

Genesis Bible Study Assignment

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Reading: Genesis Chapters 26-28

Discussion Questions

Genesis 26:1-33

1. Name two similarities and one difference between 26:1-11 and the other examples in Genesis of wives being presented as sisters (Genesis 20:1-18 and 21:22-34).
2. Why do you think Abimelech's servants filled the wells that Abraham had dug?
3. When Isaac digs the third new well (Genesis 26:22), Isaac names it Rehoboth (which means "broad places" or "room") and says that the Lord has made room for Isaac and his family, thereby enabling them to be fruitful. Give an example – from the Bible, your experience, or another source – of someone needing to accomplish something before God's blessing becomes possible.
4. Why do you think that Abimelech wants to make a covenant with Isaac?
5. Isaac's servants dig a well and find water at the place where Isaac and Abimelech exchanged oaths, naming the well "Shibah" – a word that resembles the word for "oath". Do you believe it is important to have a physical reminder of an oath? Why or why not?
6. Two stories in Genesis refer to how Beer-sheba got its name (21:22-31 and 26:26-33). Do you believe this represents a contradiction in scripture? Why or why not?

Genesis 26:34-35

7. Esau marries two Hittite women who “make life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah”. What is one way they could have done this? How might family strife affect someone’s ability to be faithful?

Genesis 27:1-40

8. Why do you think Isaac asked Esau to hunt and prepare game as food for him before he would bless him?
9. What did Isaac have to ignore to believe Jacob was Esau?
10. Jacob’s name means “to take by the heel” or “to supplant”. What are the two ways Jacob supplanted Esau?

Genesis 27:41 – Genesis 28:22

11. What is the reason Rebekah gives to Isaac for sending Jacob away? What was her actual motivation?
12. Why would Esau marrying one of Ishmael’s daughters have pleased his father, Isaac?
13. What happens to Jacob on the night he travels toward Haran?
14. What conditions does Jacob say God has to meet for Jacob to respond faithfully? How does this compare with Abraham’s faith?