



I, ESAU,  
give JACOB  
(my super  
AWESOME  
brother) my  
BIRTHRIGHT  
for one bowl  
of his tasty  
red stew.  
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# Lesson 17

Ephesians 3:20

*God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by His power that is working in us.*

## Jacob and Esau

### Genesis 25:19–34

<sup>19</sup>Here is the story of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac.

Abraham was the father of Isaac. <sup>20</sup>Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah. She was the daughter of Bethuel, the Aramean from Paddan Aram. She was also the sister of Laban, the Aramean.

<sup>21</sup>Rebekah couldn't have children. So Isaac prayed to the Lord for her. And the Lord answered his prayer. His wife Rebekah became pregnant. <sup>22</sup>The babies struggled with each other inside her. She said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to ask the Lord what she should do.

<sup>23</sup>The Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your body.

Two tribes that are now inside you will be separated.

One nation will be stronger than the other.

The older son will serve the younger one."

<sup>24</sup>The time came for Rebekah to have her babies. There were twin boys in her body. <sup>25</sup>The first one to come out was red. His whole body was covered with hair. So they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup>Then his brother came out. His hand was holding onto Esau's heel. So he was named Jacob. Isaac was 60 years old when Rebekah had them.

<sup>27</sup>The boys grew up. Esau became a skillful hunter. He liked the open country. But Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. <sup>28</sup>Isaac liked the meat of wild animals. So Esau was his favourite son. But Rebekah's favourite was Jacob.

<sup>29</sup>One day Jacob was cooking some stew. Esau came in from the open country. He was very hungry. <sup>30</sup>He said to Jacob, "Quick! I'm very hungry! Let me have some of that red stew!" That's why he was also named Edom.

<sup>31</sup>Jacob replied, "First sell me the rights that belong to you as the oldest son in the family."

<sup>32</sup>"Look, I'm dying of hunger," Esau said. "What good are those rights to me?"

<sup>33</sup>But Jacob said, "First promise to sell me your rights." So Esau promised to do it. He sold Jacob all the rights that belonged to him as the oldest son.

<sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. Esau ate and drank. Then he got up and left. So Esau didn't value the rights that belonged to him as the oldest son.

## Questions

- 1 How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah? Isaac was \_\_\_\_\_ years old. (Gen. 25:20)
- 2 Could Rebekah have children? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 25:21)



Just like Isaac's mother, Sarah, Rebekah couldn't have children right away.

- 3 Who prayed to the Lord for Rebekah to have children? \_\_\_\_\_ prayed to the Lord for Rebekah to have children. (Gen. 25:21)
- 4 Did the Lord answer Isaac's prayer? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 25:21)
- 5 Was Rebekah pregnant with twins? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 25:22–23)
- 6 What were the two babies doing inside Rebekah? They were \_\_\_\_\_ with each other inside her. (Gen. 25:22)
- 7 What did Rebekah ask the Lord? Rebekah asked the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ she should \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 25:22)

### James 1:5

*If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault.*

- 8 What did the Lord tell Rebekah? The Lord told Rebekah that two \_\_\_\_\_ were in her body, but they would be \_\_\_\_\_. One nation would be \_\_\_\_\_ than the other. The \_\_\_\_\_ son would serve the \_\_\_\_\_ one. (Gen. 25:23)
- 9 What were the sexes of Rebekah's babies? They were twin \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 25:24)
- 10 What did the first baby look like? He was \_\_\_\_\_, and his \_\_\_\_\_ body was covered with \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 25:25)
- 11 What name did Isaac and Rebekah give their first son? They named him \_\_\_\_\_, which means "hairy." (Gen. 25:25)
- 12 What was Esau's brother doing when he came out of Rebekah? Esau's brother's \_\_\_\_\_ was holding onto Esau's \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 25:26)
- 13 What name did Isaac and Rebekah give their second son? They named him \_\_\_\_\_, which means "holder of the heel." (Gen. 25:26)
- 14 How old was Isaac when Rebekah gave birth to twins? Isaac was \_\_\_\_\_ years old. (Gen. 25:26)

- 15 How many years of their married life passed before Isaac and Rebekah had children?  
\_\_\_\_\_ years of their married life passed before Isaac and Rebekah had children. (Hint: look at Questions 1 and 14.)
- 16 What was Esau like when he grew up? Esau became a skilful \_\_\_\_\_, and he liked the open \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 25:27)
- 17 What was Jacob like when he grew up? Jacob was content to stay at \_\_\_\_\_ among the tents. (Gen. 25:27)
- 18 Which son was Isaac's favourite? \_\_\_\_\_ was Isaac's favourite. (Gen. 25:28)
- 19 Which son was Rebekah's favourite? \_\_\_\_\_ was Rebekah's favourite. (Gen. 25:28)
- 20 Do you think it is emotionally healthy for a family when a parent has a favourite child? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 2:11

*God treats everyone the same.*



There is not a single person on earth whom God loves more than you!

- 21 What was Jacob doing one day? One day Jacob was \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 25:29)
- 22 What was Esau feeling when he came in from the open country that day? Esau was feeling \_\_\_\_\_ hungry. (Gen. 25:29)
- 23 What did Esau ask of Jacob? Esau asked Jacob to quickly let him have some of that \_\_\_\_\_ stew. (Gen. 25:30)
- 24 What was Esau's other name? Esau's other name was \_\_\_\_\_, which means "red." (Gen. 25:30)
- 25 What was Jacob's response? Jacob told his brother, Esau, to first \_\_\_\_\_ to him the \_\_\_\_\_ that belonged to Esau as the oldest son of the family. (Gen. 25:31)
- 26 Did Esau promise to do this? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. Why? Esau promised to do this because those rights wouldn't be any \_\_\_\_\_ to him if he \_\_\_\_\_ (opposite of "lived") of hunger. (Gen. 25:32-33)
- 27 Do you think Esau was *really* dying of hunger? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 28 Do you think some bread and some lentil stew equalled the value of the rights that belonged to Esau as the oldest son? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_.

29 Do you think Esau was foolish? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_.

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?

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