



Genesis 27

27:1 When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see,

- Notice that many years have passed from chapter 25 to this one.
 - Abraham's death, the selling of Esau's birthright – [Genesis 25](#)

he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.” ² He said, “Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. ³ Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, ⁴ and prepare for me delicious food, such as **I** love, and bring it to me so that **I** may eat, that my soul may bless you before **I** die.”

- Isaac **most probably** knew the older would serve the younger, as prophesied to his wife by God ([Genesis 25:22-23](#))
 - It's possible they (Esau/Jacob/ Isaac) all knew what God said to Rebekah.
 - He understood God's plan but was trying to make his own will override it.
 - He also had the picture in his own life of God's blessing over his older half-brother Ishmael – [Genesis 21:12](#)
- Apparently, Isaac was also not even honoring the sale of the birthright. He was going with the son [that he favored](#).
 - Rejecting God's will is **never good**. Even if God's will does not line up with your will.
 - He wanted the blessing for his favored son. That was not God's will.
 - God's will is always right, always correct, and always Best!
 - A good governing question to ask yourself is: My will be done, or **Thy will be done?**
 - When we understand that **He is good** in all He does, **He is right** in all He allows/ permits, we can trust and rest in His will, no matter what!
 - To sell the birthright was to disregard something of extreme importance!
 - Like in a million old Hallmark movies, when a patriarch dies, and the kids who live out in the big city come to settle the affairs and just want to sell everything so they can go spend that money on themselves. They don't care about the stories in



the house, or even the true treasure. But the one child you least expect is left everything and learns to appreciate the treasure/ value of what the others disregarded.

- Maybe that's not the best example; Esau just didn't care. In fact, we are told **he despised** his birthright – [Genesis 25:34](#)
 - [Strong's #959](#) – נָזַף – bâzâh – baw-zaw' to **despise**, hold in contempt, disdain; (Qal) to despise, regard with contempt; (Niphal) to be **despised**; to be despicable; to be vile, worthless; (Hiphil) to cause to despise
 - Same word: [Isaiah 53:3](#) –He was **despised** and rejected by men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was **despised**, and we esteemed him not.
 - Esau 100% despised his birthright and all that came with it (God's promises, the blessing of the world, the fix of everything through Messiah)
 - Esau was demonstrating **antichrist thinking**.
 - It's usually not good for parents to show favoritism toward their children.

⁵ Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, ⁶ Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, ⁷ 'Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.' ⁸ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. ⁹ Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves.

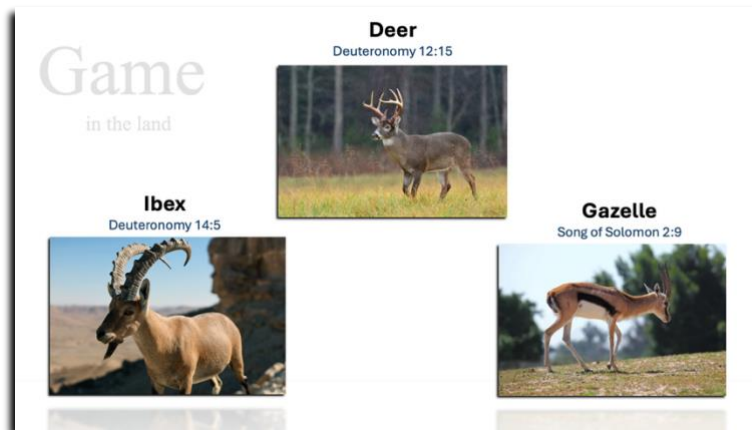
¹⁰ And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies."

- **Before he dies?!** The irony is that Isaac would live another **40+** years after these events!



¹¹ But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. ¹² Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing.” ¹³ His mother said to him, “Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me.”

- ¹² Perhaps my father will feel me... – This guy! He was worried about getting caught, not the morals of the deception
 - His name is Jacob – heel-catcher, supplanter
- Remember, Rebecca asked God about the trouble when she was carrying the twins
 - Genesis 25:22-23 – 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.”
- Look at this Reality TV family!!
 - Isaac – wanting his own will over God’s, trying to force an outcome
 - Rebecca – resorting to deception to bring about God’s promise for her favored
 - Esau – willing to cheat his brother out of what was fairly purchased
 - Jacob – willing to go along with a shady operation to get what he wanted
 - **Deception of Isaac?** All of them are wrong!



- Two good young goats – Apparently, she made the goat taste like **wild game**
 - ~ Deer – ([Deuteronomy 12:15](#))
 - • Gazelle ([Songs 2:9](#))
 - • Ibex ([Deuteronomy 14:5](#)), basically a mountain goat

¹⁴ So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved. ¹⁵ Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. ¹⁶ And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. ¹⁷ And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

¹⁸ So he went in to his father and said, “My father.” And he said, “Here I am. Who are you, my son?” ¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me.” ²⁰ But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because the LORD your God granted me success.”

- “Because the LORD your God granted me success.” – It is always a red flag for me when someone begins a conversation with “The Holy Spirit told me...” and then acts or speaks contrary to Scripture.



- Here, Jacob is using the LORD as a precursor to his deception. Oh well, if the LORD is in it, I better not question the validity of what is going on!

²¹ Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.”

²² So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” ²³ And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. ²⁴ He said, “Are you really my son Esau?” He answered, “I am.” ²⁵ Then he said, “Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you.” So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

²⁶ Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come near and kiss me, my son.” ²⁷ So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said, “See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed! ²⁸ May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. ²⁹ Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!”

- **This blessing** now recognizes the recipient as the spiritual head of the family.

³⁰ As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. ³¹ He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, “Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me.” ³² His father Isaac said to him, “Who are you?” He answered, “I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.” ³³ Then **Isaac trembled very violently** and said, “Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed.”



- **Isaac trembled very violently** – I think this is when Isaac knew! Just because he was old, that doesn't mean he was stupid
 - Dandelion wine and Grandma story
 - Isaac knew his shady plan was just thwarted by God!
 - Even if Isaac blessed Esau, the true blessing was coming from God. The words Isaac said were not magical in any way; they should have lined up with God's will, not try to get God to line up with his will.
 - Our prayers and desires should be lined up with God; we are the ones who should move. God doesn't move!
- Did he tremble because he knew he was in the wrong in the first place?

³⁴ As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!"

- Esau was attempting to get away with a fast one
 - The birthright came with the blessings. He sold it for a meal.
 - It meant nothing to him then, but now he wants the benefits.
 - Here, Esau represents those who don't want anything to do with God/ the things of God, but they will expect/ want His blessing and not receive it.
 - They will be surprised because their "Work" will not matter or help change God's mind.

³⁵ But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing." ³⁶ Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing." Then he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

- Your brother came deceitfully – Yes, but what about you, Isaac!?
- He has cheated me – No, dude! You were trying to cheat him out of what you didn't want before!
 - He took away my birthright, – No he did not!



- Notice how people will often distort truth when their plans fall apart.
- They will revise the historical account to paint a different picture of how things really went down.
- The birthright usually came with double portion blessings of the 1st born.

³⁷ Isaac answered and said to Esau, “Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?” ³⁸ Esau said to his father, “Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

- Many people don’t care about the things of God in this life. Not so with you!
 - Esau only cared about himself.

³⁹ Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: “Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be, and away from the dew of heaven on high.

⁴⁰ By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; but when you grow restless you shall break his yoke from your neck.”

⁴¹ Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then **I will kill my brother Jacob.**” ⁴² But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, “Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you.

- **I will kill my brother Jacob** – This attitude will continue
 - The **Amalekites** are from Esau (Amalek = grandson of Esau) – [Genesis 36:9-17](#)
 - They attacked the Israelites from behind and killed the weak, weary, and faint – [Exodus 17:8-16](#); [Deuteronomy 25:17-18](#)
 - God sentenced the Amalekites to death – [1 Samuel 15:2-3](#)



- **Agag**, the Amalekite king, was temporarily spared by King Saul in his failure to follow instructions – [1 Samuel 15:9-16](#)
- **Haman** was an Agagite – [Esther 3:1](#)
 - **Haman** tried to kill all the Jews – [Esther 3](#)
- **The Idumeans** were from Esau¹
 - **King Herod** was Idumean
 - **Herod** tried to wipe out the Messiah – [Matthew 2:13-18](#)
- **A.D. 70**: The Idumeans promised to help the besieged Jews but turned on them after they got in.²
 - “In the year A.D. 70, the Romans, led by General Titus, were positioned to destroy the city of Jerusalem. Josephus tells us 20,000 Idumeans were let in the city gates by the Jews because they promised to help fight the Romans. But once inside, the Idumeans turned against the Jews and slaughtered them.” – John Courson³
- Some speculate that the “Antichrist” will come out of this bloodline that found its way to Europe.⁴
 - [Daniel 9:26](#) – The Antichrist will come from the people who destroyed the city and the Temple.
 - This is what the Idumeans did with the Romans in A.D. 70.

⁴³ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran ⁴⁴ and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away— ⁴⁵ until your brother's anger turns away

¹ <https://biblehub.com/topical/i/idumaeans.htm>

² *Jon Courson's Application Commentary* by Jon Courson Copyright © 2003 by Jon Courson. Also, <https://blb.sc/002mC8> @ 17 minutes

³ Ibid, also see:

https://biblehub.com/library/josephus/the_wars_of_the_jews_or_history_of_the_destruction_of_jerusalem/chapter_v_the_cruelty_of.htm

⁴ <https://blb.sc/002mC8> @ 19 minutes; Also see: <https://www.davidjeremiah.org/age-of-signs/what-is-europes-role-in-the-end-times?devdate=2020-04-05>



from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there.

Why should I be bereft of you both in one day?"

⁴⁶ Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I loathe my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?"

- Esau married them when he was **40** – [Genesis 26:34](#) a **TIMESTAMP**
- **Flee to Laban** – The events in this chapter take place possibly 37 years later.



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.