

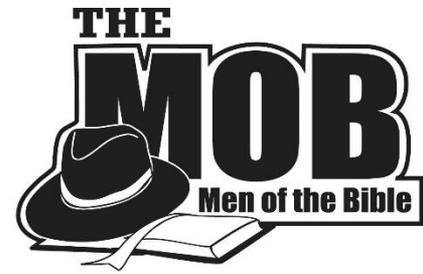
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

WELCOME TO THE MOB!



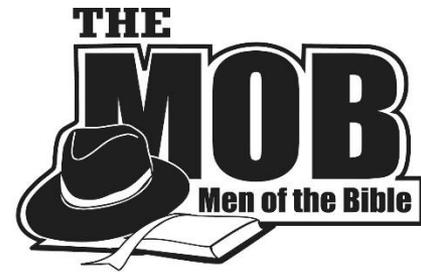
Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB!
- IBC Easter Pageant: “Let The Grave Be Opened!”
April 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 – Get Tickets Online (soon)
- Website: www.ibcmob.net
- Please rise for a hymn of praise & invocation



Memory Verse



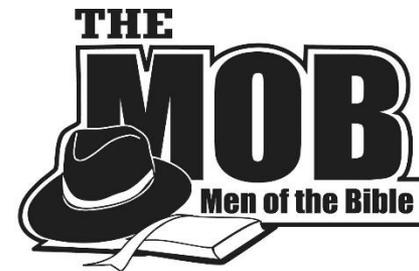
Psalm 133:1 (ESV)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity.

Psalm 133:1 (ESV)



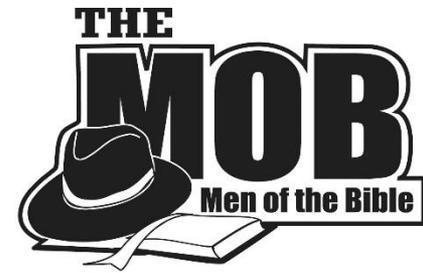
Genesis Overview



Focus	Four Events				Four People			
Reference	1:1 – 2:25	3:1 – 5:32	6:1 – 9:29	10:1 – 11:9	11:10 – 25:18	25:19 – 26:35	27:1 – 36:43	37:1 – 50:26
Division	Creation	Fall	Flood	Nations	Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph
Topic	The Human Race				The Chosen Race (Hebrews)			
	Primeval History / Historical				Patriarchal History / Biographical			
Location	Fertile Crescent (Eden – Haran)				Canaan (Haran – Canaan)			
Time	cir. 2,000 years (cir. 4004 – 2090 B.C.)				193 years (2090 – 1897 B.C.)			



Genesis Divisions



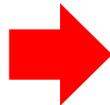
בְּרֵאשִׁית (*bereshith*) = **Beginnings** (of many things)

Greek = Genesis = Origin, Source, Generation, Beginning

תּוֹלְדוֹת (*toledoth*) = “These are the generations of...” or “This is the history of...” or “account of...” **10 sections:**

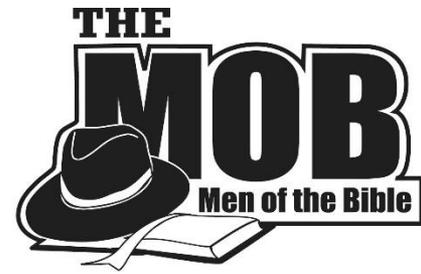
Prologue ([Genesis 1:1 – 2:3](#))

1. The generations of **heaven and earth** ([Genesis 2:4 – 4:26](#))
2. The generations of **Adam** ([Genesis 5:1 – 6:8](#))
3. The generations of **Noah** ([Genesis 6:9 – 9:29](#))
4. The generations of the **sons of Noah** ([Genesis 10:1 – 11:9](#))
5. The generations of **Shem** ([Genesis 11:10 – 26](#))
6. The generations of **Terah** ([Genesis 11:27 – 25:11](#))
7. The generations of **Ishmael** ([Genesis 25:12 – 18](#))
8. The generations of **Isaac** ([Genesis 25:19 – 35:29](#))
9. The generations of **Esau** ([Genesis 36:1 – 37:1](#))
10. The generations of **Jacob** ([Genesis 37:2 – 50:26](#))





Our Study of Genesis



Last Meeting:

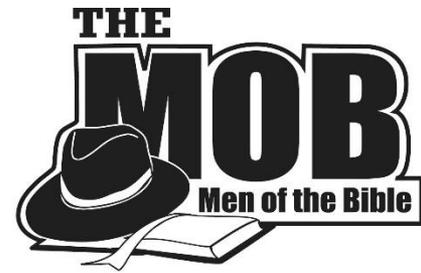
- [Genesis 26:1 – 35](#) God's Promise, Isaac's & Esau's Failures
- *Encountering Genesis*, Chapter 9, pages 120 – 122

This Meeting:

- [Genesis 25:19-34, 27:1 – 28:9](#) Esau & Jacob and The Stolen Blessing
- *Encountering Genesis*, Chapter 9, pages 120, 122 – 124



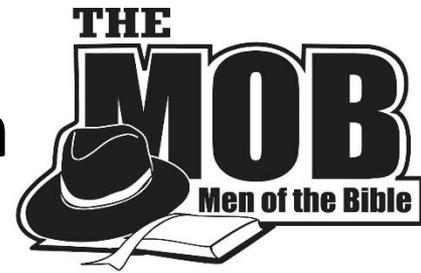
Review/Overview



- In Lesson 17, we were introduced to Jacob and Esau in [Genesis 25:19-28](#)
 - The two nations would struggle throughout their history
 - God elected Jacob over Esau (see [Romans 9:6-13](#))
 - Jacob would continue the line of promise to the Messiah
 - Isaac favored the outdoorsman Esau, father of the Edomites (Edom means “red”)
 - Rebekah favored the homeboy Jacob “the heel” (who would later become “Israel” – the one who struggles with God)
- Now we see Jacob “maneuver” Esau out of his birthright
- Rebekah and Jacob “trick” Isaac to get Esau’s blessing
- Rebekah gets Isaac to send Jacob to Haran to get a wife from her brother Laban (protecting him from Esau)
- Esau marries Ishmael’s daughter to try and amend for his Hittite wives



Observation & Interpretation



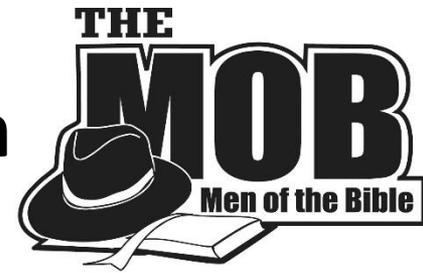
^{25:29} Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. ³⁰ And Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!” (Therefore his name was called Edom.) ³¹ Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright now.” ³² Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” ³³ Jacob said, “Swear to me now.” So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Observations & Interpretation:

- The author continues the play on the names of the twins: red with Esau and Jacob as the supplanter / deceiver (heel) [John MacArthur]
- This also begins the attempts of this family to bring about God’s plan by their own means
- The fact that Jacob used this incident to gain his brother’s birthright indicates he had at least contemplated this type of action before (premeditated)
- The fact that Esau gave up his birthright to satisfy his physical desires caused the author to use the term he “despised his birthright”



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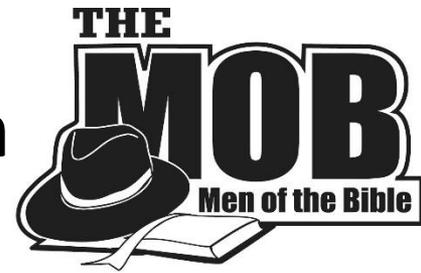
27:1 When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.”² He said, “Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death.”³ Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me,⁴ and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”

Observations & Interpretation:

- As we begin Chapter 27, let us consider the last two verses of [Genesis 26:34-35](#). Notice Esau’s actions made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.
- One would think that Isaac would have known about God’s response to Rebekah in [Genesis 25:23](#), but if he did, it does not appear so as this chapter begins.
- It is also apparent how food or physical desires play an important role here in the stew incident.
- We do not know exactly how old Isaac was here, but we do know from [Genesis 35:28](#) that he was 180 when he died. He was effectively blind at this point in time.
- Whatever Isaac’s age, he *thought* his death was soon.
- The word “bless” or a form of it appears over 20 times in this chapter, showing the importance of this in the culture of the Patriarchs.



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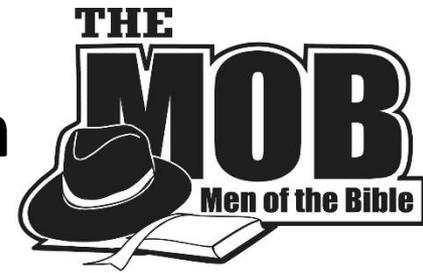
27:5 Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, ⁶ Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, ⁷ ‘Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.’ ⁸ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. ⁹ Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. ¹⁰ And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies.” ¹¹ But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. ¹² Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing.” ¹³ His mother said to him, “Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me.”

Observations & Interpretation:

- Rebekah is listening, has a plan, and puts pressure on Jacob to comply with her plan.
- It is Jacob who realizes that, despite his father’s sight problem, Isaac might feel Jacob and realize he is being deceived, mocked.
- Rebekah says she will take the responsibility for any fallout over this, if discovered.



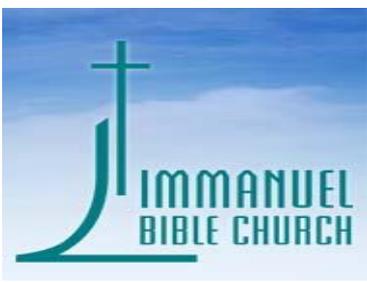
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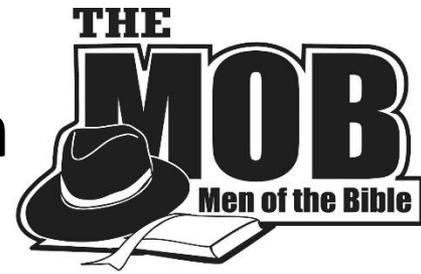
^{27:14} So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved. ¹⁵ Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. ¹⁶ And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. ¹⁷ And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

Observations & Interpretation:

- Rebekah is *not* leaving the cooking to Jacob for this occasion.
- Rebekah provides Jacob not only with Isaac's favorite dishes, but also the clothes and other disguises he would need to fool his father into thinking he was Esau.
- The birthright issue in [Genesis 25](#) was all Jacob as far as we can tell, but this action seems to be Rebekah's, assisted by a compliant Jacob.



Observation & Interpretation



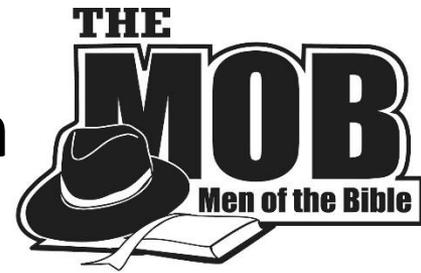
^{27:18} So he went in to his father and said, “My father.” And he said, “Here I am. Who are you, my son?” ¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me.” ²⁰ But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because the LORD your God granted me success.” ²¹ Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.” ²² So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” ²³ And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. ²⁴ He said, “Are you really my son Esau?” He answered, “I am.” ²⁵ Then he said, “Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you.” So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

Observations & Interpretation:

- Notice in this interaction that Jacob gets so bold as to bring God’s name into the story.
- Even after the initial blessing, Jacob answers his father with the third lie to his questions.
- The real blessing does not come until after the meal.



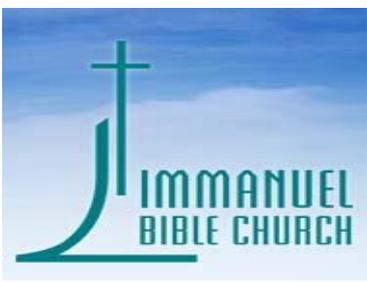
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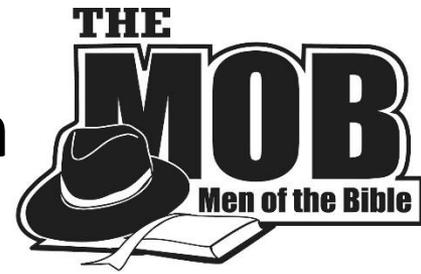
^{27:26} Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come near and kiss me, my son.” ²⁷ So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said, “See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed! ²⁸ May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. ²⁹ Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!”

Observations & Interpretation:

- One would have to say that up to this point Rebekah’s plan has worked well.
- The real blessing begins in v.28 and contains the following:
 - God-granted prosperity
 - Leadership over peoples and nations
 - Curses and blessings such as God gave to Abraham in [Genesis 12:3](#)



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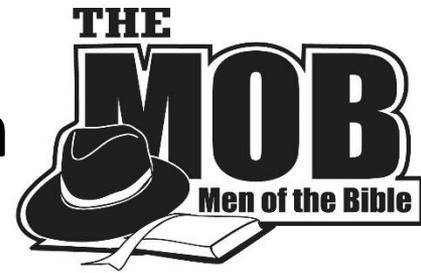
^{27:30} As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. ³¹ He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, “Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me.” ³² His father Isaac said to him, “Who are you?” He answered, “I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.” ³³ Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, “Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed.”

Observations & Interpretation:

- Jacob’s timing could not have been better.
- Since Isaac thought he had just blessed Esau, he is confused, initially.
- It does not take Isaac to realize that he made a “mistake,” but that the blessing has to stand (cannot be reversed or reissued).



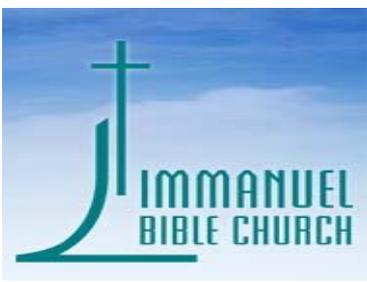
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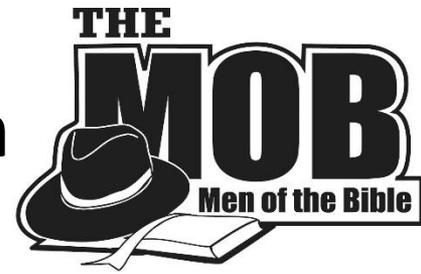
27:34 As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me, even me also, O my father!” 35 But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing.” 36 Esau said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing.” Then he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?” 37 Isaac answered and said to Esau, “Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?” 38 Esau said to his father, “Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

Observations & Interpretation:

- Esau was enough of a regular guy to know that he had been taken by his brother Jacob for the second time.
- Isaac even sees Jacob as the deceiver, but that he still got the blessing. This is the second time he affirms that Jacob has the blessing.
- One is tempted to feel sorry for Esau, except for his spiritually disdainful nature demonstrated by his marrying the Hittite women (2) and despising his birthright. Despite being the oldest by birth, he was not fit to receive Isaac’s first blessing.



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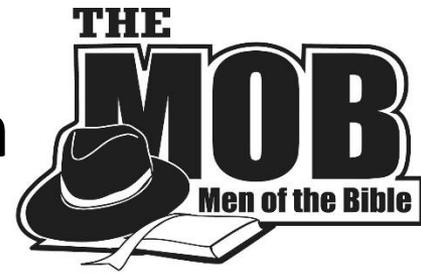
27:39 Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: “Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be, and away from the dew of heaven on high. ⁴⁰ By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother but when you grow restless you shall break his yoke from your neck.” ⁴¹ Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.” ⁴² But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, “Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you. ⁴³ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran ⁴⁴ and stay with him a while, until your brother’s fury turns away— ⁴⁵ until your brother’s anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereft of you both in one day?”

Observations & Interpretation:

- This blessing to Esau was so different than the one given to Jacob that one has to wonder if it was really a blessing, but it obviously was.
- This blessing, plus Jacob’s deception, caused Esau to hate his brother.
- Even Esau speaking to himself about killing Jacob was overheard by someone, who told Rebekah, who then had to develop another plan (to save both of her sons).
- It does appear that Rebekah and Jacob were ever reunited, since she is not mentioned as Isaac is later when Jacob returns to the Promised Land.



Observation & Interpretation



27:46 Then Rebekah said to Isaac, “I loathe my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?”

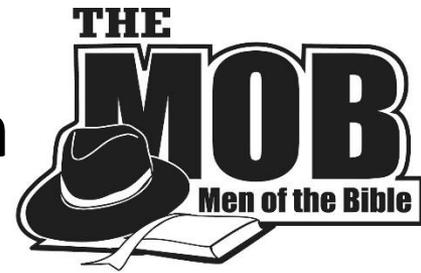
28:1 Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and directed him, “You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women. ² Arise, go to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel your mother's father, and take as your wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. ³ God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. ⁴ May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!” ⁵ Thus Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

Observations & Interpretation:

- Rebekah’s comments here are clearly aimed at Esau.
- Isaac blesses Jacob, again.
- Isaac sends Jacob to the area of Haran, similar to what Abraham had done with his servant in searching for a suitable wife for him, [Genesis 24](#).
- Jacob, the deceiver, will meet his match in Rebekah’s brother, Laban.



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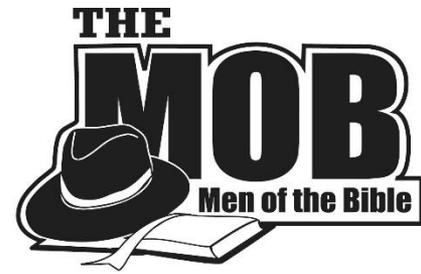
28:6 Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he directed him, “You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women,” ⁷ and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and gone to Paddan-aram. ⁸ So when Esau saw that the Canaanite women did not please Isaac his father, ⁹ Esau went to Ishmael and took as his wife, besides the wives he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.

Observations & Interpretation:

- One wonders if Esau is starting to learn from all this, but it appears that he has forgotten that Ishmael was not the chosen seed (another sign of spiritual blindness).
- This is *not* the last time Esau will see Jacob. There is more to come!



Discussion & Application



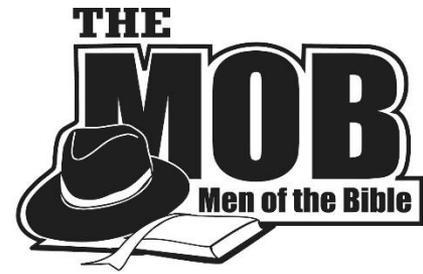
1. Where else in Genesis have we seen human solutions to God's plans?
2. What do you think motivated Isaac's decision to bless Esau?
3. Do you think playing favorites is a good thing for children?
4. Don't we all want to see God's will done?

Where can that desire go wrong? [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

5. Does God's will ever require our participation? Explain your answer.
6. What was the most important thing you learned from this lesson?



Next Meeting

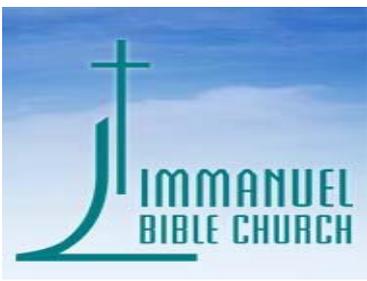


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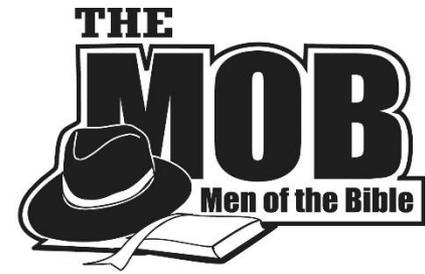
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Read:

- [Genesis 28:10 – 30:24](#) Jacob's Dream & Leah vs. Rachel
- *Encountering Genesis*, Chapter 9, pages 123 – 127



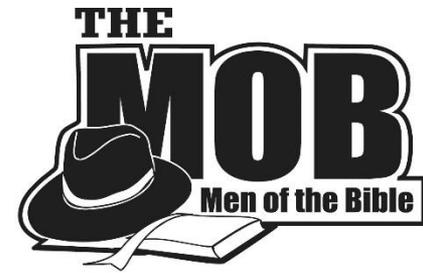
Closing



- Questions
- Benediction



Genesis 25

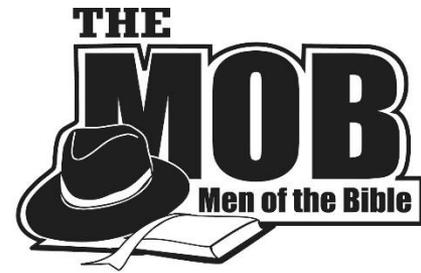


¹⁹ These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. ²¹ And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³ And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the older shall serve the younger."



Genesis 25



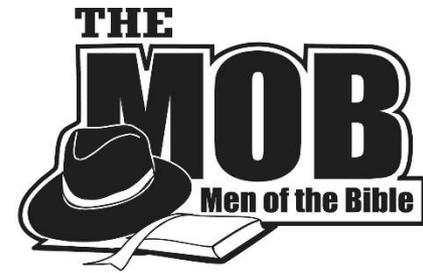
²⁴ When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

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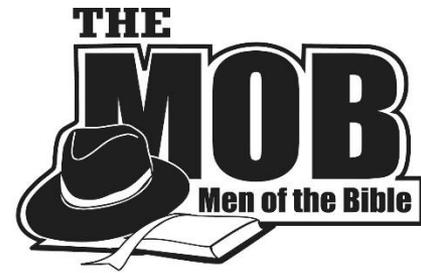
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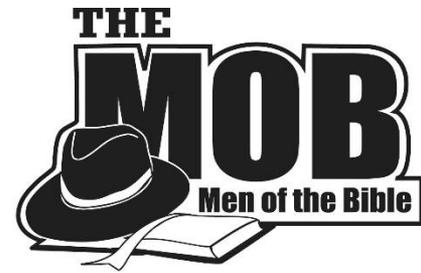


¹⁴ So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved. ¹⁵ Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. ¹⁶ And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. ¹⁷ And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

¹⁸ So he went in to his father and said, “My father.” And he said, “Here I am. Who are you, my son?” ¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me.” ²⁰ But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because the LORD your God granted me success.” ²¹ Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.” ²² So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” ²³ And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. ²⁴ He said, “Are you really my son Esau?” He answered, “I am.” ²⁵ Then he said, “Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you.” So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.



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²⁶ Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come near and kiss me, my son.”

²⁷ So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said,

“See, the smell of my son
is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed!

²⁸ May God give you of the dew of heaven
and of the fatness of the earth
and plenty of grain and wine.

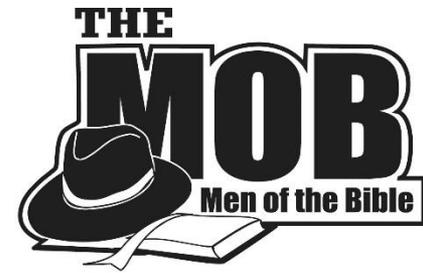
²⁹ Let peoples serve you,
and nations bow down to you.

Be lord over your brothers,
and may your mother's sons bow down to you.

Cursed be everyone who curses you,
and blessed be everyone who blesses you!”



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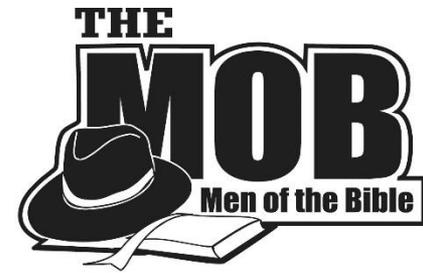


³⁰ As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

³¹ He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, “Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me.” ³² His father Isaac said to him, “Who are you?” He answered, “I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.” ³³ Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, “Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed.” ³⁴ As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me, even me also, O my father!” ³⁵ But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing.” ³⁶ Esau said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing.” Then he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?” ³⁷ Isaac answered and said to Esau, “Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?” ³⁸ Esau said to his father, “Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.



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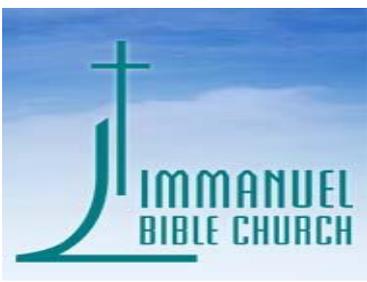
³⁹ Then Isaac his father answered and said to him:

“Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be,
and away from the dew of heaven on high.

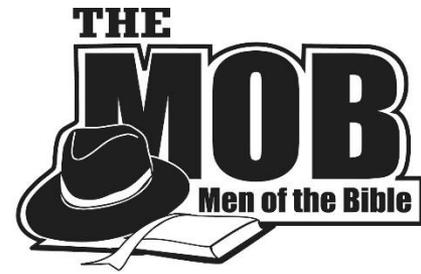
⁴⁰ By your sword you shall live,
and you shall serve your brother;
but when you grow restless
you shall break his yoke from your neck.”

⁴¹ Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.” ⁴² But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, “Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you. ⁴³ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran ⁴⁴ and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away— ⁴⁵ until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereft of you both in one day?”

⁴⁶ Then Rebekah said to Isaac, “I loathe my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?”



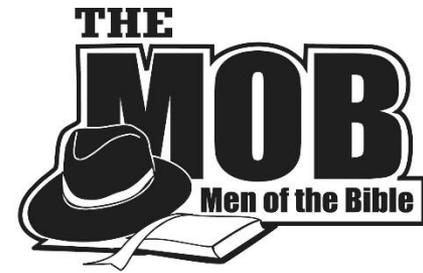
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¹ Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and directed him, “You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women. ² Arise, go to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel your mother's father, and take as your wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. ³ God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. ⁴ May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!” ⁵ Thus Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. ⁶ Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he directed him, “You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women,” ⁷ and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and gone to Paddan-aram. ⁸ So when Esau saw that the Canaanite women did not please Isaac his father, ⁹ Esau went to Ishmael and took as his wife, besides the wives he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.



Bible Study



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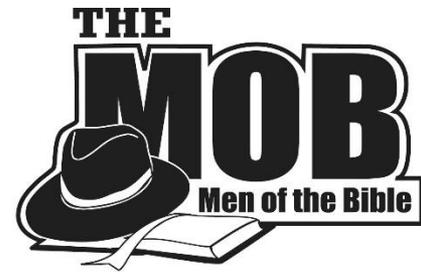
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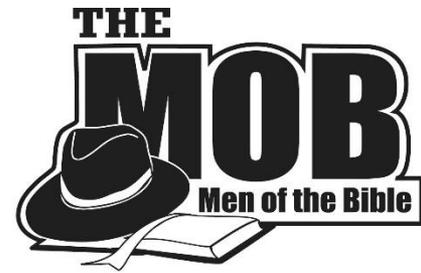
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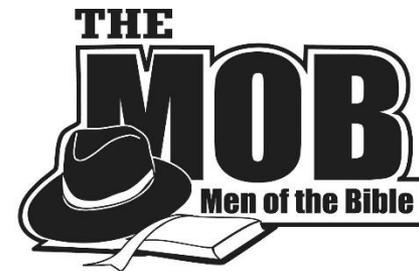
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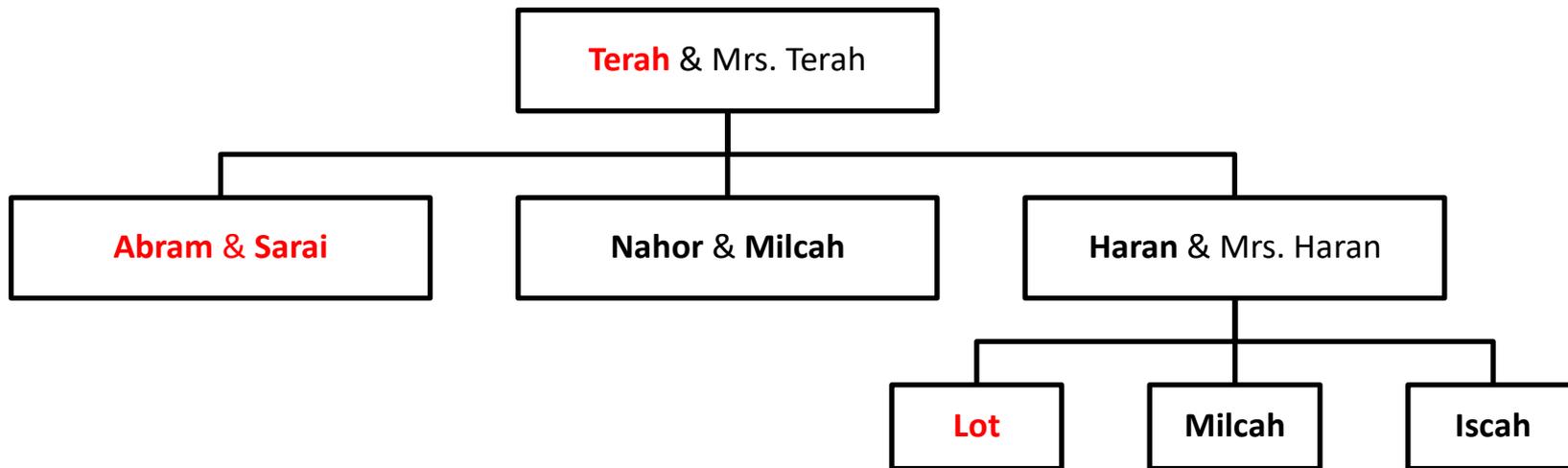
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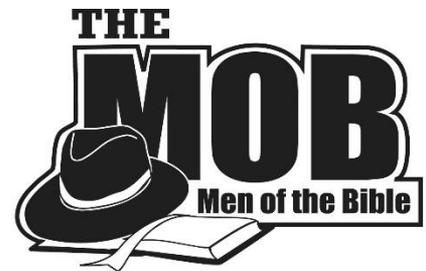


³¹ Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. ³² The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

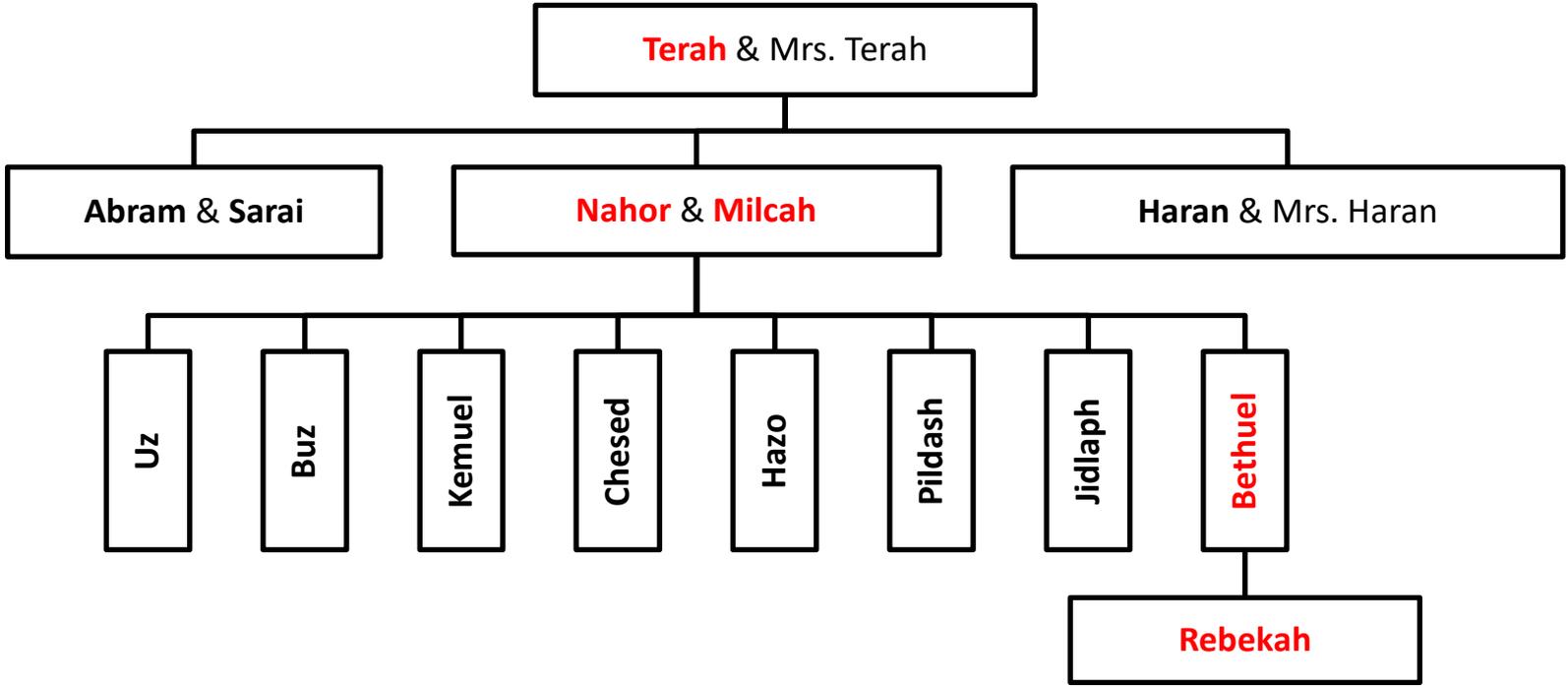




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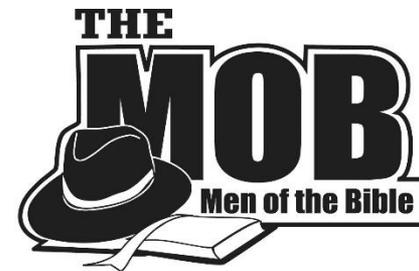


²⁰ Now after these things it was told to **Abraham**, “Behold, **Milcah** also has borne children to your **brother Nahor**: ²¹ Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, ²² Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and **Bethuel**.” ²³ (**Bethuel fathered Rebekah**.) These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. ²⁴ Moreover, his concubine, whose name was Reumah, bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

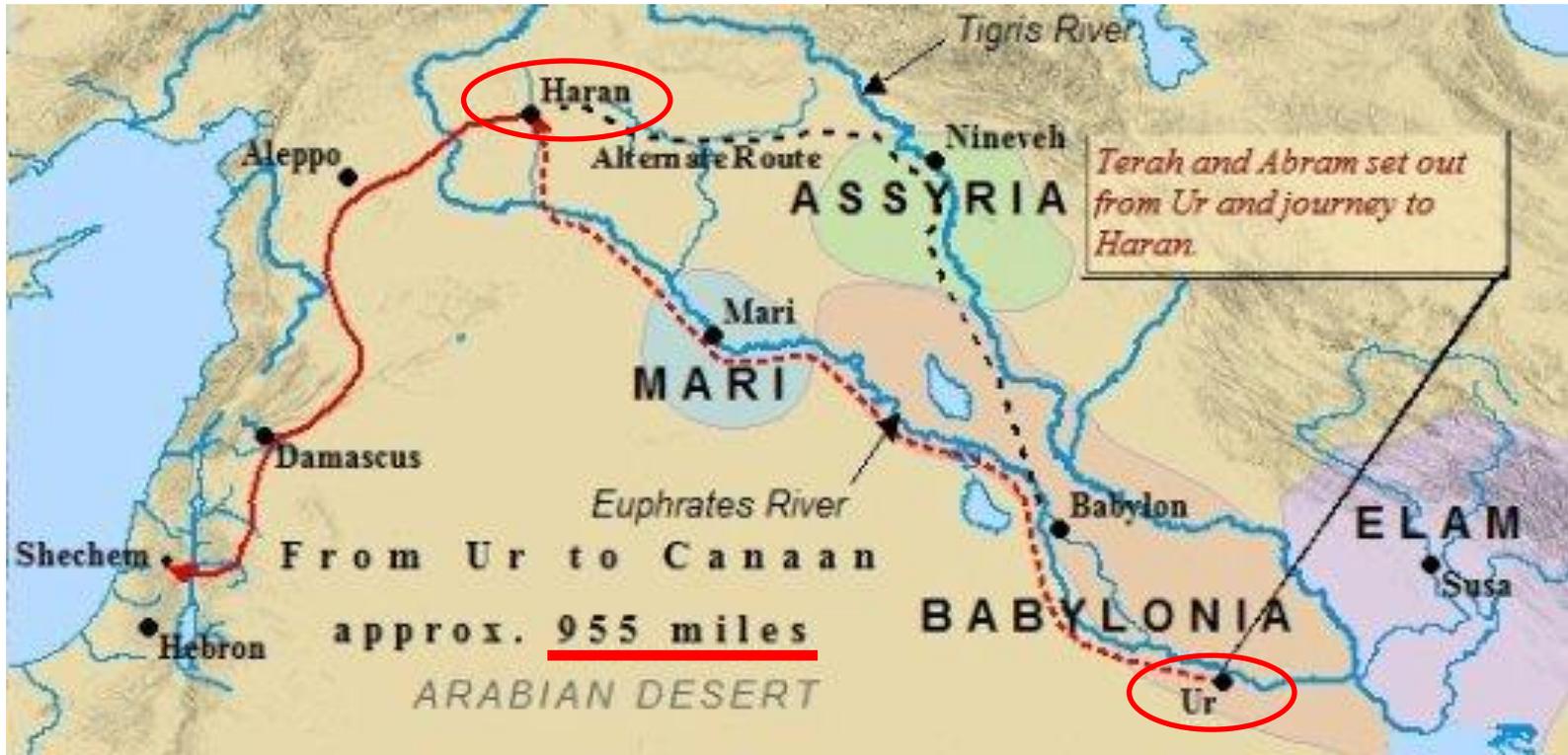
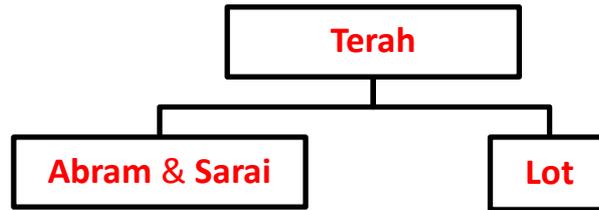




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