

The Lives of Jacob & Joseph

Life of Jacob

Genesis 26:34-35, 27:1-5

Round 3 between Jacob & Esau:

- 1) In the womb*
 - 2) Over Esau's birthright*
 - 3) Now over Isaac's final blessing*
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Background on the “blessing”:

- 1) Concerns the things of this world
- 2) Concerns the things of history
- 3) Hedge of protection

Almost more prophecy than prayer

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Genesis 26:34-35, 27:1-5 - General Observations:

- 1) Wonder if we are getting a glimpse of Adam/Eve in this couple?
 - 2) Completely misunderstanding the idea of “submission”
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Genesis 27:5-17

- 1) *Rebekah does not ASK Jacob, she TELLS him = he is 40 BTW*
- 2) *And Jacob doesn't object to doing it...just HOW it is done*

Helicopter mom & passive man at its finest!

Picture of what happens when we don't let go properly!

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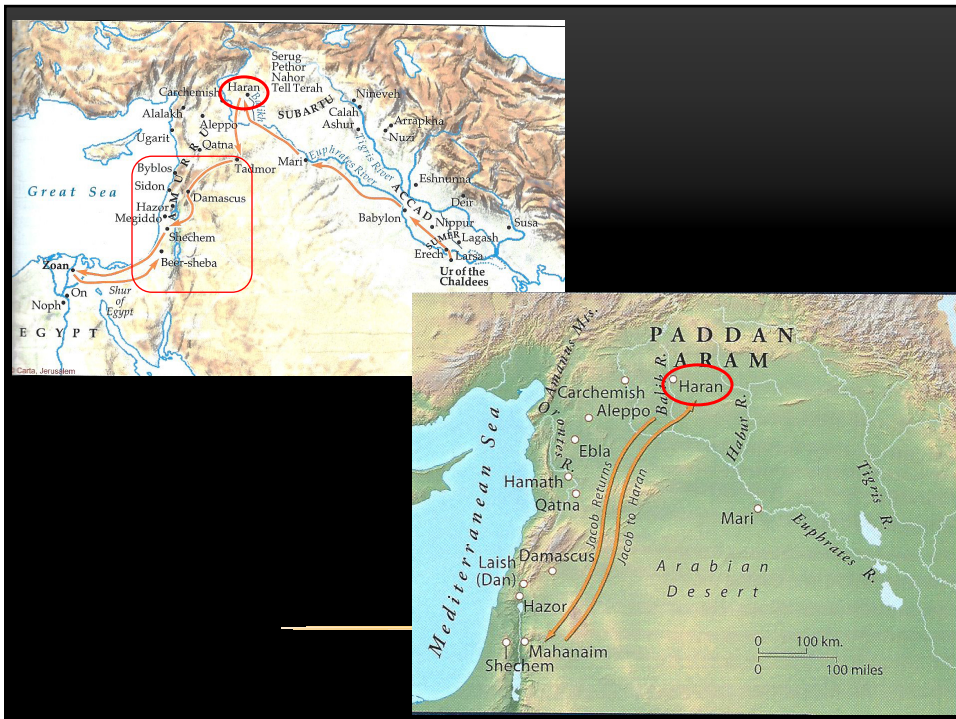
Genesis 27:18-29

Blessing includes:

- 1) *Statement of who Jacob is*
 - 2) *What Jacob will receive – agricultural fertility*
 - 3) *His relationship with others*
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Genesis 27:30-45



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Our sympathies run naturally towards Isaac and Esau

And yet:

1) Esau wants the "blessing of favor" without carrying the mantle of his name and birthright...it cuts both ways

2) And Isaac, if he knew of this Oracle from God to his wife is swimming up stream

If he does not, it is because he has shown passivity in his own marriage to the point they do not share the deep things together

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Final Observation:

God ends up where He wants...but our decisions still have an effect:

1) Esau is ravished by hatred...lives spitefully

2) Rebekah never sees her son again

3) Jacob toils for 20 years outside the land and his fears haunt him

4) Isaac's sons are driven apart for the better portion of the rest of his life
