plan?

Genesis 27:11-12 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Look, Esau my brother *is* a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth-skinned man. ¹² Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be a deceiver to him; and I shall bring a curse on myself and not a blessing.”

deceiver טַעַן (tā·‘ă) = trickster, formally, be mocking, i.e., be a person that plays a cruel joke or trick on a person causing to mislead or deceive another, resulting in the anger of the one being tricked, with a special focus that this action is a mocking and scoffing as a personal attack

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- Reputation is what people think you are, and character is what you know you are.
- Most people today, like Jacob, are concerned more about reputation than about character.
- How do you know what your character really is?

23. How did Rebekah respond to Jacob's concerns?

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Curse קללה (q^{el}lā·lāh) = curse, i.e., the invoking of divine harm under certain conditions, with a focus on the content of the oath



CURSE

24. In what way was the curse Rebekah spoke of in Genesis 27:13 fulfilled?

Genesis 28:1ff Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.”

Rebekah never sees Jacob again, nor his wives, nor her grandchildren by Jacob.



25. What “delicious food” did Rebekah prepare for Isaac?

Genesis 27:14 And he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and his mother made savory food, such as his father loved.



Genesis 27:17 Then she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

26. How did Rebekah disguise Jacob to appear as Esau?

Genesis 27:15-16 Then Rebekah took the choice clothes of her elder son Esau, which *were* with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. ¹⁶ And she put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.



27. How many lies did Jacob tell his father on this occasion?

Genesis 27:18-26 So he went to his father and said, “My father.” And he said, “Here I am. Who *are* you, my son?” ¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn; I have done just as you told me; please arise, sit and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me.” ²⁰ But Isaac said to his son, “How *is it* that you have found *it* so quickly, my son?” And he said, “Because the LORD your God brought *it* to me.” ²¹ Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, whether you *are* really my son Esau or not.”

Genesis 27:18-26 cont'd ²² So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, “The voice *is* Jacob’s voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” ²³ And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands; so he blessed him. ²⁴ Then he said, “Are you really my son Esau?” He said, “I am.” ²⁵ He said, “Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son’s game, so that my soul may bless you.” So he brought *it* near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. ²⁶ Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come near now and kiss me, my son.”

28. In what ways was Esau suspicious?

Genesis 27:20-24 But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” And he said, “Because the LORD your God brought *it* to me.”²¹ Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, whether you *are* really my son Esau or not.”²² So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau.”²³ And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands; so he blessed him.²⁴ Then he said, “Are you really my son Esau?” He said, “I *am*.”

29. What blessing did Isaac give to Jacob?

Genesis 27:27-29 And he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said: “Surely, the smell of my son *is* like the smell of a field Which the LORD has blessed. ²⁸

Therefore may God give you of the dew of heaven, of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine.

²⁹ Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, and let your mother’s sons bow down to you. Cursed *be* everyone who curses you, and blessed *be* those who bless you!”

30. What happened after Isaac blessed Jacob?

Genesis 27:30 Now it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.



31. What was Isaac's response when Esau brought his "delicious food" to him?

Genesis 27:31-33 He also had made savory food, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that your soul may bless me." ³² And his father Isaac said to him, "Who *are* you?" So he said, "I *am* your son, your firstborn, Esau." ³³ Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, "Who? Where *is* the one who hunted game and brought *it* to me? I ate all *of it* before you came, and I have blessed him— *and* indeed he shall be blessed."

32. What was Esau's response when he learned that his father had already given his blessing?

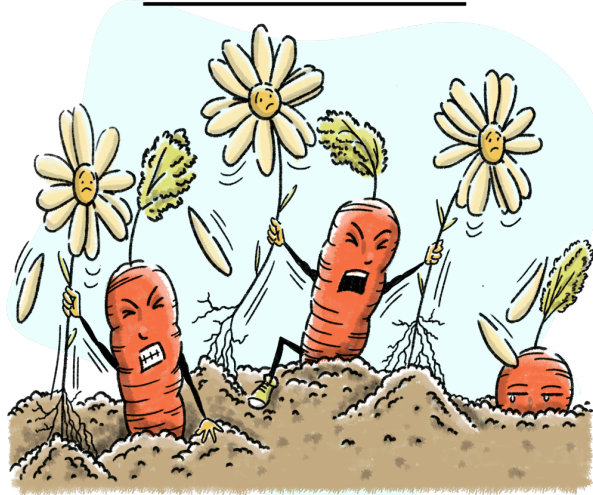
Genesis 27:34-36 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, “Bless me—me also, O my father!” ³⁵ But he said, “Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing.” ³⁶ And *Esau* said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!” And he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?”

In the Hebrew, this is an emphatic expression describing a painful, plaintive wail.

33. How did Jacob live up to the meaning of his name?

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SUPLANT



34. What blessing did Isaac give to Esau

Genesis 27:37-40 Then Isaac answered and said to Esau, “Indeed I have made him your master, and all his brethren I have given to him as servants; with grain and wine I have sustained him. What shall I do now for you, my son?” ³⁸ And Esau said to his father, “Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me—me also, O my father!” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

34. What blessing did Isaac give to Esau

³⁹ Then Isaac his father answered and said to him:
“Behold, your dwelling shall be of the fatness of
the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above.

⁴⁰ By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve
your brother; and it shall come to pass, when you
become restless, that you shall break his yoke
from your neck.”

35. What did Esau promise to do to Jacob?

Genesis 27:41 So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, “The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”



REVENGE

36. What did Rebekah do when she learned of Esau's promise?

Genesis 27:42-45 And the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, “Surely your brother Esau comforts himself concerning you by intending to kill you. ⁴³ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice: arise, flee to my brother Laban in Haran. ⁴⁴ And stay with him a few days, until your brother's fury turns away, ⁴⁵ until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereaved also of you both in one day?”

37. What did Rebekah tell Isaac?

Genesis 27:46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, “I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these *who are* the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?”



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