



Read Through The Bible In A Year

Week 3 – Genesis 25-38 (Revision A)

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:36

Questions

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1. Looking Back

Genesis is a book of beginnings. In the Beginning God created. . . Universe, earth, animals, marriage, mankind. Unfortunately, man used his free will to disobey God and sin entered the world and fell from what God designed him to be. Then God inaugurated a plan by establishing covenant with Abraham for the creation of a nation of people and for man's ultimate redemption and re-creation. God led Abraham out of Babylonia into the land of Canaan. Abraham fled to Egypt. Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed. Though a patriarch, Abraham like many other men of God act deceitfully and selfishly. He had a child, Isaac, who had produced two boys Esau and Jacob.

About the book. Genesis was probably written by Moses during the wilderness wanderings between 1446 and 1406 B.C. It is truly a book of beginnings.

2. What happened in this week's reading

- a. Abraham Arranges Wife for Isaac
- b. Abraham Marries Keturah
- c. Death of Abraham
- d. Last Account of Ishmael
- e. Esau and Jacob
- f. A Birthright is Sold
- g. Isaac Follows in Abraham's Footsteps
- h. Trouble Between Jacob and Esau
- i. Jacob Leaves for Haran
- j. Jacob Marries and Has Children
- k. Laban and Jacob Outsmart Each Other
- l. Jacob Leaves Laban
- m. Jacob Returns to Canaan

Last Week – Additional Thoughts

Sealing the Deal – Signs and Symbols

Covenants between men

- a. Hand under thigh p. 49 Gen 24:1-9
- b. Splitting carcass p. 29 Gen 15:9
- c. Examples today

Covenants between man and God

- a. Old
- b. New

- n. Dinah and the Men of Shechem
- o. Jacob's Journey continues
- p. Record of the Edomites
- q. Joseph's Early Years
- r. Judah and Tamar

3. What does it mean?

- a. God wants to have a ___relationship___ with us, but the depth is up to us. Gen. 32:24-32 (p. 66)
 - 1) Jacob flees Esau – Dream at Bethel. Stairway to heaven
 - 2) 20 years later returns
 - 3) Wrestles with Angel “God”
 - 4) What is your name? Gen 32:24ff p. 67 compare to Gen 27:18 p. 56
- b. Joseph: The Epitome of _virtue_____
 - Sins of Patriarchs
 - They were __corrupted____ by the culture. Are we?
 - Compare to Joseph
 - His primary virtue? He trusted God Pro. 3:5,6; Acts 7:9,10; Heb. 11:17-22; Rom. 4
- c. Covenant of Circumcision - A reminder becomes a ritual becomes a ___rule___
- d. ___revenge___
 - OT times – Levi/Simeon compared to Joseph
 - Middle East today
 - In our lives

4. Going Deeper - Remembering our benefactors – Who has helped you? Have you expressed your appreciation?

What is a Jew?

5. How will you use what you have learned this week?

6. Looking Ahead – Establishment of a Nation in Egypt