

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
JANUARY 28, 2022
GENESIS 25:12-23

INTRODUCTION:

1. **GENESIS 25.12:** *“Now this is the genealogy of Ishmael”*
 - a) The genealogy of Ishmael is in keeping with the promises of God. (Gen. 17.18-20)
 - b) They became the Arabian nations. (Gen. 25.16; cf. Isa. 21.13-17; 60.7; 1 Chr. 5.19)
2. **GENESIS 25.19:** *“This is the genealogy of Isaac”*
 - a) After Abraham passed away (Gen. 25.7-11), the narrative briefly shifts to Isaac which is divided into two parts: His active life (Gen. 25-28.9). His old age (Gen. 28.10-35.29)
 - b) They became the Israelite nation. (Acts 3.13; 7.8)
 - c) The relationship between God and Isaac was not as close as with Abraham.

I. THE FAMILY OF ISAAC

- A. When did Isaac start his family?
 1. **GENESIS 25.20:** *“Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife”*
 - a) Abraham would have been one hundred and forty years old. (Gen. 17.17)
 - b) Sarah passed away three years before Isaac was married. (Gen. 23.1; 24.66,67)
 2. **GENESIS 25.20:** *“the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram”* This is the same family from which Jacob would take a wife. (Gen. 28.1,2)
- B. How did Isaac start his family?
 1. **GENESIS 25.21:** The family of Isaac started with God’s intervention.
 2. The women in the Israelite lineage were frequently barren. (Gen. 11.30; 29.31)
 3. The Israelite nation did not come from happenstance but from God.
 - a) An amazing and powerful act proves God’s involvement. (Num. 16.28-30)
 - b) God has been active in fulfilling His promise. (Gen. 3.15; 22.5; 45.5-8)
- C. Who was part of his family?
 1. **GENESIS 25.22:** *“But the children struggled together within her.”*
 - a) “Struggled together” (Heb. - yit-ro-sasu): “mistreat, oppress, strike down.” [Strong] (cf. Judges 10.8). Even before they were born, they were fighting.
 - b) Their struggles continued throughout their lives. (Gen. 27.41; 32.6-8,11; 33.4)
 2. **GENESIS 25.23:** *“Two nations are in your womb.”*
 - a) Esau would become the nation of Edom. (Gen. 25.30; 36.1,9)
 - b) **GENESIS 25.23:** *“and the older shall serve the younger.”* (Judges 11.17,18; 2 Chr. 28.17; Ezek. 25.12-14; Amos 1.11; Obed. 1.1,2,10)

II. JACOB: THE LINEAGE TO CHRIST

- A. The children of Israel are not the children of the promise.
 1. **ROMANS 9.1-5:** Paul was greatly troubled because of the spiritual condition of Israel.
 2. **ROMANS 9.6:** *“But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect.”*
 - a) All through Israel’s history, they were promised salvation. (Jer. 23.5,6; Acts 1.6)
 - b) **ROMANS 9.6:** *“For they are not all Israel who are of Israel.”*
 3. **ROMANS 9.7,8:** The children of promise were not the children of Israel.
- B. The children of God are the children of the promise.
 1. **ROMANS 9.9-13:** *“For this is the word of promise...”*
 2. We are the children of God through the promise made to Abraham. (Gal. 3.26-29)