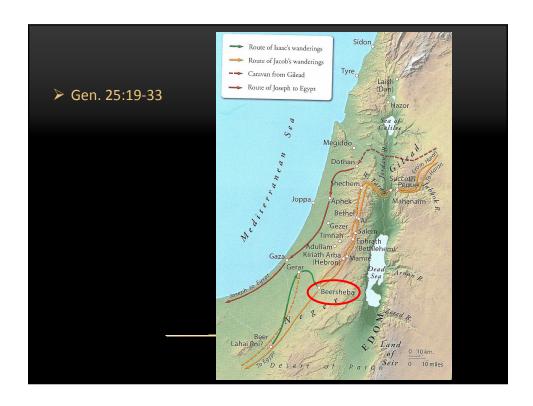
## The Lives of Jacob & Joseph





# Life of Jacob Some General Observations: 1) Jacob's response appears to be QUICK 2) Comparing vs. 30 & 31 = ask/GIVE 3) Highly unusual – asking for the birthright

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### **Genesis 25:32-34** (b'kora)

- 1)Stresses the deep relationship to his father
- 2)He is the principal heir
- 3) Special status throughout his lifetime

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<u>Hebrews 12:15-17</u> See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "<u>root of bitterness</u>" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or <u>unholy like Esau</u>, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

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"first shall be last and the last shall be first"

I Cor. 1:28 "God chose what is low and despised in the world to bring to nothing the things that are"