

Old Testament Survey #4 – Genesis 24-26

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I. The Life of Isaac

A. Genesis 24

1. Vss. 1-9 Abraham sends his servant to his relatives to find a wife for Isaac.
 - a. Abraham made his servant swear an oath.
 - b. Isaac not to return to his homeland because of God's Land promise.
 - c. God would send His "Angel/Messenger" before him.
2. Vss. 10-27 The prayer of Abraham's servant answered to the letter.
3. Vss. 28-61 Rebekah agrees, and her family sends her off.
4. Vss. 63-67 Isaac and Rebekah married.
5. Important lessons:
 - a. A wife with a similar background
 - b. From a family who worshiped God
 - c. Cognizant of God's Promises
 - d. A proven humble, service-oriented, hospitable woman

B. Genesis 25

1. Vss. 1-10 Abraham's other children given gifts, but Isaac inherited all.
 - a. Abraham dies, buried beside Sarah by Isaac and Ishmael.
2. Vss. 11-18 Ishmael and his descendants
3. Vss. 19-28 Birth of the twins, Esau & Jacob
 - a. vs. 21 Rebekah was barren like Sarah, Isaac's mother
 - b. vss. 21-23 Rebekah conceived, Prophecy of the twins
 - c. vss. 24-27 Esau a hunter, Jacob a shepherd
 - d. vs. 28 Esau favored by Isaac, Jacob favored by Rebekah.
4. Vss. 29-34 Esau despised and sold his birthright
5. Important lessons:
 - a. Because Esau despised God's covenant, God despised him (Mal. 1:1-3)
 - b. An example for us (Heb. 12:5-17)
 - c. God scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble (Prov. 3:34; James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5).

C. Genesis 26

1. Vss. 1-6 God reaffirms the Abrahamic Covenant through Isaac.
 - a. v. 5 BECAUSE Abraham obeyed God's "*voice*, and kept My *charge*, My *commandments*, My *statutes*, and My *laws*."
2. Vss. 7-11 Isaac lies to king Abimelech about his wife (like Abraham did).
3. Vss. 12-15 God blessed Isaac abundantly
4. Vss. 16-23 Conflict between Isaac's servants and Abimelech's people.
5. Vss. 24-25 God appeared to Isaac affirming the Abrahamic Covenant again.
6. Vss. 26-33 Peace established between Isaac and Abimelech.
7. Vss. 34-35 Esau married two Hittite (pagan) women, grief to parents.