

BIB 201

Lesson 7 - Hebrew family history part III - Jacob

Genesis 25:19 - 36, 46-49

Intro. Just as there is a significant relationship between Isaac and Ishmael there is probably a more significant relationship between Jacob and Esau. Much time is spent on Jacob because he ultimately will be the third and final of the primary patriarchs of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. To each of these three alone was the covenant of God given to directly.

Jacob's life is divided into the stages of his spiritual development which can be marked by his geographical location. This is oftentimes how it is even today where God teaches us vital spiritual lessons through different people and places. It is important that we are aware of the journey that the Lord is taking us through and His purpose behind it.

1. The Supplanter in Beersheba - 70 years Genesis 25 - 28
 2. the birthright - Gen. 25:29-34 God had already given it to Jacob but he still attempted to purchase it
 3. the blessing - Gen. 27 stolen from his father

Note: that each of the characters reacted wrongly to the electing purpose of God. Though Jacob was promised it he tried to steal it anyway. The father didn't like that God elected Jacob and the mother liked it but still went about to deceive her husband. Esau became bitter over it. How this reveals the different ways individuals react to God's purpose.

2. The Servant in Padan-aram - 20 years Genesis 28-30
 3. Bethel - probably the place of Jacob's conversion
 4. He must learn some lessons in Divinity school with uncle Laban

Note: God always works through circumstances and people to knock our rough edges off.

Lesson learned - servanthood. "*The greatest among you shall be your servant*"

- c. 11 of his children are born to his two wives and two concubines.
 - d. Leah - Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dinah
 - e. Rachel - Joseph, Benjamin
 - f. Bilhah - Dan, Naphtali
 - g. Zilpah - Gad, Asher

Note: the priestly and kingly line go through first wife Leah

3. The Saint in Hebron - 33 years - Genesis 31 - 35
 - a. the journey back to take care of unfinished business.

Note: oftentimes in the process of consecration the Lord places us between a rock and a hard place and forces us back to deal with past sins or failures. In this case his dealings with Esau.

- b. Peniel
 - c. left alone with God
 - d. name changed - life changed - hip would always be a sign
 - e. vowed to return to Hebron but didn't obey immediately and suffered because of it
 - f. Chapter 34 would not have needed to happen if there had been complete obedience

Note: all of the experiences of Jacob's life had finally prepared him for his ultimate purpose of revealing the future of the nation of Israel through his sons.

Note: chapter 36 the line of Esau

Note: chapter 38 is interposed as revealing information to the ultimate line of Christ.

Lesson Learned - sanctification

4. The Seer in Egypt 17 years - Genesis 46-49
 5. supposedly loses son
 6. loses his father

7. moves to Egypt as 70 souls come out a great nation

8. Genesis 49 the predictions of the 12 tribes of Israel

Lesson Learned - keenly aware of the purpose of God through his family

Conclusion

Notice the progression of his life. From supplanter to servant to saint to seer. Jacob is a great lesson in the progress of life how the Lord takes you from sinful to a seer. Our last years should be our best years after walking with God and going through His sanctification process of chastening.