**Genesis III**

Genesis 25:19-37:1 – Isaac & Jacob

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The Family Tree of Terah

Terah

Abraham Sarah

Haran

Nahor

Milcah

Iscah

Lot

Keturah Hagar

Nahor

4 sons

Bethuel

7 sons

Ammonites Moabites

6 sons

2 sons

Midianites

12 sons

Ishmael

12 sons

Isaac

Esau

Rebekah

Jacob

Leah

Rachel

Amalekites Edomites

Israelites

Reuben Simeon Levi Judah Issachar Zebulon Dan Asher Joseph Benjamin

Dinah

Zilpah Bilhah

Ammonites Moabites


Midianites (25:2,4)

Ishmael

12 sons (25:12-18)

Amalekites

Edomites

Israelites

(29:31-35) (30:14-21)

(35:16-20)

(30:22-24)

(30:1-8)

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(36:1)

(36:12)

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<td>1. Some threat, some aspect of sin or of the curse, drives God’s people from home.</td>
<td>Famine drives Isaac to Gerar (26:1)</td>
<td>Jacob flees due to fear of Esau trying to kill him (27:42-43)</td>
<td>Famine drives Hebrews to Egypt (Gen. 43:1)</td>
<td>Palestine under Roman rule; Jesus leaves Heaven, and is crucified outside the holy city</td>
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<td>2. During the sojourn in captivity, Eve is assaulted by the Serpent.</td>
<td>Abimelech’s people threaten Rebekah (26:10)</td>
<td>Laban disinherit Rachel and Leah (31:14-16)</td>
<td>Pharaoh kills boy babies and keeps the girls for his own people (Ex. 1:15-22)</td>
<td>Attack on God’s people by demonic possession, illness, Pharisees, Rome</td>
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<td>3. The righteous use “holy deception” to trick the Serpent and protect the Bride.</td>
<td>Isaac calls Rebekah his sister to protect her from being seized by a tyrant (26:7)</td>
<td>Jacob deceives Laban to recover his wives’ dowries (30:37-43)</td>
<td>The Hebrew midwives lie to Pharaoh, saving the Israelite boys (Ex. 1:18-21)</td>
<td>Jesus drew Satan’s fire to Himself, tricking him</td>
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<td>4. Very often, God’s people are enslaved during the sojourn outside the land.</td>
<td>Jacob is virtually enslaved by Laban (31:36-43)</td>
<td>Israel was enslaved in Egypt (Ex. 1:8-14)</td>
<td>Christ dragged before Pilate, cast into prison</td>
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<td>5. God brings blessings upon His people during the captivity, but plagues the tyrant.</td>
<td>Despite persecution, Isaac becomes very wealthy (26:12-17)</td>
<td>God made Jacob wealthy in Mesopotamia at the expense of Laban (31:5-12)</td>
<td>Israel multiplied in Egypt (Ex. 1:12) was plagued (Ex. 7-10)</td>
<td>Demonism during Christ’s ministry; Jesus redeemed the world, ensured our blessing, destroyed the wicked</td>
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<td>6. God miraculously intervenes, often with visions to the pagan lord, in order to save His people.</td>
<td>The Lord miraculously blesses Isaac (26:12-14)</td>
<td>God appeared to Laban in a dream and ordered him to leave Jacob alone (31:24)</td>
<td>The miracle of Passover saved Israel from Egypt (Ex. 12)</td>
<td>The incarnation; Pilate’s wife’s dream</td>
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<td>7. Very often the Serpent tries to shift blame and accuse the righteous man.</td>
<td>Abimelech blames Isaac (26:10)</td>
<td>Laban blames Jacob for fleeing and stealing his daughters (31:26)</td>
<td>Pharaoh blames Moses (Ex. 10:28)</td>
<td>Herod shifts to Pilate; Pilate washes hands, puts sign on cross blaming God and Jews</td>
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<td>8. God humiliates the false gods of the enemy.</td>
<td>Rachel sits on Laban’s household gods, making them unclean (31:34); Jacob later buries them (35:4)</td>
<td>God judged all the gods of Egypt (Ex. 12:12)</td>
<td>Satan exposed to ridicule</td>
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<td>9. God’s people depart with spoils.</td>
<td>Abimelech asks Isaac to leave Gerar because “he is mightier” than the Philistines (26:16)</td>
<td>Jacob had nothing when he came to Mesopotamia, but he left rich (32-33)</td>
<td>Israel spoiled the Egyptians (Ex. 12:35-36)</td>
<td>Between AD 30 &amp; 70, the Church spoiled Old Covenant Israel, now she spoils the world</td>
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<td>10. Finally, God’s people are installed in the Holy Land (the goal of the exodus).</td>
<td>Isaac arrives in Beersheba and finds room and peace (26:22-23, 30)</td>
<td>Jacob arrives in Shechem in the Land of Canaan (33:18)</td>
<td>Israel eventually enters the Promised Land (Jos. 3)</td>
<td>Jesus enthroned in Heaven; all have access there in prayer and worship</td>
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<td>11. Installation in the new land means setting up worship and building God’s house out of some of the spoils.</td>
<td>After Isaac is delivered up from Philistia, he builds an altar (26:25)</td>
<td>When Jacob arrives back in the Land of Canaan, he builds an altar (33:20)</td>
<td>Israel first builds a golden calf out of the spoil, then the Tabernacle (Ex. 25:1-9; 32:2-4)</td>
<td>After Christ’s exodus on the Cross and His priestly installation in heaven, the true Temple of the people of God began to be built of living stones</td>
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Hosea 12:3-5  
3He [Jacob] took his brother by the heel in the womb, and in his strength he  
struggled with God.  4Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; He  
wept, and sought favor from Him.  He found Him in Bethel, and there He  
spoke to us—5That is, the LORD God of hosts.  The LORD is His memorable 
name.

Mal. 1:2-3  
2“I have loved you,” says the LORD.  “Yet you say, ‘In what way have You  
loved us?’  Was not Esau Jacob's brother?” says the LORD.  “Yet Jacob I  
have loved;  3But Esau I have hated, and laid waste his mountains and his  
heritage for the jackals of the wilderness.”

John 1:49-51  
49Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You  
are the King of Israel!”  50Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to  
you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe?  You will see greater  
things than these.”  51And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you,  
hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and  
descending upon the Son of Man.”

Rom. 9:10-16  
10Not only that, but Rebekah's children had one and the same father, our father  
Isaac.  11Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—  
in order that God's purpose in election might stand:  12not by works but by him  
who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.”  13Just as it is  
written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”  14What then shall we say?  Is God  
unjust?  Not at all!  15For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I  
have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”  16It  
does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

Heb. 11:9, 20-21  
9By faith he [Abraham] made his home in the promised land like a stranger in  
a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs  
with him of the same promise.…  20By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in  
regard to their future.  21By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of  
Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

Heb. 12:16-17  
16See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single  
meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.  17Afterward, as you know,  
when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected.  He could bring about  
no change of mind, though he sought the blessing with tears.
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