

Gn, Pt 61-The Stolen Blessing (Gn 27)

>>>>As we continue today our vs-by-vs study of the Book of Genesis...

*We come to 1 of the most well knwn events in all the OT...

*NAMELY: Jacob stealing the blessing his fthr intended to gve to bro Esau

>>>Look at events—talk ab hw applies to
I- PASSAGE GEN 27

A. V. 1-“When Isaac was old & his eyes were so weak tht cld no longer see, he called fr Esau his older son & said to him...’I am now an old man & don’t know the day of my death.’”

1. Isaac = 137 yrs old

2. Esau & Jacob= 77 years old

B. V. 3-“Now then, get yur quiver & bow, & go out to the open country to hunt some wild game fr me”

C.V.4-“Thn prepare me the kind of tasty food I like & bring it to me to eat, so tht I may give U my blesing bfre I die

D. In ancient Heb society, fthr's blessing always went to his oldest male child..

1. UNLESS—Gd directed it elsewhre

E. Which=exactly what happened w/Ab's blessing

1.Gd told Ab **NOT** to bless oldest(**Ish**)

2.But tht(Gn 21:12)"in **Isaac** (ynger son) yur des's shall be named"

F. & **HERE'S** where the rub comes

1.Bec in **Gn 25:23**--Gd had told Reb

*"Two nations are in yur womb;

*"& the older[ie, **Esau**] shall serve the younger [ie, **Jacob**]."

2. Isaac...**certainly**...knew this...

3.Yet he was detrmined to bless Esau

SAY:"Ln, wasn't this direct disobed to Gd

A: "Of course it was!"

SAY: "So then...why would Isaac do this?"

A: "That's an excellent Q!"

*Gn 25:27-"When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents."

*Gen 25:28-"& Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau but Rebekah loved Jacob."

*Answer= simple favoritism

SAY:"So are U saying Reb favored Jcb—

bec she didn't like wild game?" Bec she was sorta "filet mignon" girl?

A: **NO/NO**—tht wasn't it **AT ALL! LOOK:**

G. Gen 26:34—"& whn Esau was 40yrs old, he married Judith, the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and also Basemath, the daughter of Elon the Hittite.

1. Esau married **NOT JUST ONE...**

BUT TWO...Canaanite wmn !!

2. **& REM:** wht we said last week:

*These wmn didn't know the Lrd

*They were not godly people

*Sac'd their own c'ren to idols

*Practiced sacred tem prostitution

3. Yet *these*=kinda wmen Esau **liked!**

4. Whch explains why Heb 12:16 calls Esau—"sexually immoral & godless"

H.**PT:** Reb favored Jcb not only bc she knew **Gd** had sov'nly chosen him

1. **But also** ...bec she knew the spir'l condition of Esau's heart...

2. Tht he was a man driven by the lusts of the flesh

3. & tht he was not sp'lly qualified

*To inherit the blessing of Isaac

*Or the prmises of the Abr'ic Cov
[**SO ANYWAY--WHAT HAPPENED?**]

J. V. 5-"Now Rebekah was listening as Isc spoke to Esau. So whn Esau left fr the open country to hunt game & bring it back, Rebekah said to Jacob, 'Look—I overheard yur fthr say to yur brothr, "Bring sme game & prepare me some tasty food, tht I may eat, & bless U in the presence of the Lrd before I die.

K. V. 8-"Now, my son, listen carefully & do wht I tell U. Go bring me two yng goats so I can prepare sme tasty food fr yur father, just the way he likes it.

L.V. 10-"Thn U shall bring it to yur fathr, tht he may eat & may bless YOU before his death"

[**& this is *precisely* what happens**]

*Isaac gives a *massive blsng* to Jacob

*Promising him (read in V. 27-29)

**Material prosperity...

**Political power...

**Dominance over his brother...

**MOST IMPTLY--possession of the promises of the Abrahmic cov

M. LET'S NOT FORGET: Job has already (G25)

lured Esau into selling him his birthright

1. **But**—what Job did there=not illegal

2. We have numerous examples from
archaeology of **NUZI**...where one

brother sells inheritance rights to another

N. However--what happens here in G27=**diff**

1. This was **NOT** a "legal transaction"

2. It was deceit/ treachery/ stealing

O. V. 30—"After Isaac finished blessing him,
Jacob had scarcely left his father's
presence when Esau came from hunting

P. V. 31—"He too prepared some stew &
brought it to his father. Then he said to him,
'My father, sit up & eat some of my
game, so you may give me your blessing

R. V. 32—"His father Isaac asked him, 'Who
are you?' 'I am your **son**,' he answered,
'your firstborn, Esau.'"

S. V. 33—"Then Isaac began to tremble
violently & said, 'Who was it, then,
that hunted game & brought it to me? I
ate it just before you came & I blessed
him--& indeed he will be blessed.'"

T. V. 34—"When Esau heard his father's

words, he burst out with a loud & bitter cry.”

U. V. 35-“Isaac said, ‘Yur brother came deceitfully & took yur blessing”

V. V. 36-“Thn Esau asked Isaac, ‘Havn’t U reserved any blessing fr me?”

W. V. 37-“Isaac answrđ Esau, ‘I hve made Jcb lord over U & hve made all yur relatives his srvnts--& I hve sustained him with grain & new wine. So what can I possibly do for U, my son?””

SAY: “It’s obvious there’d been a mistake.

So why didn’t Isaac just take back the blessing he’d given to Jcb—give to Es?

A: NUZI TBLETS (frm time of Ab & Isc)

tell us: it was ILLEGAL fr a fthr to revoke his blessing once he’d given it

X. So Isc gives Esau a “blesing”--but it was inferior in evry way to 1 he’d gvn Jcb

Y. V. 41-“So Esau held a grudge agst Jcb bec of the blessing his fthr had given him. & Esau said to himslf, ‘The days of mourning for my father are near; after tht, I will kill my brother Jacob.’

Z. V. 42-“Now whn the words of her

elder son were reported to Reb, she sent fr her ynger son Jacob & said to him. 'Yur brother Esau is consoling himself with the thot of killing U'"

AA. V. 43(Reb)-"Now therefore, my son, obey my voice, & flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran. Stay with him for a few days until yur brother's fury subsides."

BB. V. 45-"Whn yur brother is no longer angry with U & forgets wht U did, I'll send word for U to come back home."

CC. Little did Reb know tht "a few days" would turn into over 20 years!

1. During those 20yrs—Reb died...

2. & nvr again saw her son Jacob alive

II- SO WHAT?

SAY:"Evn tho evrybdy in this chap sinnd

*Isaac set out to delib'ly disobey Gd

*Reb plotted&schemed&dceived husb

*Jcb went along with the deception...

& bold-face lied to his father

*Esau planned to commit murder

IN END-GD'S SOV'N WILL PREVAILED

*Jcb ended up preeminent ovr Esau

*Jcb ended up possessing Abr Cov

*Jcb's des's ended up becoming "the
ppl of Israel"--Gd's chosen ppl

IN END-GD'S SVEREIGNTY PREVAILED

Aswr: Well, INDEED SO—"TRUE THAT"!

*Bec Gd's sov'ty...is always bigger...
than man's sin!

A. But--my frnds--if we think this family
got away with all this sin "scott-free",
we're grossly mistaken

1. This family was never whole again

2.Rb's rela w/Isa was nvr same again

3.Reb nevr saw her belovd Jcb again

4. Esau&Jcb were estranged fr 20yrs

5.Ltr, Jacob's sons would deceive him
just like he deceived his father

6.& carry out the same knda treachry
twards their bro Joseph...tht he'd
carried out towards his bro Esau

B.Just look at all the cnseq's of their sins

C. **POINT**: even tho Gd's sov'ty always
triumphs in the end...as it did here

1. Nobody can violate the WOG/sin
agst Gd with impunity--nobody!

E. Isaac cldn't/Jacob cldn't/ Reb cldn't

F. David(man aftr Gd's own hrt) cldn't

1. Gd forgave David—read 2 Sam 12

2.2 S12:14-“Bc by this deed U’ve givn occasion fr the enemies of the Lrd to blaspheme Him, the child born to U(by Bath)shall surely die-**DID!**”

3. (Frthrmore) V.10-“The sword shall nvr depart frm yur house, bc U’ve despised Me & takn(Bath)the wife of Uriah (mrdered)to be yur wife”

4. Nvr did-c’rn killing each othr /**HIM**

5. 2 Sam 18:33-“The king wept & said as he walked, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son, Absalom. Wld tht I had died instd of U, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

6. **Guilt**--Dvd knew *all his fault/sin*

G. Moses cldn't sin agst Gd w/**impunity**

***REM**:Nm 20-Mo disobyd Lrd in wldr

***Conseq**: Mo not allwed to go into PL

*Dt 3:23(Mo)-“At tht time, I **pleaded** w/Lrd, ‘Please let me go ovr & see the good land beyond the Jordan”

*Dt 3:26-“But the Lrd *wld not listen*”

to me, & Lrd said to me, 'ENUF!

'Speak to Me nomore ab this mtrr
H. WOW!—now this's a scary situation

1. Whn Gd puts conseq's fr sin on us
2. & will not be entreated to take off

CONCLUSION

>>>As F's--evn tho we're Gd's adopted & beloved c'rn thru our faith in Christ

*We must nvr frget tht our Gd is holy

*& tht U/I can't violate WOG with

impunity any more thn Isc/Jcb/Mo

>>YES—IT'S TRUE—tht many times in His mercy-Gd softens cnsq's of our sins

>>>But smetimes-He doesn't-HIS CALL!

>>>& since we nvr knw whthr will/ won't

*Doesn't it mke sense for us to pray what David prayed:

*Ps 19:13-"Keep yur servant back from presumptuous sins"

*Sins whre we knw we're doing wrong

*But where we presume Gd'll free us from all the conseq's of those sins

*Folks—as Moses & Dvd & Isc & Jacob & Reb--& mny othrs--learned...

*This=dangerous game to play w/Gd

>>>So as yur pstor tdy--I want to call all of us--as F's—U/ME...ALL OF US...

*To a less sp'ly presumptuous life

*To a more circumspect life

*To a more careful life

*To a more obedient life

>Josh 1:7(Gd)-“Be careful to [SAY]OBEY ALL the law My srvant Moses gave U. Do not turn frm it to the right OR to the left, so tht U may have success wherever U go.”

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