

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

JUNE 14, 2023

GENESIS 36.21-29

### INTRODUCTION:

1. With the death of Rachel, we are now told about the death of Isaac.
  - a) Three different words translated as “Hell.” (Acts 2.27; 2 Pet. 2.4; Mark 9.43)
  - b) When one died, he “*was gathered to his people.*” (Gen. 25.8,9; 35.29; 49.29,33; 50.3-5)
2. **GENESIS 36.21:** “*Then Israel journeyed and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder.*”
  - a) “*Journeyed*” (yissa): “tear up, uproot, cause to break away” [Strong]. (Gen. 33.17-19)
  - b) “*Beyond the tower of Eder.*” (Josh. 15.21,28; Beersheba, southern most city, 1 Sam. 3.20)

### I. THE DEATH OF ISAAC

- A. Jacob returns home to his father.
  1. **GENESIS 35.27:** “*Then Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kirjath Arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had dwelt.*” (Gen. 13.18; 14.13; 23.2,19)
  2. The twelve sons of Jacob. (Gen. 35.23-26)
    - a) The list of Jacob’s sons illustrate the different between when he left and when he returned home. (Gen. 32.10; 28.10,11; 30.43)
    - b) **GENESIS 35.23:** “*Reuben, Jacob’s firstborn.*” The firstborn right. (Deut. 21.15-17)
    - c) **GENESIS 35.24:** “*the sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin.*” Explains the close relationship between them. (Gen. 42.7,15-17; 43.29-31,34; 45.14,15)
    - d) **GENESIS 35.36:** “*These were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Padan Aram*” Yet Benjamin was born near Bethlehem. (Gen. 35.18,19)
  3. The sin of Reuben. (Gen. 35.22)
    1. Because of Reuben’s sin, he lost his birthright. (Gen. 49.3,4; 1 Chr. 5.1)
    2. The Old Testament is a cautionary tale. (1 Cor. 10.6; Rom. 8.15-18; 2 Pet. 2.6)
- B. Jacob buries his father.
  1. **GENESIS 35.28:** “*Now the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty years.*”
    - a) Isaac was sixty when Jacob was born. (Gen. 25.26; 27.1)
    - b) The death of Isaac happened sometime after Joseph was sold. (Gen. 37.2)
  2. **GENESIS 21.29:** “*So Isaac breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people, being old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.*” (Gen. 49.31)

### II. MEMORIAL OF ISAAC

- A. Everything that has happened in the life of Isaac was directed by God.
  1. His birth was literally as act of God. (Gen. 17.19-21; Rom. 4.19-22)
  2. God commanded him to be sacrificed as a type of what would come. (Gen. 22.2)
  3. God was responsible for giving Isaac a wife. (Gen. 24.7,14,48)
  4. God blessed Isaac with great prosperity. (Gen. 26.12,13,16)
  5. He was the God and Fear of Isaac. (Gen. 31.42; 32.9; 35.12)
- B. Isaac in the New Testament.
  1. Isaac is named among the saved.
    - a) Isaac is still alive. (Matt. 22.32)
    - b) Where is Isaac now? (Luke 13.28)
  2. Like Isaac, we are children of promise. (Gal. 4.28)