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Genesis 27-32

GENESIS

How it All Began

FOUR GREAT EVENTS				FOUR GREAT MEN			
<i>The Creation</i>	<i>The Fall</i>	<i>The Flood</i>	<i>The Tower</i>	ABRAHAM	ISAAC	JACOB	JOSEPH
1-2	3-5	6-9	10-11	12-23	24-26	27-36	37-50
20% of the book				80% of the book			
GOD DEALS WITH ALL MEN				GOD FOCUSES ON ONE FAMILY			
<i>The Early History of the Human Race</i>				<i>The Early History of the Chosen Race</i>			
Thousands of Years				360 Years			
MESOPOTAMIA				CANAAN		EGYPT	
<i>The Nature of God & Man</i>	<i>The Principle of Judgment</i>			<i>The Response of Faith</i>		<i>The Function of Suffering</i>	

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Context – Genesis 25...

Gen 25:22-23 (NIV)

22 The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

23 The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

Context Continued – Genesis 25...

Gen 25:25-26 (NIV)

25 The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau.

26 After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob.

["heel holder" or "deceiver"] Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

Context Continued – Genesis 25...

Gen 25:28 (NIV)

28 Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 27...

- Isaac desires to bless Esau, his firstborn, before his death. Asks Esau to hunt & prepare a meal for him before he blesses him.
- Rebekah overhears and devises a plan with Jacob to steal the blessing. She prepares the meal and “dresses Jacob up” to feel and smell like Esau.
- Jacob tricks Isaac into giving him the blessing. Esau returns, they figure out what happened and are both furious! Esau plans to kill Jacob. Rebekah plans to send Jacob away to Haran, to her brothers (Uncle Laban) house.

Genesis 28...

- Through more deception, Rebekah convinces Isaac that Jacob needs to go find a wife in Haran. Isaac agrees and blesses Jacob, off to Laban's he goes.
- On Jacob's journey he lays down, using a stone for a pillow, and has a dream about a ladder from heaven to earth with angels ascending and descending.
- God reaffirms the Abrahamic covenant with him. Jacob vows to worship God IF God would keep him safe.

Genesis 29...

- Jacob meets Rachel at a well near Haran and falls in love. This is Laban's younger daughter.
- Laban welcomes Jacob and agrees to 7 years of Jacob's work in exchange for his daughter in marriage.
- 7 years later, Laban deceives Jacob and sends his oldest daughter, Leah, to the bed chamber rather than Rachel. Jacob realizes in the morning and confronts Laban..."not our custom to give younger daughter to marriage before the eldest".

Genesis 29 continued...

- A week later Jacob marries Rachel in exchange for 7 more years of service.
- Rachel was barren. Meanwhile, God sees that Leah was loved less than Rachel and He blesses her with four sons.
- This is where things start to get really messy.

Genesis 30...

- Rachel is envious of Leah and her children, so Rachel gives Jacob her servant Bilhah (to bear children for her – sound familiar?).
- Bilhah has two sons with Jacob.
- Leah is no longer bearing children and becomes jealous, so she gives Jacob her servant Zilpah.
- Zilpah has two sons with Jacob.

Genesis 30 continued...

- Leah's son brings her some mandrakes and Rachel really wants some. So, in exchange for the mandrakes, Rachel allows Leah to sleep with Jacob that night. Leah gives Jacob two more sons.
- After bearing Jacob six sons, Leah gives birth to a daughter who they named Dinah.
- God then opens Rachels womb and she has a son with Jacob named Joseph.

Genesis 30 continued...

- Jacob continues to prosper and gain wealth while working for Uncle Laban through a unique breeding agreement involving sheep and goats.

Jacob's Family

JACOB

Leah

Zilpah

Rachel

Bilhah



Leah's
servant



Rachel's
servant



Only God can turn the misfortune, misery, and messiness of our life into a masterpiece.

God's plan all along was to bless Abraham, Isaac & Jacob and their descendants.

Man stepped in and made a mess, but God was still at work, implementing His plan despite the sin of man.

Genesis 31...

- As Jacob grew wealthier, so grew the jealousy and tension with Laban's sons.
- God tells Jacob it is time to return to his father in Canaan. Rachel and Leah, who were both aware of their father's dishonesty, agree to leave.
- Jacob and all his family quietly gathered their belongings and head south out of Laban's land while he was off shearing his sheep.

Genesis 31 continued...

- Rachel steals her father's household idols.
- Laban discovers Jacob had fled. Chases them down. Angry that he didn't get to say goodbye to his children/grandchildren...and, wants to know why Jacob stole his idols.
- Jacob denies stealing and allows him to search anywhere. Laban cannot find because Rachel is sitting on them. Jacob and Laban make a covenant of peace.

Dishonesty and deceit will keep you running from your past and will cause you to lose the things you love the most.

Genesis 32....

- Jacob prepares to meet Esau after deceiving him and fleeing from him 20 years prior.
- Jacob is fearful and sends gifts and messages ahead to Esau. They return telling him Esau is coming to meet him with 400 men.
- Jacob splits his family in two groups, hoping at least one would survive if Esau attacks them.

Genesis 32 continued...

- That night, Jacob sends his wives and children away so he could pray to God. (*should have done first, not last*)
- A “man” shows up that night and wrestles with Jacob till daybreak. While wrestling, the man touches Jacob’s hip and puts it out of joint.
- Jacob holds tightly to the “man” and demands a blessing. The “man” blesses Jacob and changes his name to ISRAEL because “he had wrestled with God and and man and has overcome”. (*Gen. 32:28*)

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Do you "walk with a limp" because the gracious hand of God has touched your life?