

ABRAHAM'S POSTERITY
(Genesis 25:1-34)

- I. Abraham's Other FAMILY (Gen. 25:1-6)
 - A. Married KETURAH (25:1; cf. 25:6; 1 Chron. 1:32)
 - B. Fathered SIX MORE SONS (25:2-6)
 - 1. PROVIDED for them ADEQUATELY
 - 2. EXCLUDED them from ISAAC'S inheritance
 - 3. SENT THEM AWAY before he DIED
- II. Abraham's DEATH (Gen. 25:7-11)
 - A. At the age of 175, he was "GATHERED to his PEOPLE" (25:7-8)
 - B. BURIED in the CAVE at Machpelah (25:9-10)
 - 1. Purchased for SARAH'S BURIAL
 - 2. Handled by ISAAC and ISHMAEL
 - C. God began to particularly BLESS ISAAC (25:11)
- III. Ishmael's FAMILY (Gen. 25:12-18)
 - A. Fathered "TWELVE PRINCES" (25:12-16; cf. 17:20)
 - B. At the age of 137, he was "GATHERED to his PEOPLE" (25:17)
 - C. Settled "in DEFIANCE of all his RELATIVES" (25:18; cf. 16:12)
- IV. Isaac's TWIN SONS (Gen. 25:19-34)
 - A. Rebekah conceived after 20 years and much PRAYER (25:19-21, 26b)

- B. Boys STRUGGLED in her WOMB
- C. God REVEALED to her His WILL (25:23; cf. Rom. 9:10-13)
 - 1. The YOUNGER would PREVAIL
 - 2. He would RECEIVE the INHERITANCE
- D. Rebekah delivered TWINS (25:24-26)
 - 1. *Esau*, meaning “HAIRY” (also called EDOM, meaning “RED”)
 - 2. *Jacob*, meaning “PROTECTED by GOD”
 - a. Not “USURPER” or “SUPPLANTER”
 - b. Spent life as a RESTRAINER of EVIL
- E. The boys MATURE (25:27-28)
 - 1. Esau was a SPORTSMAN, doing what he WANTED
 - 2. Jacob was a DEVOUT man, doing what he SHOULD
- F. Their CHARACTERS are demonstrated (25:29-34)
 - 1. Jacob COOKED SUPPER while Esau PLAYED
 - 2. Esau EXAGGERATED his weakness and EXPECTED to be fed
 - 3. Jacob offered to PURCHASE the BIRTHRIGHT
 - a. Already his by DIVINE DECREE
 - b. Probably DOUBTED his father’s OBEDIENCE
 - 4. Esau considered it WORTHLESS
 - 5. Esau SOLD the birthright to Jacob (cf. Heb. 12:16)
 - a. Event does NOT show Jacob to be DEVIOUS
 - b. Rather, it shows Esau to be “IMMORAL and GODLESS”