

Lesson Five (Part #1) – Gen. 24-25 (Isaac & Rebekah; Abraham’s Death; Birth of Esau & Jacob)

Chapter 24 – Isaac & Rebekah

1. Read vv. 1-9. What things did Abraham make his chief steward (“who had charge of all that he had”) swear to him to do? Why do you think Abraham did not want these things to happen to Isaac?
2. Read vv. 10-21. To what city and region does the chief steward journey to in order to fulfill his oath to Abraham? What is the first thing he does when he arrives there? What scenario does he ask God to fulfill? What happened next?
3. In vv. 22-28, what “specific” answer to prayer is discovered?
4. In vv. 29-33, how does Laban, Rebekah’s brother, refer to God? Where and How do you think he came by this knowledge? Does this possibly shed light on Question #1?
5. Read vv. 34-51. Are any further proofs revealed of Abraham’s relative’s beliefs in God in this section?

6. In vv. 52-61, what is Rebekah's response to the question "Will you go with this man?" What vital point is being illustrated in the covenant of marriage by her answer? cf. Ephesians 5:22-24, 33; 1 Peter 3:1-6

Chapter 25 – Abraham's Death; Birth of Esau & Jacob

7. How long had Abraham dwelt in Canaan by the time of his death? Of the promised land, what does this chapter make painfully obvious regarding Abraham's possession of it? What does the phrase "he was gathered to his people" mean in v. 8?
8. What does the LORD reveal to Rebekah regarding her inquiry of Hlm? Why was she worried? What does the phrase "the older shall serve the younger" mean in reference to the two nations' histories? cf. Numbers 24:15-19; 2 Samuel 8:11-14; Amos 9:11-12 with Acts 15:13-18; Malachi 1:1-5
9. At their birth, what is the import of each of their names? Who was the oldest? What right did that confer to him? cf. Genesis 48:9-19; 49:3-4; Deut. 21:15-17; 2 Chron. 21:1-3
10. Of the twin boys, whom did Isaac love? Whom did Rebekah love?