

# Lesson Seven: Jacob and Esau

## Lesson Text

Genesis 23:1 - 28:9

## Daily Bible Reading



**Monday**

Genesis 24:1-18

**Tuesday**

Genesis 24:29-67

**Thursday**

Genesis 25

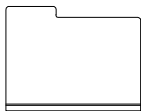
**Friday**

Genesis 26

**Saturday**

Genesis 27

## Lesson Concept



**OBEDIENCE**

Avoiding jealousy  
and envy

The Death of Sarah (23:1-

20)

1. Though God had promised Abraham the entire land, what did he have to do when Sarah died? Comparing your answer to what is said of him in Hebrews 11:8-10; what does this say about the faith of Abraham?

### A Wife for Isaac (24:1-67)

2. Why was Abraham so concerned about whom his son married? Should parents today be any less concerned about whom their children marry? Explain.
3. Why would a bride from among the Canaanites not have been suitable for Isaac?
4. How would his servant recognize Isaac's wife-to-be? How much would this tell him about the qualities of the girl?
5. How did Rebekah's family feel about her going away? What was her attitude?
6. How could one love a woman chosen in the way Rebekah was chosen, sight unseen?

### The Death of Abraham (25:1-11)

7. Who was Abraham's second wife?
8. Describe the difference between Abraham's treatment of Isaac and that of his other son. Why the difference?
9. Who came together at the death of Abraham?
10. Summarize the importance of Abraham in God's overall purpose.

### The Birth of Esau and Jacob (25:19-26)

11. Explain the significance of verse 23 in light of Romans 9:10-12.

### **The Selling of the Birthright (25:27-34)**

12. Explain the significance of the birthright, “the right of the firstborn,” in light of Genesis 49:3; Deuteronomy 21:17; and 2 Chronicles 21:1-3.
13. What kind of person does this incident show Esau to be? (cf. Hebrews 12:14-17) What is meant by “profane?” How may we show the same poor sense of values?

### **Isaac in Gerar and Beersheba (26:1-35)**

14. What three promises already given to Abraham are repeated to Isaac?
15. What mistake made by Abraham is repeated by Isaac? Why did the Philistines want Isaac to leave Gerar?
16. How does Isaac show himself to be a peacemaker? Should a Christian be a peacemaker? (cf. Matthew 5:9 and Romans 12:18)
17. What reassurance did God give to Isaac?
18. How was Isaac’s peaceable nature rewarded?
19. How did Esau bring “grief of mind” to Isaac and Rebekah? What do his marriages say about his attitude and character?

### **Isaac’s Blessing Intended for Esau Is Given to Jacob (27:1-40)**

20. Summarize how Jacob obtained the blessing intended for Esau.
21. How would have Isaac’s intention, if carried out, made God’s plan void? (cf. 25:23)
22. What kind of man was Jacob, God’s chosen, at this point in time? How does his conduct suit his name?
23. When you consider all you know about Jacob and Esau, why do you think God chose Jacob and not Esau to be the head of the family and the one through whom the promises of Abraham would be fulfilled?

### **Jacob Sent to Padan-Aram (27:41 - 28:9)**

24. For what two reasons was Jacob sent away?
25. Does Esau show any real understanding of why a Canaanite wife was not pleasing to his parents? Explain.
26. Can you think of any way in which Rebekah was punished for her cunning and deceit? What about the “few days” mentioned in 27:44 as compared to what actually happened? (31:38, 41)