

Genesis 27

-Main characters of *Genesis* studied thus far: Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Lot, Isaac = a continual unfolding of God's plan of salvation

-Next main characters: Jacob and Esau

-What do we know about Jacob and Esau?

Genesis 27.1-17

V 1 – Which son did each parent favor? Isaac = Esau, Rebekah = Jacob

-**Any open favoritism yet?** Rebekah must have told Jacob about prophecy (25.23) – that caused Jacob to steal the birthright from Esau

-Isaac is going against 25.23 and the “sale” of the birthright – he is planning to give an “oral” birthright or blessing to Esau (first born)

-**Physical problem Isaac had?** Poor eyesight

V 2 – Outlook for Isaac had? Thought he was near death

V 3 – What request did Isaac make of Esau? Hunt some game in the field

V 4 – Additional request? Prepare meal

-**Why?** For oral blessing of Esau

V 5 – One problem? Rebekah heard all of this

V 6 – What did Rebekah do? Told Jacob (favoritism)

V 7 – She repeated what Isaac had requested (good listener)

V 8 – She told Jacob to obey her

V 9 – Her plan? Told Jacob to get two sheep, and she would prepare a meal for Isaac

V 10 – Jacob was to present a meal to his father

V 11 – What problem did Jacob see? Esau was hairy, Jacob was not

V 12 – Isaac may detect the deception and curse Jacob instead of blessing him

V 13 – Rebekah's reply? “I'll take the consequences” (rather flippant)

V 14 – What happened? Jacob got the lambs, and Rebekah made the meal

V 15 – Next thing she did? Put Esau's clothes on Jacob

-**Why, if Isaac was blind?** Smell, texture, etc.

V 16 – How did Rebekah make Jacob “hairy”? Put skins of lambs on Jacob’s hands and neck

V 17 – Gave food to Jacob

Genesis 27.18-29

V 18 – Jacob went to his father Isaac

-**Question of Isaac?** “Who are you?”

V 19 – Notice how *vs. 19a* emphasizes the lie that was being perpetrated

-No one in this whole story was righteous

V 20 – Isaac’s question? “So fast?”

-What a sharp answer (fast thinking)

V 21 – Test Isaac had? Let me feel of you (Esau must have really been hairy)

V 22 – Isaac’s reply? Voice of Jacob, but hands of Esau

V 23 – Was Isaac fooled? Yes

-**What really caused the deception?** Hairy hands

V 24 – Such boldness in lying!

V 25 – What did Isaac ask for next? The food

-He ate and drank

V 26 – Next request? That Jacob kiss him

V 27 – Why the clothes of Esau? The smell was important

-Isaac liked the fields, too

V 28 – What kind of blessings? Material

V 29 – Other blessings? Others would serve him (respect)

-The blessings was like “last will and testament” today – binding on all parties – carried out by divine justice

-Jacob must have left at this point

Genesis 27.30-40

V 30 – Who came in next? Esau (shortly after Jacob had left)

V 31 – Esau took the food in to his father

V 32 – **Question of Isaac?** Who are you?

V 33 – **Did Isaac have trouble figuring it out?** No – saw it immediately

V 34 – Really pitiful

-**Reaction of Esau?** Cried out – he wanted his father bless him

V 35 – Isaac saw the deceitfulness of Jacob

V 36 – **Whom did Esau blame?** Jacob

V 37 – Isaac doesn't know anything else to do

V 38 – **What did Esau ask for?** Just one more blessing

V 39 – **The blessings (2)?** 1. Not going to be a farmer

V 40 – 2. Would live by the sword and would break away from the yoke of Jacob

-The blessing wasn't much, but it did have a ray of hope

Genesis 27.41-46

V 41 – **Esau's attitude toward Jacob?** Grudge

-**Esau's plan?** To kill Jacob when the days of mourning were over

V 42 – It sounds as if Esau was loose with his tongue – word got around (even to Rebekah)

V 43 – **Rebekah's advice?** Flee to Laban in Haran

V 44 – **Did she see a long stay?** No – few days

V 45 – Rebekah will send for Jacob when things have cooled off

V 46 – **How did Rebekah justify Jacob's leaving?** To find a wife (the local women were too wicked)

-Jacob had a lot of spiritual growing to do.

Read Hebrews 12.15-17

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