

Old Testament Survey #5 – Genesis 27-36

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Prelude: Gen. 26:34-35 Esau takes two pagan wives, who were constant "grief" to Isaac and Rebekah. (Compare 27:46 & 28:1-9)

I. The Life of Jacob

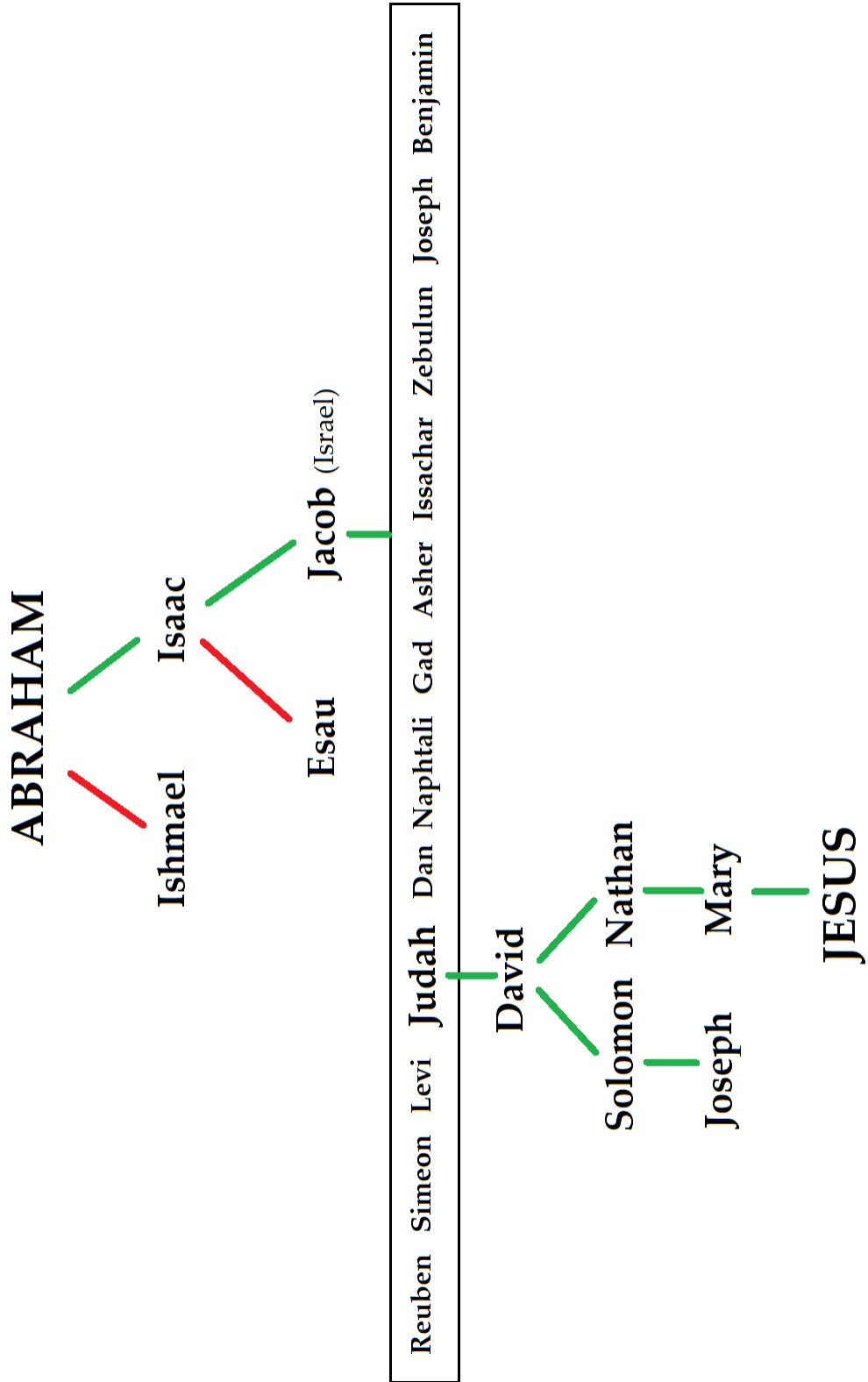
A. Gen. 27 Jacob deceives Isaac to steal the patriarchal "blessing"

1. The plot was conceived by Rebekah
2. Vss. 27-29 The "blessing" if given to Esau would contradict the prophecy given by God to Rebekah (compare 25:21-23).
3. Vs. 37 Isaac's "blessing" of Jacob fulfilled the prophecy that *"the older will serve the younger."*
4. Vs. 39-40 Esau's blessing:
 - a. Esau would live by the sword
 - b. Isaac's prophecy that Esau's decedents (Edom) would revolt against Jacob's descendants (Israel) was fulfilled about 870 years later (2 Kings 8:16-22).
 - c. Esau (Edom) is the Kingdom of Jordan today
 1. Lot's incestuous sons, Moab & Ammon (north of Jordan – Esau)
 2. Ishmael – Arabs (south of Edom)
5. Vs. 41 Esau plots to kill Jacob
6. Vss. 42-46 Rebekah tells Jacob to flee east to her father's house.

B. Gen. 28 Jacob leaves for Padan Aram (Haran)

1. Vss. 1-5 Isaac sends Jacob back to Rebekah's family to find a wife from among her brother Laban's daughters (1st cousins to Jacob).
 - a. The *"blessing of Abraham"* pronounced over Jacob
 - b. Gal. 3:14 The *"blessing of Abraham"* comes to us through Jesus Christ.
2. Vss. 6-9 Esau takes another pagan wife (perhaps to spite his father?)
3. Vss. 10-22 The vision of *"Jacob's Ladder"*
 - a. Vs. 13 **"The LORD"** stood at the top of the ladder, pronounced the Abrahamic Covenant upon Jacob, and promised to prosper and accompany Jacob, and not leave him. This was the *"Angel of the LORD"* – the Son of God (compare Gen. 31:11-13 & Gen. 48:13-16).
 - b. Vss. 16-19 Jacob sets up a pillar, and names the place *"Beth-el"* (House of God).
 - c. Vss. 20-22 Jacob vows to God, and promises to give God (Christ) a tithe of all that God provides. (Remember, Abraham previously gave a tithe to Melchizedek who was Christ according to the Apostle Paul (Heb. 7).

C. Rom. 2; Rom. 9; Gal. 3, Paul shows that not all of Abraham's descendants receive the blessing. Christ is the "Seed." Those baptized into Him become "Abraham's Seed."



D. Gen. 29-30 Jacob serves Laban 14 years for his 2 daughters; birth of Jacob's sons; the Messenger of God instructs Jacob on how to breed Laban's flocks so that Jacob becomes enriched.

E. Gen. 31 Jacob steals away with his wives, children, and flocks; is pursued by Laban; Jacob and Laban make a covenant.

F. Gen. 32-33 Jacob finally meets his brother Esau.

G. Gen. 34 Jacob's daughter Dinah raped; the slaughter of the Hamor and Shechem

H. Gen. 35 Jacob returns to Bethel, Rebekah dies giving birth to Jacob's 12th son Benjamin. Reuben defiled his father's concubine. Jacob arrives in Mamre to see Isaac his father, who dies at 180. Jacob and Esau bury him.

I. Gen. 36 The genealogy of Esau