

**THE
TRUE STORY
OF THE
OLD
TESTAMENT**

Responding to God's Revelation and Redemption

Responses to God's Revelation and Redemption

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1. Value a study of the Old Testament. 8.
2. Respond to God as your creator. 9.
3. **Live in light of God's judgment and mercy.** 10.
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I. God Deals with Abraham and Sarah

- A. God's call of Abraham (Gen. 11:27-31)
- B. God's promise to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3)
- C. Abraham's faith in God (Gen. 15:1-6)
- D. God's unconditional covenant with Abraham (15:7-21)

Revelation and Redemption in the Days of the Patriarchs

II. God's Visitation With:

Lesson 4b

New
addition

- A. Hagar: Birth of Ishmael & Problems (Gen. 16)
- B. Abraham: Changes (Gen. 17)
- C. Abraham: Judgements & Blessings (Gen. 18-20)
- D. Sarah: Birth of Isaac & Problems (Gen. 21)
- E. Abraham: The Test (Gen. 22)



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III. God Deals with Abraham's Descendants

A. With Isaac (Gen. 21 – 27)

B. With Jacob (Gen. 27 – 36)

C. With Joseph (Gen. 37 – 50)



Today's
Lesson 4c



Next Week Lesson 4d

Revelation and Redemption in the Days of the Patriarchs

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God's Visitation

“The Old Testament explains

- (1) How God made Abraham's descendants into a great nation**
- (2) How He blessed Abraham's descendants**
- (3) How He blessed those who blessed Israel and cursed those who cursed Israel”**

“The True Story of the Old Testament”, Adult Bible Study Leader's Guide, 2014, Regular Baptist Press, p.38

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III. God Deals with Abraham's Descendants

A. With Isaac (Gen. 21 – 27)

“**Abraham** lived thirty-eight years after the death of his wife **Sarah**.

During the interim years, he married a wife named **Keturah** and fathered six sons. While **Abraham** cared for all of his sons and gave them gifts out of his immense wealth, there was never any question which son would be the heir of the family covenant.

Isaac was supernaturally born when **Abraham and Sarah** were too old for children.

Isaac was the son of promise and heir of the covenant promises of God.

Even during his latter years, **Abraham** was careful to separate ‘*the sons of the of the concubines*’ from **Isaac**, his son (Gen.25:6).”

“History Makers of the Old Testament”, Elmer Towns, Victor Books, 1989, pg.162

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III. God Deals with Abraham's Descendants

A. With Isaac: Coming Bride (Gen. 24)

“Genesis includes an extensive chapter on the marriage of Isaac (chapter 24) because the Abrahamic Covenant promises blessing to and through the descendants of Abraham.

Abraham's son, Isaac, therefore needed a wife, the right wife (24:3,4). Isaac's marriage to Rebekah proved important for the perpetuation of the family tree.”



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III. God Deals with Abraham's Descendants

A. With Isaac: Birth of Twins (Gen. 25)

“Isaac and Rebekah had been married for twenty years before the birth of their sons, and had the Lord not answered their prayers, they might have continued childless. Although Esau and Jacob were twins, Esau was the firstborn.



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The two infants differed markedly in appearance, and as they grew it became apparent that their temperament and character too were vastly different...

Before the boys were born, God had promised Rebekah: *‘The elder shall serve the younger’* (25:23).

“The Pentateuch”, L. Thomas Holdcroft, Western Book Company, 1966, pg. 35

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III. God Deals with Abraham's Descendants

A. With Isaac: The Promise - Again (Gen. 26)

“This is the main purpose of these chapters, to show the generations of God’s covenant and the lineage of Christ. God chose Abraham through whom He would bring to pass His eternal plan in Christ.”

The blessing was inherited by Isaac and not by Ishmael.

Isaac is promised the land and is promised that all nations will be blessed in his seed. The Messianic line is so far traced from Abraham to Isaac.

God revealed Himself as *‘the God of Abraham’* (Gen. 26:24).”

“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.120

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B. With Jacob: Division & Favorites (Gen. 27)

“Just as Abraham argued with Sarah over their two sons (21:9ff), so Isaac and Rebekah fell into the trap of having a favorite one splitting family unity... The selecting of favorites was tragic in the family of Isaac. It was a case of acting in opposition to the clearly revealed will of God.



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But Rebekah, rather than reasoning with her husband or allowing God to intervene directly, had another idea. In an effort to give preferential treatment to her son, she established a situation which would ultimately separate him from her the rest of her life.”

"History Makers of the Old Testament", Elmer Towns, Victor Books, 1989, pg.171

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B. With Jacob: The Birthright (Gen. 27)

“A custom that had the force of law in the biblical world decreed that a man's first son by a lawful wife inherited the major share of tangible and intangible property. This was the *'birthright'*.”

In Esau's case, it does more.

The intangible asset associated with his birthright was the covenant promise God made to Abraham and his offspring. These promises meant nothing to Esau, a man caught up completely in the affairs of this life.”



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“Bible Reader's Companion”, Lawrence O. Richards, 2004, p.40

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B. With Jacob: The Deception (Gen. 27:1-33)

“The plan of Rebekah worked to accomplish what she wanted.

Isaac identified the voice of Jacob (v.22), but was convinced not to trust his hearing. Thinking he was addressing his son Esau, Isaac blessed his son.



But deception did not last long.

No, sooner had Jacob left than Esau arrived with his venison. Yet as Isaac realized he had been deceived, he also recognized God wanted him to bless Jacob rather than Esau.”

“History Makers of the Old Testament”, Elmer Towns, Victor Books, 1989, pg.173

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III. God Deals with Abraham's Descendants

B. With Jacob

Teacher's Note (2024-03-10):

Since today's lesson (Lesson 4c) was not completed, the rest of the lesson about Jacob will be continued next week in Lesson 4d.

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