

## THE CHILDREN OF ISAAC

### Genesis 25 – 27

Since God had promised that His chosen nation would be descended from Isaac, it was necessary that children be born to him. Read about these children below:

**A. The Birth of the Children:** Read Genesis 25:19-26

1. How old was Isaac when he married? Genesis 25:20  
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2. How old was he before his children were born? Genesis 25:26b  
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3. What was Isaac's part in bringing to pass this fulfillment of God's promise that through him a nation should be formed? Genesis 25:21  
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4. What were the names of Isaac's two children? Genesis 25:24-26  
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5. What two prophecies did God make concerning them even before they were born? Genesis 25:23b
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Early Life of the Children:** Read Genesis 25:27, 28

1. As the boys grew up, what did each one do? Genesis 25:27
  - a. Esau \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Jacob \_\_\_\_\_
2. What unfortunate situation developed within the family? Genesis 25:28  
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**C. Jacob's First Contest With Esau:** Read Genesis 25:29-34

1. When Esau came in from hunting one day, what did he ask Jacob to give him? Genesis 25:29, 30  
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2. In exchange for what did Jacob offer to do this? Genesis 25:31  
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3. The birthright included the right to rule the family or tribe, the right to a double portion of the father's material goods and, in this case, the right to the spiritual blessings promised to Abraham and Isaac. Was this of equal value with the pottage?  
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4. Do you think God led Jacob to make such a bargain?  
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5. How much did Esau value his birthright? Genesis 25:32-34  
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**D. Jacob's Second Contest With Esau:** Read Genesis 27:1-40

1. Isaac, Rebekah, and Jacob all knew what God had promised before Jacob and Esau were born. Yet notice their behavior:
  - a. To whom did Isaac plan to give the blessing? Genesis 27:1-4  
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b. What means did Rebekah use to defeat this plan? Genesis 27:5-17

c. What wrong things did Jacob do in trying to get the blessing?

Genesis 27:15,16

Genesis 27:19, 24

Genesis 27:20

2. How did Jacob's brother feel toward him as a result of this? Genesis 27:41, 42

3. Do you think this was God's way for Jacob to obtain his father's blessing?

4. What other way might Jacob have obtained the birthright and the blessing? (See Psalm 37:4, 5, 7)

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Does God ever lead people to do wrong things to accomplish His purpose?

2. Do I ever have to help God fulfil His promises concerning me? How?

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