

Genesis 25

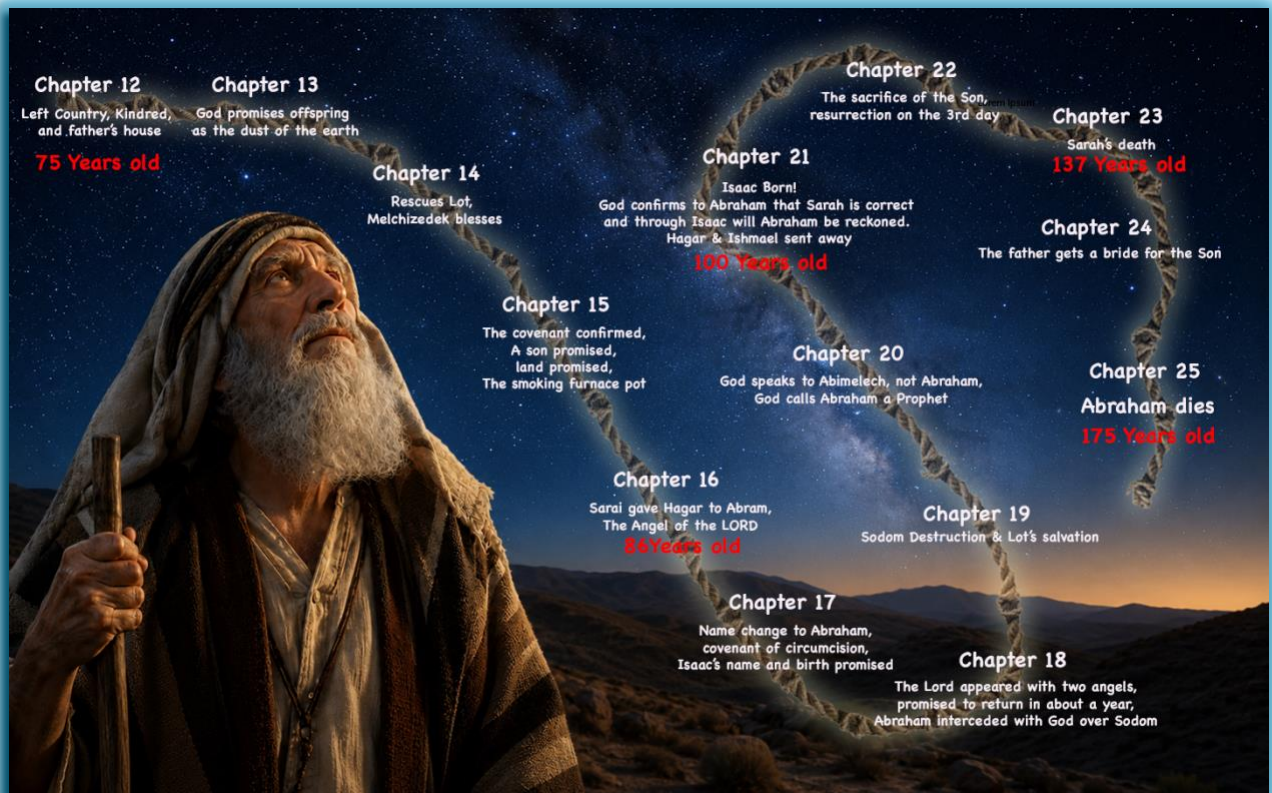
^{25:1} Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah. ² She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, **Midian**, Ishbak, and Shuah. ³ Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. ⁴ The sons of **Midian** were Ephah, Ephher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.

⁵ Abraham gave all he had to Isaac. ⁶ But to the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts, and while he was still living **he sent them away from his son Isaac**, eastward to the east country.

- **Midian**—
 - Later, the Ishmaelites and the Midianites will purchase Joseph and sell him to Potipher ([Genesis 37:27-28](#))
 - 400+ years later, **Moses** will marry Zipporah, a Midianite – [Exodus 2:16-22](#)
 - Midianites will become enemies of Israel – [Judges 6](#)
- God promised Abraham would be “father of **many nations**” [Genesis 17:4](#)
- **Shuah** – Bildad the Shuhite could be a descendant of Shuah ([Job 2:11](#))
- **he sent them away** – The son of promise/the covenant/ the seed will be protected

⁷ These are the days of the years of Abraham's life, 175 years. ⁸ Abraham **breathed his last and died in a good old age**, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. ⁹ **Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him** in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre,

¹⁰ the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with Sarah his wife. ¹¹ After the death of Abraham, **God blessed Isaac** his son. And Isaac settled at Beer-lahai-roi.



- Chart of His life
- **Breathed his last** – Abraham moved from this life into eternity
 - He changed, like throwing off an old, worn-out cloak

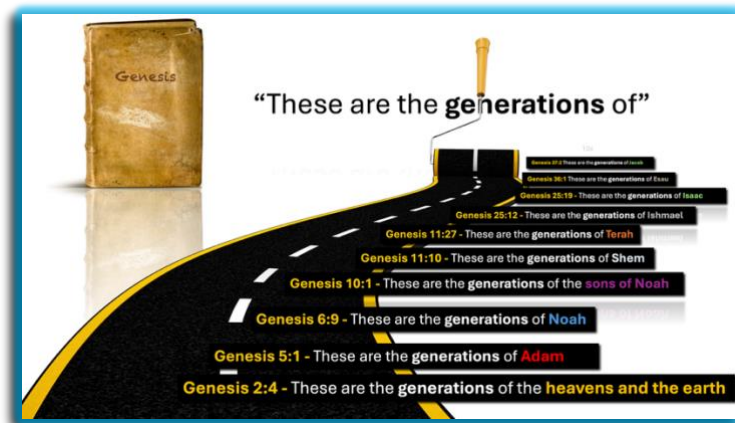


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- **He saw Jesus**, face to face, and no doubt recognized him as the one whom he prepared food for ([Genesis 18](#)), and who spoke to him multiple times.
 - As the Angel of the LORD Who shouted not to harm Isaac ([Genesis 22:11-12](#))
 - An old friend who had been with him so many years!
- **We too will die** or be changed ([1 Corinthians 15:51-52](#))
 - We will [behold the beauty of the LORD!](#)
 - We will finally understand and it will all make sense!
 - We will know like we are known!
 - [1 Corinthians 13:12](#) – ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.
 - We go into the marriage supper of the Lamb -[Revelation 19](#)
 - Abraham is there!
 - Elijah and Enoch (or Moses) get up and leave, then come back after a while – [Revelation 11](#)

¹² **These are the generations of** Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's servant, bore to Abraham. ¹³ These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, named in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael; and Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

- These are the generations of



¹⁴ Mishma, Dumah, Massa, ¹⁵ Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. ¹⁶ These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages and by their encampments, twelve princes according to their tribes.

¹⁷ (These are the years of the life of Ishmael: 137 years. He breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.) ¹⁸ They settled from Havilah to Shur, which is opposite Egypt in the direction of Assyria. He settled over against all his kinsmen.

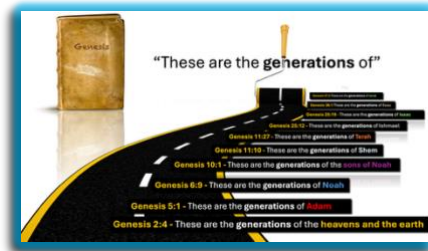
- There is a theory that the Arabs are descended from Ishmael. This could be true, but not all Arabs today would fit this lineage.
 - It is also a matter of debate among scholars.¹

The Birth of Esau and Jacob

¹⁹ These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the

¹ <https://www.gotquestions.org/search-results.html?q=Ishmael+is+arab%3F#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=Ishmael%20is%20arab%3F&gsc.page=1:~:text=Who%20are%20the%20descendants%20of%20Ishmael%3F%20%7C%20GotQuestions.org>

sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. ²¹ And **Isaac prayed** to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And **the LORD granted his prayer**, and Rebekah his wife conceived.



- **Isaac prayed** – Just because Isaac had the promises from God does not mean that he was not supposed to pray for his barren wife.
 - Did Abraham encourage him to pray for her?
 - He knew the promises but didn't sit back as a spectator.
 - Ishmael was looking like the blessed son, and Isaac was looking forgotten.
 - Lesson for us.
 - It might not look like God is blessing you or even cares.
 - Looking at others' blessings as a measure of yourself is not the best way to operate.
 - David/ Saul
 - Our strength comes from God
 - **Beyond the Mask Movie**



- - Katie and I were crowd funders for a Christian movie
 - We gave a little bit and were named in the credits.

- God allows us to be listed in the credits when we pray according to His will.
 - We become part of His work!

²² The children struggled together within her, and she said, **“If it is thus, why is this happening to me?”** So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³ And the LORD said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb,

and two peoples from within you shall be divided;

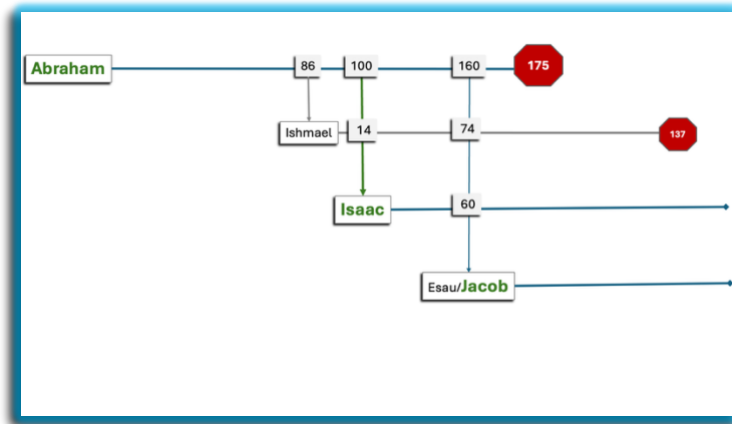
the one shall be stronger than the other,

the older shall serve the younger.”

- **“If it is thus, why is this happening to me?”** – A normal question to ask
 - Why would God let me suffer like this?
 - Why...?

²⁴ When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came **out red**, all his body like a **hairy cloak**, so they called his name Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. **Isaac was sixty** years old when she bore them.

- **Esau:** hairy cloak
- **Jacob:** – “Heel catcher”



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²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

- man of the field – Adam, Cain were men of the field

Esau Sells His Birthright

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. ³⁰ And Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!” (Therefore his name was called **Edom**.) ³¹ Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright now.” ³² Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?”

³³ Jacob said, “Swear to me now.” So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Noun	Adjective	
אָדָם	אָדָם	אֶדוֹם
Adam	Adom	Edom
Man, Mankind, Red	red , ruddy (of man, horse, heifer, garment, water, lentils)	Red , land south and south east of Palestine

- Violet is both a name and an adjective
- **red** stew – The adjective used for the stew is – אָדָם – ’âdôm – AHH-dome
 - **Red** – [Numbers 19:2](#): The “**Red** Heifer”
- Edom/ Adam
 - Adam – אָדָם – Man, Adam, Mankind, red
 - Edom – אֶדוֹם – Red
 - Esau was a: “**profane person and a fornicator**,” [Hebrews 12:16](#) –¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

Esau is like Adam

The older will serve the younger

The Lord bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.