

JACOB'S DEPARTURE FROM CANAAN

Genesis 27:41 - 28:22

Jacob, having twice lived up to his name (which means “supplanter” or “trickster”), first by taking advantage of his brother in order to obtain the birthright, and second by deceiving his father into giving him the blessing, must now suffer the consequences of his misdeeds. Read to discover some of the first consequences in this lesson, and look for others in lessons which follow:

A. Esau's Reaction to Jacob's Obtaining the Blessing: Read Genesis 27:41

1. What was the feeling in Esau's heart because Jacob had obtained the blessing Isaac had intended for Esau? Genesis 27:41a

2. What did he plan to do to Jacob as a result? Genesis 27:41c

3. When did he plan to do this? Genesis 27:41b

B. Rebekah's Scheming on Behalf of Jacob: Read Genesis 27:42-46

1. When Rebekah heard what her older son was planning to do, what did she advise Jacob to do? Genesis 27:43

2. How long did she think Jacob should stay there? Genesis 27:44-45a

3. What did she promise to do after this? Genesis 27:45b

4. What excuse did she use in asking Isaac to send Jacob away from home? Genesis 27:46

C. Isaac's Charge to Jacob: Read Genesis 27:1-9

1. What did Isaac tell Jacob he must not do? Genesis 28:1

2. What must he do instead? Genesis 28:2 _____
3. What two things did Isaac pray that God would do for Jacob as a result of this trip? Genesis 28:3, 4
a. (three items) _____
b. _____
4. What did Esau do when he saw that his wives did not please his father? Genesis 28:8, 9

D. Events on Jacob's Journey: Read Genesis 28:10-15

1. As Jacob journeyed toward Haran, what did he have to use for his pillows one night? Genesis 28:11 _____
2. What three wonderful things did he see in his dream that night? Genesis 28:12, 13a
a.12a _____

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- b.12b _____
c.13a, b _____
3. What great promises did God make to him in this dream? Genesis 28:13b-15
- a. 13c _____
b. 14a, b _____
c. 14c _____
d. 15a, c _____
e. 15d, e _____

NOTE: Genesis 28:14 is considered to be the fourth direct prophecy of Christ in the Bible. We have now learned that He will be “the seed of the woman”, Genesis 3:15; “the seed of Abraham”, Genesis 22:18; “the seed of Isaac”, Genesis 26:4; “the seed of Jacob”, Genesis 28:14.

E. Jacob's Reaction to These Events: Read Genesis 28:16-22

1. When Jacob awakened, what did he realize? Genesis 28:16b

2. Had he been aware of this before? Genesis 28:16c _____
Yet had it been true before? (*THINK!*)

3. How did he feel when he realized this? Genesis 28:17

4. What three things did Jacob do early the next morning?
Genesis 28:18-20a
- a. 18 _____
b. 19 _____
c. 20a _____
5. What three things did he want God to do for him? Genesis 28:20b-21a
- a. 20b (two parts) _____
b. 20c (two parts) _____
c. 21a _____
6. What three things did he promise if God would do these things? Genesis 28:21b, 22
- a. 21b _____
b. 22a _____
c. 22b _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did Jacob give himself completely to God at this time? How might he have improved his prayers and promises?

2. Do I ever try to bargain with God, postponing my committal to Him until after He does certain things for me? What would be a much better thing to do than this? (See Ecclesiastes 12:1a)
