

Genesis 25. Isaac's World (His Father's Inheritance and Isaac's Heirs)

_____ of Abraham. Genesis 25:1-4

1. God _____ Abraham's strength!

- Abraham's body was dead in terms of being able to father a child. 13 years before Isaac, he fathered Ishmael but by 100yrs of age he couldn't father a child. *Solution? Romans 4:19 Compare Hebrews 11:11-12*
- **NOW: this strength continues!** When God renewed Abraham's sexual vitality for the birth of Isaac, He did not take it away. *The lesson? Romans 11:29*

2. Abraham took a wife "Keturah" – THE KEY: as a _____! 1 Chronicles 1:32-34

- Concubines were second-class wives; therefore their children did not have inheritance rights.
- **Picture:** Keturah = a Gentile, shows that after Christ raptures the church (after Isaac takes his bride), all families of the earth are still blessed through Abraham. Abraham's sons from Keturah = the Millennial nations. **Isaiah 60:6**
"Sheba" and "Dedan" principles in Arabia.
Midian principle of the Midianites. They are persecutors of Israel. Numbers 22:4, Judges 6:2

3. Abraham loved them all. Genesis 25:5-6

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_____ of Abraham. Genesis 25:7-11

1. A full life and a good death. "gave up the ghost,"

He died in faith. **Gen 15:6** | He died in peace. **Gen 15:15** | He died full of years. **Gen 25:8**

2. "gathered to his people." KEY: Luke 16:19-31. "Abraham's _____" in vs 23.

Not his body but his spirit. **2 Corinthians 5:8** is the principle – in effect after the death of Christ.

Picture: Abraham gives us a witness to salvation by faith, and the example of faithfulness. He was "the Friend of God" (James 2:23), but when Abraham dies it says he is "gathered to his people."
One day you will be gathered to your people, and if your people are God's people you will be with them.

3. Ishmael attended the funeral (vs. 9) so there was some reconciliation to Isaac.

Note Esau takes a bride from Ishmael's offspring. **Genesis 28:9**

Timeline. Gen 25

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1853 BC = Abraham remarries, Gen 25:1 • 1824 BC = Next generation, Gen 25:3 • 1804 BC = Another generation, Gen 25:4 • 1825 BC = Inheritance given to Isaac, Gen 25:5 • 1821 BC = Abraham's death, Gen 25:7 • 1773 BC = Ishmael's death, Gen 25:17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1856 BC = Isaac's wedding, Gen 25:20 • 1836 BC = Isaac's twins born, Gen 25:22 • 1805 BC = Esau sells his birthright, Gen 25:29 |
| | Gen 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1804 BC = Famine of Gen 26:1 • 1796 BC = Esau's wedding, Gen 26:34 |
| | Gen 27-28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1760 BC = Isaac's blesses Jacob, Gen 27 |

Note the timeline: Shem and Eber were able to fully instruct Abraham, Isaac AND Jacob about the facts of the flood and what God wanted by way of substitutionary sacrifice.

_____ of Ishmael. Genesis 25:12-18

1. **He lived 137 years** (vs. 17). Ultimately, God sets man's average lifespan at 70 years. **Psalms 90:10**
2. **Ishmael had 12 sons and they were princes of tribes** (vs. 16).
3. **Ishmael's seed dwelt from Havilah unto Shur toward Egypt** (v. 18). This is called Arabia.

_____ of Isaac. Genesis 25:19-34

1. Vs 21 – Conception isn't happening.
2. Vs 21-23 - When you have a _____, don't waste time wallowing in discouragement.

_____ FIRST!

- For Isaac: God's _____: God gives children! **Psalm 113:9, 137:3**
- We can go to God knowing that He keeps His promises! **Genesis 17:19; 21:12** Ex: Abraham.

- For Rebecca: God's _____: **2 nations**: Israelites and Edomites.
Confused about what IS happening in your life? Ask God for wisdom. **James 1:5-8**

The purpose of prayer is not to get our will done in heaven, but to get God's will done on earth!

3. What Rebecca and Isaac got was a Word from God: Vs 23, The elder _____ the younger.

- *The apostle Paul explains... Romans 9:10-13*
This passage deals with them as NATIONS. Rom 9 is not about individual salvation. See John 3:16
- Love vs Hate = choosing one over the other. See **Luke 14:26** compared with Ex 20:12, Eph 6:2, etc.
- **KEY: God's election is based upon His _____ of your _____!** **1 Peter 1:2**
God made decisions before the foundation of the earth based upon His foreknowledge of a man's choices during his life on earth. See Eph 1:1-14.

Don't throw out the mountains of references in your Bible to God's love for and desire for the salvation of all peoples of the world over one difficult passage in your Bible!

God often reverses man's natural order, for His ways are not man's ways. Isaiah 55:8-9

Picture: God uses / blesses the second birth!

4. Esau: The " _____ " Genesis 25:32-34

- Esau, "the red man," was a slave to his physical appetite for red bean soup.
He sold his birthright (the rights and privileges of the first-born.) Deuteronomy 21:17
- Esau did not care about spiritual things! He was a fornicator, an immoral man.
Vs 27: A cunning hunter. Typical of Nimrod / Antichrist in **Genesis 10:8-9**
Vs 27 A man of the field. Matt 13:38! Esau isn't in the world to win it for Christ! He is in it because he loves it. He is worldly. His god is his belly. Phil 3:18, Gen 25:34

He was a favored and successful in the world, but a spiritual _____ before the LORD.

Most of humanity has followed in Esau's footsteps! **Matthew 7:13; 16:26**

- Esau = "Edom" (red) from his nature in the flesh and this failure! He desired the red porridge. Vs 30
- Edom will be utterly destroyed. See **Obadiah** Comare **Hebrews 12:15-17**
- **Profane:** " _____ the temple." One who loves only the fleshly. Not spiritually minded.

5. Jacob: The " _____ " – "heal catcher!" Gen 25:26, 27:36; Acts 7:8

- He was plain, a man of the tents.
Picture: this undefiled man was a stranger and pilgrim in this world – seeking a heavenly city!
- Jacob purchases Esau's birthright. Vs 27-34. **NOTE: Who was the craftier hunter?**
- Jacob was aggressive and tricky from his birth and throughout his life (27:36) until God changed him into "Israel" = a man of faith / God.