

In The Beginning

The Blessings continue

History repeats itself... Gen.26

Summarize the promise God gives to Isaac if he stays in Gerar. vs.1-4

With you, bless you, give you all these lands, multiply your descendants, bless all nations...

Given this incredible promise, comment on his actions in vs.7.

God promises to bless him and be with him and he's afraid he'll be killed for his wife!

Given the amazing parallel with his father, Abraham, what lesson do we find here?

We don't inherit our parents experiences. It has to be Isaac's faith, not his fathers.

And what is the result of his deception? vs.8-11 Comment??

Like Abraham he is caught, protected, and rebuked. One wonders what testimony he had.

Exactly as the Lord promised, what happens to Isaac? vs.12-15 Result? vs.16-17

He is blessed, becomes very wealthy. Now Philistines envied, then feared him. Had to leave.

Comment on the saga surrounding Isaac and his wells. vs.18-22

Great flocks needed much water. Dug 'dispute', 'opposition', then 'room'. God blessed...

What is his response to the appearance and promise of the Lord? vs.23-25

He built an altar and called on the name of the Lord, and stayed and dug a well. Settled.

What does Abimelech recognize and then seek from Isaac? vs.26-29

That God was now blessing Isaac (like Abraham). He wisely wants peace with Isaac.

How did Esau violate God's clear Word to Abraham about marriage? 24:3-4; 27:34-35

He took (2) wives of the people in the land. That's not how God will give the land!

The Blessing stolen...Gen.27

Since Isaac favors Esau over Jacob, what is *his* plan for passing on God's blessing? vs.1-4

Even knowing 'the elder shall serve the younger', he plans to 'select' and bless Esau.

Who really schemes to foil this plan? vs.5 And what is her plan? vs.6-17

Rebekah. Plans to disguise Jacob as Esau taking advantage of Isaac's poor vision.

And did the scheme work? vs.18-29 Was Isaac suspicious? vs.20-22, 24, 26-27

It did work but Isaac was very suspicious. Rebekah had done her job well, even the smell!

Exactly as the Lord had decreed, before the twins were born, what is part of the blessing? vs.29

Jacob will be master of his brothers and they will bow down to him.

What does Esau now learn? What does Isaac now learn? vs.30-40 vs.33; Heb.12:16-17

The birthright he despised,... is gone. He had tried to circumvent God's plan, and failed.