

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
GENESIS 25 - Keturah, GENESIS 26 - Isaac in Gerar,
Genesis 27 - Blessing of Jacob instead of Esau

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we continue our study of the great story of Abraham's, Keturah and Isaac blessing Jacob instead of Esau, the firstborn.

Genesis 25

Say - Verses 1-4 are about Keturah, Abraham's wife after Sarah. Abraham lived until Jacob and Esau were 15 years old.

¹Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah (Keturah was a concubine of Abraham, I Chronicles 1:32; Keturah means "offer incense").

²And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian (Moses' father in law was a High Priest of Midian) and Ishbak, and Shuah. ³And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim. ⁴And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.

⁵And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac (Means Abraham gave to Isaac the main riches and servants, this was not uncommon. This does not mean the remainder of Abraham's children were poor for Abraham gave to all his children).

⁶But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

Say - Verses 7-11 are of the death of Abraham.

⁷And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years (Abraham was a sojourner 100 years.). ⁸Then Abraham gave up the ghost (means breathed his last breath), and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people (Abraham lived a good long life or until Jacob and Esau were 15 years old and he was buried next to Sarah).

⁹And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre; ¹⁰The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife (later on Isaac, Jacob and Joseph).

¹¹And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahairoi (In Beersheeba where God met Hagar and provided water for her and Ishmael).

Say - The following verses, 12-18, are the generations of Ishmael.

¹²Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham: ¹³And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, ¹⁴And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, ¹⁵Hadar, and Tema (Yemen), Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah:

¹⁶These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations. ¹⁷And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died (breathed his last breath); and was gathered unto his people (doesn't mean Ishmael was buried in Egypt). ¹⁸And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and he died in the presence of all his brethren.

Say - The birth of Isaac's twin sons, Jacob and Esau who knew their grandfather Abraham for 15 years. Genesis 25:19 - 35:29 are the generations of Isaac.

¹⁹And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac: ²⁰And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.

²¹And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

Say - Verse 22 below is very important because this is the beginning of the Middle East Conflict and it still rages on.)

²²And the children struggled together within her (and continue to struggle to this very day); and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD (Jehovah, the Eternal or Everlasting God).

²³And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb (This is a momentous event in the world's history!), and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels (separated as youngsters and are still separated today but in the future the older will eventually serve the younger in God's plan); and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger. (Although God is orchestrating everything here, Satan is also involved and creates turmoil and it still goes on and on.)

²⁴And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵And the first came out red (ruddy), all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau (means hairy).

²⁶And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel (still struggling trying to throw him off balance); and his name was called Jacob (Israel, means "supplanter" which means takes the place of another; Jacob was the father of the 12 tribes of Israel.): and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

²⁷And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents (Esau and Jacob had two different natures).

²⁸And Isaac loved Esau (Eldest son of Isaac and Rebekah and the forefather of the Arab people, Edom/Iraq, see vs. 30 below), because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob (rivalry developing).

²⁹And Jacob sod (boiled) pottage (anything cooked in a pot, lentils, verse 34 below): and Esau came from the field, and he was faint: ³⁰And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom (Esau is Edom and Edom means red, men of violence. During the Exodus, God told the Israelites "not to meddle" with the Edomites, Deuteronomy 2:45, even though Jacob/Israel came from Isaac. The entire book of Obadiah talks all about the Edomites/Iraq. Another name or Assyrian name for Edom is Idumea.).

³¹And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright (there was no need to go through this because it was already promised to him as God had said, but when human reasoning gets involved, this is what happens. Esau could not give or sell his birthright; it was not his to give or sell; it was all orchestrated by God so both were guilty, Genesis 25:23 says, "the older shall serve the younger" meaning Jacob and eventually this will happen.)

³²And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me (the birthright included the father's blessing and supremacy which went to Jacob/Israel. A double portion went to Joseph, chapter 48 and the domestic Priesthood, the Levites)? ³³And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob (How can you sell your birthright when it isn't yours to sell. Esau treated the birthright as merchandise.). ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

Genesis 26

Say - Genesis 26 is now switching back to Isaac and his journey to Gerar.

¹And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham (The famine in the land accounts for Esau's despair of living and for selling his birthright). And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

²And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: ³Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries (lands), and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father;

⁴And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; (Why?)

⁵Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes (written codes), and my laws (The Torah is the totality of all teachings with many divisions, priesthood, food etc and all of this was long before Mt. Sinai).

⁶And Isaac dwelt in Gerar (near the Philistines):

⁷And the men of the place asked him of his wife (Rebekah was very beautiful); and he said, She is my sister (same lie as Abraham used for Sarah): for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon.

⁸And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting (being playful and caressing Rebekah) with Rebekah his wife.

⁹And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife (Abimelech was thinking you don't play with a sister like this); and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

¹⁰And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us.

¹¹And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

¹²Then Isaac sowed in that land (they allowed Isaac to live in peace), and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him (very fertile land).

¹³And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:

¹⁴For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them (plugged Isaac's wells trying to get rid of him), and filled them with earth (did it after Abraham died).

¹⁶And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

¹⁷And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

¹⁸And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped (plugged the wells) them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them (Isaac was of a calm nature shown by his obedience, his betrothal, mourning for his mother and following in his father's footsteps to Gerar and digging new wells there when problems arose).

¹⁹And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing (living, bubbling) water.

²⁰And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen (the strife was between the shepherds of the different flocks, not Isaac), saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek (means strife); because they strove with him.

²¹And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah (Sitnah means "opposition", this is the 2nd well Isaac dug in Gerar. It was the culture, whoever dug the well it was theirs until they left it. So it was wrong of them to fight Isaac's shepherds but Isaac did not fight them, he dug a new well. Remember he had been raised by Abraham and was taught how to get along with others).

²²And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth (means wide places or streets or roominess, this is the 3rd well Isaac dug in the land of the Philistines); and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

²³And he went up from thence to Beersheba. ²⁴And the LORD appeared unto (Isaac) him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. ²⁵And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

²⁶Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army. ²⁷And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?

²⁸And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee (Abimelech was a Gentile King and he could see how God was with Isaac): and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;

²⁹That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the LORD (They never harmed Isaac in fact they showed favor to him).

³⁰And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink (now they wanted to make peace so Isaac made a feast and celebrated). ³¹And they rose up betimes in the morning, and swore one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. ³²And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water. ³³And he called it Shebah (means an oath and the same name given as Abraham): therefore the name of the city is Beersheba unto this day.

³⁴And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite (a Canaanite), and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite (Esau had two wives): ³⁵Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah (Just like Abraham, they did not want Jacob or Esau to marry a Canaanite woman or outside the family. There were many women that came with Rebekah and could have married one of them and especially from a Patriarch family. God is showing Esau did not deserve the birthright for Esau had no respect for the God of Abraham and Isaac.).

Genesis 27

Say - Esau and Jacob. Isaac blesses Jacob instead of Esau.

¹And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I. ²And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death:

³Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; ⁴And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die (the will of the flesh Isaac wanted to bless Esau but his faith in the end over ruled the flesh and he blessed Jacob.) ⁵And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it.

⁶And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, ⁷Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death.

⁸Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. ⁹Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth:

¹⁰And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death. ¹¹And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man:

¹²My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing (Jacob didn't say we can't deceive my father; the entire family needs help at this point.).

¹³And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them.

¹⁴And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved (had to do it in secret so couldn't have a servant do it).

¹⁵And Rebekah took goodly raiment (choice garments which marks distinction) of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house (Abraham lived in tents, Isaac a house), and put them upon Jacob her younger son: ¹⁶And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:

¹⁷And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. ¹⁸And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son?

¹⁹And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy first born (Jacob lied); I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

²⁰And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son (sounds a bit fishy to Isaac)? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought it to me.

²¹And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not. ²²And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

²³And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. ²⁴And he said, Art thou my very son Esau (Isaac is still doubting)? And he said, I am (Jacob lied again).

²⁵And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine and he drank.

²⁶And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. ²⁷And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:

²⁸Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn (grain) and wine:

²⁹Let people (nations) serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee (all the 12 tribes of Israel).

³⁰And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

³¹And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

³²And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau (Esau is still claiming what he sold to Jacob).

³³And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.

³⁴And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

³⁵And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

³⁶And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright (Esau is wrong, he did not have the birthright so Jacob did not take it from him); and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?

³⁷And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord (means Jacob will have power or authority over you, Esau), and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

³⁸And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept (but could not change his father's mind).

³⁹And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth (the fat places of the land shall be Jacob's dwelling and Esau would be the desert.), and of the dew of heaven from above;

⁴⁰And by thy sword shalt thou live (a man of war), and shalt serve thy brother (eventually this will be the case); and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck (Is describing the future of Edom/Esau and Jacob and not only in the Middle East but wherever Jacob is scattered around the world).

⁴¹And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob (Still unwilling to accept it was his fault by his nature. Esau did not respect his father's religion or his grandfather, Abraham; was an arrogant man).

⁴²And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee (Esau had the same attitude as Cain, Noah's son. God said if anyone serves Jacob they will be blessed and if they don't they will be cursed. Esau thought that the blessing Isaac gave him was a curse. He should've been humbled and all would have been blessed.).

⁴³Now therefore, my son (meaning Jacob), obey my voice; arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; ⁴⁴And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away; ⁴⁵Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day? (God was the one who was passing the blessing on to Jacob; the family should have stayed out of it.)

⁴⁶And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth (referring to Esau's wives the Canaanite): if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me? (This is how upset Rebekah was over the disrespect of Esau's behavior and marrying outside the family, she said what good would my life do me.)

MEMORY VERSE

And he came near, and kissed him...Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn (grain) and wine. Let people (nations) serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee (all the 12 tribes of Israel).

GENESIS 27:27-29

MEMORY VERSE FOR YOUTH

Therefore God give thee the dew of heaven...plenty of corn (grain) and wine...and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

Genesis 27:-29

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR YOUTH BELOW

ABRAHAM'S NEW WIFE, KETURAH, AND ISAAC BLESSING JACOB
INSTEAD OF ESAU

SARAH HAD DIED AND ABRAHAM BURIED HER IN THE LAND OF CANAAN. SOON ABRAHAM MARRIED KETURAH AND TOGETHER THEY HAD SIX SONS. ONE OF THE SON'S NAME WAS MIDIAN AND MOSES' FATHER-IN-LAW WAS A HIGH PRIEST OF MIDIAN.

SOON ABRAHAM WAS GROWING VERY OLD AS WELL AND HE DIED AND WAS BURIED NEXT TO SARAH. GOD PASSED THE BLESSING HE HAD GIVEN TO ABRAHAM ON TO ISAAC AND SOON GOD WOULD PASS THE BLESSING ON TO ONE OF ISAAC'S CHILDREN. WE WILL FIND OUT WHO IN THIS BIBLE STORY.

SOON ISAAC AND REBEKAH HAD CHILDREN IN FACT THEY HAD TWINS. BUT REBEKAH SAID, "THE CHILDREN STRUGGLED WITHIN HER" AND SHE PRAYED TO GOD WHY THIS WAS SO. GOD TOLD REBEKAH THERE ARE "TWO NATIONS IN YOUR BODY" AND "TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF PERSONALITIES".

GOD CONTINUED, "ONE NATION WILL BE STRONGER THAN THE OTHER NATION AND THE OLDEST SON SHALL SERVE THE YOUNGEST SON". THE BOYS GREW AND THEIR GRANDFATHER, ABRAHAM, LIVED UNTIL THE BOYS WERE 15 YEARS OLD.

THEY NAMED THE TWINS ESAU, WHICH MEANS HAIRY AND JACOB WHICH MEANS SUPPLANTER. SUPPLANTER MEANS TO TAKE THE PLACE OF ANOTHER. EVEN THOUGH ESAU WAS THE FIRSTBORN OF ISAAC AND REBEKAH, JACOB RECEIVED THE BLESSING WHICH WAS ALL ORCHESTRATED BY GOD. JACOB BECAME THE FATHER OF THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

"ESAU WAS A CUNNING HUNTER OR MAN OF THE FIELD WITH A FEROCIOUS PERSONALITY. JACOB WAS A PLAIN MAN OR ORDINARY PERSON AND DWELT IN TENTS. ISAAC LOVED ESAU AND REBEKAH LOVED JACOB. GOD TELLS US, "JACOB HAVE I LOVED AND ESAU HAVE I HATED". GOD LOVED JACOB BECAUSE HE REPENTED OF HIS SINS

WHILE ESAU WAS NOT RESPECTFUL OF THE TRUE GOD OF ABRAHAM AND ISAAC.

SOON ESAU CAME FROM THE FIELD AND WAS FAINT WITH HUNGER AND HE WANTED THE LENTIL SOUP JACOB HAD MADE. JACOB SAID, "SELL ME YOUR BIRTHRIGHT". "BIRTHRIGHT" MEANS THE RIGHT OF THE FIRST BORN OR THE ONE WHO WOULD NORMALLY RECEIVE THE AUTHORITY OF A FAMILY. ESAU WAS THE FIRST BORN OR OLDEST SON OF ISAAC AND REBEKAH.

ESAU SAID, "I AM ABOUT TO DIE AND WHAT PROFIT SHALL THIS BIRTHRIGHT DO TO ME AND ESAU SOLD HIS BIRTHRIGHT TO JACOB FOR A BOWL OF LENTIL SOUP.

NOW ISAAC THEIR FATHER HAD GROWN OLD AND HE COULD NOT SEE WELL FOR THE BIBLE TELLS US "HIS EYES WERE DIM". ISAAC TOLD ESAU TO "GO TO THE FIELD WITH HIS BOW AND ARROW AND GET HIM SOME VENISON AND COOK IT FOR HIM THAT I MAY EAT AND I WILL BLESS YOU BEFORE I DIE".

REBEKAH, ISAAC'S WIFE, HEARD WHAT ISAAC HAD TOLD ESAU AND WHILE ESAU TOOK OFF TO HUNT FOR THE VENISON, REBEKAH SAID TO JACOB, "GO TO OUR FLOCK AND GET ME TWO GOATS AND I WILL COOK THEM FOR ISAAC".

REBEKAH WANTED JACOB TO RECEIVE THE BLESSING INSTEAD OF ESAU. JACOB SAID TO HIS MOTHER BUT "ESAU IS HAIRY AND I AM SMOOTH SKINNED". BUT GOD WAS THE ONE WHO WOULD CHOOSE WHO THE BLESSING WOULD GO TO; IT WAS NOT UP TO ISAAC, REBEKAH, ESAU OR JACOB.

JACOB OBEDIENTLY WENT AND BROUGHT THE GOATS TO HIS MOM AND SHE COOKED THE MEAT FOR ISAAC. REBEKAH ALSO TOOK THE SKINS FROM THE GOATS AND PUT THEM ON JACOB'S HANDS AND UPON HIS NECK.

NOW IT WAS TIME FOR JACOB TO GO TO HIS FATHER, ISAAC AND HE PRETENDED HE WAS ESAU. ISAAC FELT HIS SON AND SAID, "THE

VOICE IS JACOB'S VOICE BUT THE HANDS ARE OF ESAU BECAUSE THEY FELT HAIRY".

ISAAC KISSED HIS SON AND BLESSED HIM AND SAID, "GOD GIVE THEE THE DEW OF HEAVEN AND THE FATNESS OF THE EARTH AND PLENTY OF GRAIN AND WINE. LET PEOPLE OR NATIONS SERVE THEE AND BOW DOWN TO THEE AND CURSED BE EVERYONE THAT CURSETH THEE AND BLESSED BE THOSE WHO BLESS THEE".

AS SOON AS ISAAC FINISHED THE BLESSING OF JACOB, ESAU CAME IN FROM HUNTING AND HE COOKED THE VENISON FOR ISAAC AND ESAU WANTED TO BE BLESSED. ISAAC TOLD ESAU, "I HAVE EATEN AND HAVE BLESSED JACOB AND I HAVE MADE HIM THY LORD OR GIVEN JACOB POWER OVER YOU". "YOU, ESAU, SHALL LIVE IN THE DESERT AND SHALL SERVE THY BROTHER JACOB". ESAU WAS NOT VERY HAPPY AND WANTED TO KILL HIS BROTHER JACOB.

UNFORTUNATELY ESAU IS NOT SERVING HIS BROTHER JACOB FOR THEY ARE AT ODDS WITH EACH OTHER; THEY DO NOT GET ALONG NOR WORSHIP THE SAME GOD. IN FACT THESE NATIONS DO NOT KNOW THEY ARE RELATED AND YET HAVE THE SAME GRANDFATHER, ABRAHAM. THE BIBLE TELLS US THIS STORY ENDS UP WITH SOME VERY GOOD NEWS. GOD TELLS US IN THE BIBLE, "THAT MEN FROM ALL LANGUAGES AND NATIONS SHALL TAKE HOLD OF HIM THAT IS A JEW (MEANING AN ISRAELITE) AND WILL SAY WE WILL GO WITH YOU FOR WE HAVE HEARD THAT GOD IS WITH YOU". ZECHARIAH 8:23.

IT IS A BEAUTIFUL STORY AND I HOPE YOU WILL REMAIN TRUE TO GOD SO YOU CAN BE A TEACHER OF THE TRUTH OF GOD IN HIS KINGDOM.

*THEREFORE GOD GIVE THEE (JACOB) OF THE DEW OF HEAVEN
AND THE FATNESS OF THE EARTH AND PLENTY OF GRAIN
AND WINE. LET PEOPLE SERVE THEE AND NATIONS BOW
DOWN TO THEE...*



*CURSED BE EVERYONE THAT CURSES THEE AND BLESSED
BE HE THAT BLESSES THEE.*

GENESIS 27:28-29