

# Abraham's Death and His Descendants

Abraham had taken another wife, whose name was Keturah. She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah. Jokshan was the father of Sheba and Dedan; the descendants of Dedan were the Ashurites, the Letushites and the Leummites. The sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanok, Abida and Eldaah. All these were descendants of Keturah.

Genesis 25:1-4

More children !



Abraham left everything he owned to Isaac. But while he was still living, he gave gifts to the sons of his concubines and sent them away from his son Isaac to the land of the east. Abraham lived a hundred and seventy-five years. Then Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years; and he was gathered to his people. His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah near Mamre, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite, the field Abraham had bought from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried with his wife Sarah.

Genesis 25:5-10

### **Setting things in order :**

Isaac

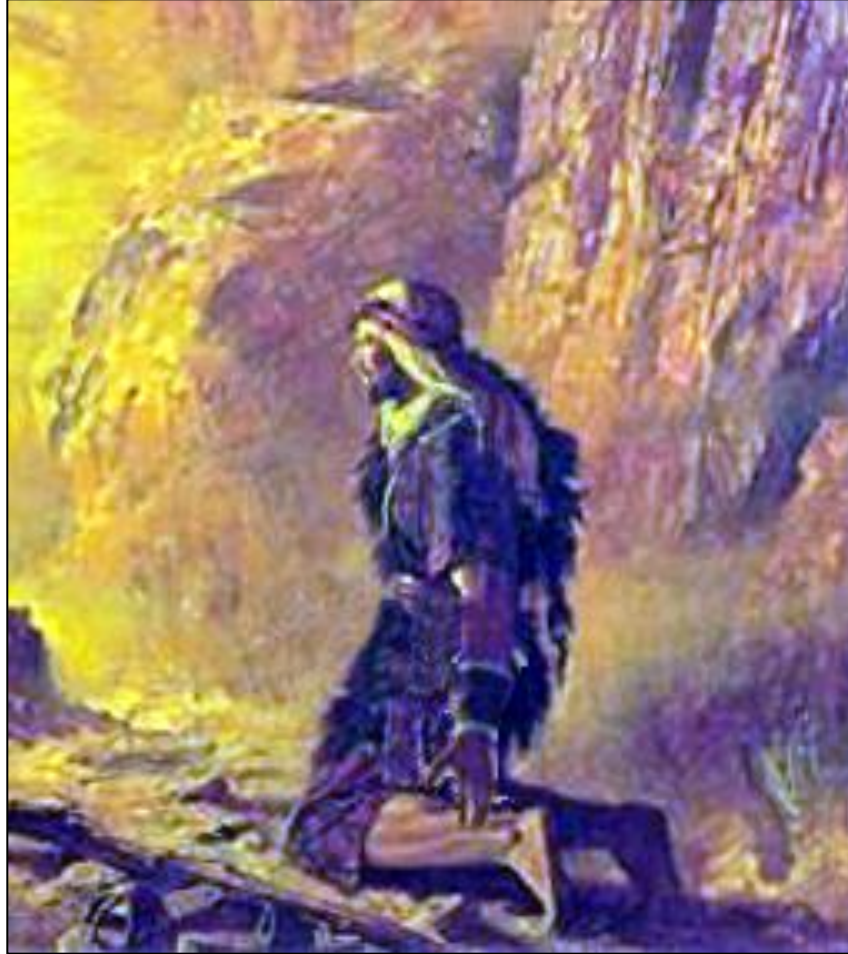
His other children

His funeral



After Abraham's death, God blessed his son Isaac, who then lived near Beer Lahai Roi.

Genesis 25:11



**How do you measure God's blessing ?**

This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Ishmael, whom Sarah's slave, Hagar the Egyptian, bore to Abraham. These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, listed in the order of their birth: Nebaioth the firstborn of Ishmael, Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah. These were the sons of Ishmael, and these are the names of the twelve tribal rulers according to their **settlements and camps**. Ishmael lived a hundred and thirty-seven years. He breathed his last and died, and he was gathered to his people. His descendants settled in the area from Havilah to Shur, near the eastern border of Egypt, as you go toward Ashur. And they lived in hostility toward all the tribes related to them. Genesis 25:12 -18

Twelve leaders  
See Genesis 17:20  
**God keeps his word**



# Abraham's descendants

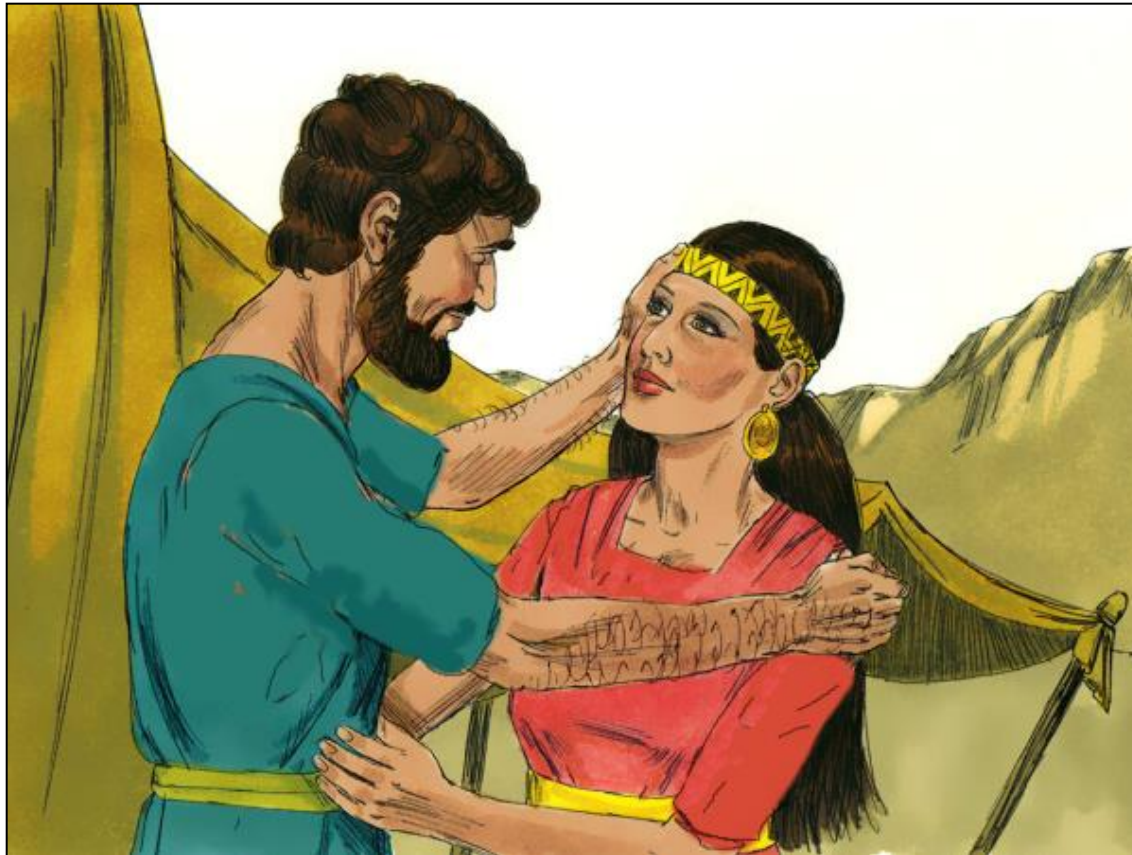


Note: Egyptians and Africans are not of Arab descent and 'Palestine' (a Roman name) was given by God to Isaac's descendants – the Jews.

# The Birth of Esau and Jacob

This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.

Genesis 25:19-20



Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant.

Genesis 25:21



**20 years go by. --- patience and prayer needed**

Note the way that the Bible treats time.

The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

Genesis 25:22-23

**Prophecy in action: -  
What is happening  
and what the outcome  
will be.**

Note the links to  
Genesis 3:15 –Satan's seed  
and 21:9 – Ishmael mocks





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Genesis 25:22-23

## Why twins ?

One of the most  
disliked doctrines in  
the Bible

**God's Sovereign choice**

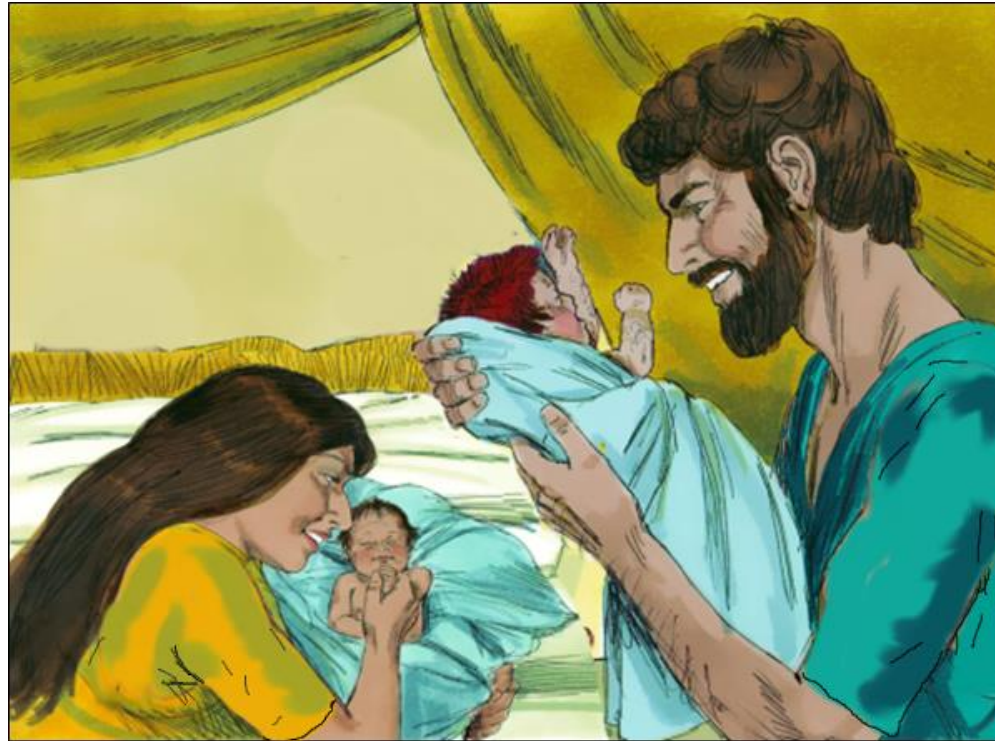
Romans 9:10-16

At the root of antisemitism  
and the persecution of  
Christians ?



When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

Genesis 25:24-26



**What's in a name ?**

The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. **Isaac**, who had a taste for wild game, loved **Esau**, but **Rebekah** loved **Jacob**. Genesis 25:27-28



**Can you see  
problems  
coming  
?**



# Esau Sells His Birthright - a bad decision

Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red **stew!** I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.)

Genesis 25:29-30

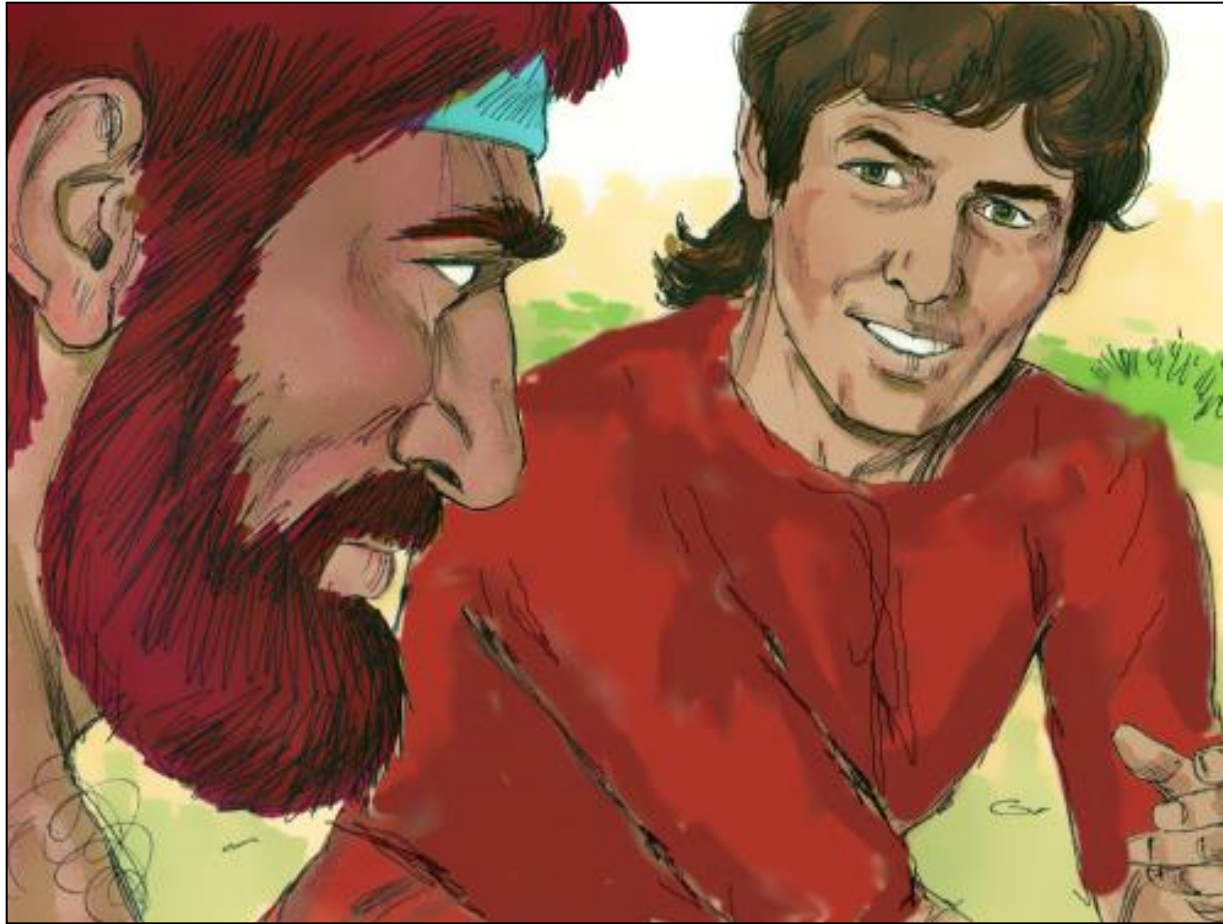
**DANGER !**

Tired and hungry



Jacob replied, “First sell me your birthright.”

Genesis 25:31



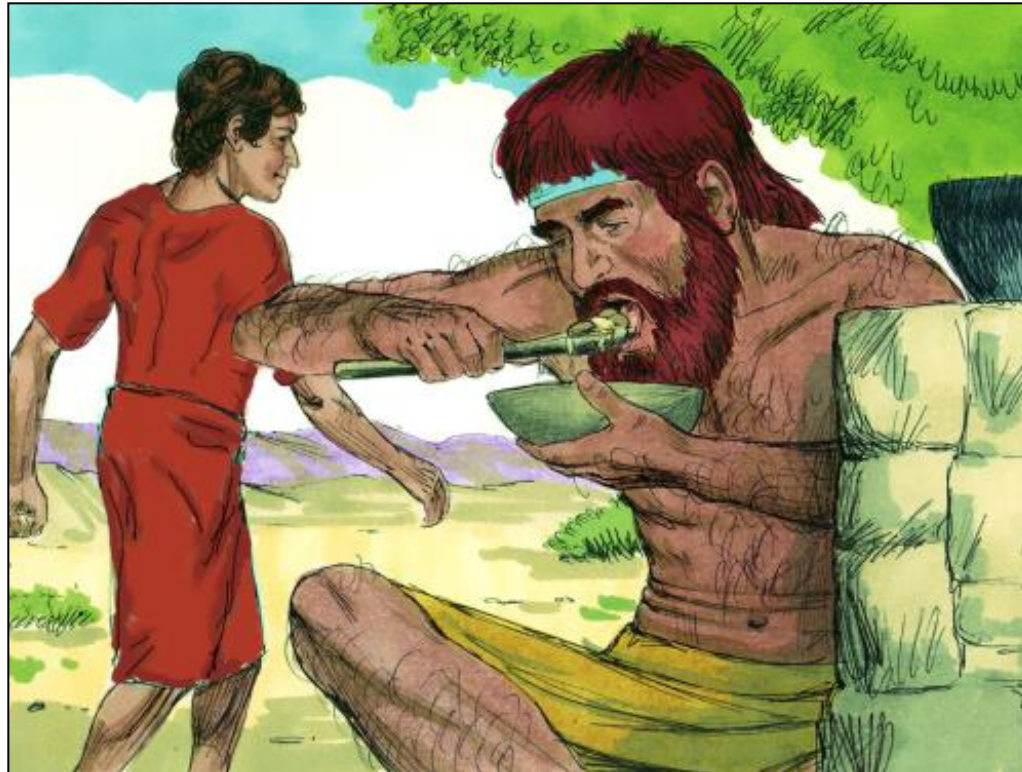
**Quick to act (JACOB by name – Jacob by character)  
He knew it was promised to him – so why buy it ?**

"Look, I am about to die," Esau said.  
"What good is the birthright to me?"  
Genesis 25:32



**His mindset - Forget the future – it's now that matters !**

But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. **He ate and drank, and then got up and left.** So Esau despised his birthright. Genesis 25:33-34



All for some lentil stew !

# What was included in the birthright ?



The property share (NOW)

The promise of the land (FUTURE)

The promise of God's blessing (FUTURE)

**People who know the cost of everything and the value of nothing**



# Jacob wanted the promised blessing !

See that no one is ... godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

Hebrews 12:16 -17



# Getting the balance right !

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

1 Timothy 6:17



Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Colossians 3:1 -2