

THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS

Studies in Genesis

Jacob in Canaan

Lesson 13

Genesis 33-36

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School

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Genesis – the Book of Beginnings

- ▶ The great salvation of God
 - The revelation of God in Christ (John 1:18; 5:39)
 - The revelation of Christ's work of salvation (John 14:6; 1 John 4:14)
- ▶ The work of salvation in man – “the just shall live by faith” (Hab 2:4)
- ▶ Style – narrative – stories from history

Genesis at a Glance

FOCUS	FOUR EVENTS				FOUR PEOPLE			
REFERENCE	1:1 — 3:1 — 6:1 — 10:1 — 12:1 — 25:19 — 27:19 — 37:1 — 50:26							
DIVISION	CREATION	FALL	FLOOD	NATIONS	ABRAHAM	ISAAC	JACOB	JOSEPH
LOCATION	FERTILE CRESCENT (Eden – Haran)				CANAAN (Haran – Canaan)			EGYPT (Canaan – Egypt)
TIME	c. 2000 years c. 4004 – c. 2166 B.C.				281 years c. 2166 – 1885 B.C.			81 years (1885 – 1804 B.C.)

Genesis 1-11 – Setting the Stage

▶ Creation

- God Almighty - Sovereign LORD
- Man – image of God; servant of God
- Good creation

▶ The Fall

- “We fail because we distrust God, and distrusting we disobey Him.”
Griffith Thomas, D.D.
- The death of man and creation – the curse of God
- Great wickedness; every intent of the heart only evil continually

Genesis 1-11 – Setting the Stage

▶ The Flood

- The wrath of God against sin
- Total destruction with preservation of 8 humans and 2 or 7 of all animals
- Inability of the flood to eradicate sin and the curse.

▶ The Tower of Babel

- Rebellion against God's command to populate the earth (1:28 and 9:1)
- Division by language (10:5, 20, 31; 11:9)
- Judgment – makes salvation harder in a divided humanity

Genesis 1-11 – Setting the Stage

- ▶ The Gospel introduced
 - *Protevangelium* (3:15)
 - “The LORD had regard for Abel and his offering.” (4:4)
 - Enoch (5:22-24)
 - Noah found grace (6:8)
 - Lamech’s hope (5:29)
 - The Covenant with Noah, animals and the earth (9:1-17)

Genesis 12-50 – Beginning of Salvation

- ▶ The revelation of the plan begins in earnest
- ▶ Abraham
 - The Abrahamic Covenant/Promise (12:1-3, 7; Hebrews 8)
 - Great nation; blessing; blessing to all nations; Seed of Abraham
 - Justification by faith (15:6; Gal 3:6-7; Rom 4:1-4)
- ▶ Isaac
 - Isaac and Ishmael – no place for human works (21:9-14; Gal. 4:25-31)
 - Jacob and Esau – salvation by sovereign election (25:21-26; Rom 9:6-13)
- ▶ Jacob
 - Esau – the godless immoral man (25:27-34; Heb 12:14-17)
 - The way of blessing through submission (32:24-32; Hos 12:3-4; Isa 30:15; Matt 11:28-29)

Jacob in Canaan (Genesis 33-36)

- ▶ Genesis 33 – Jacob meets Esau and settles in Canaan
- ▶ Genesis 34 – Jacob in Canaan
- ▶ Genesis 35 – God meets Jacob at Bethel a second time
- ▶ Genesis 36 – Esau moves to the hill country of Seir

Jacob Meets Esau and Settles in Canaan (33)

- ▶ Esau coming with 400 men (27:41)
- ▶ The word of the LORD
 - Promise at Bethel (28:13-15)
 - Command of the LORD to return (31:3)
 - The lesson of Mahanaim – 2 camps (visible and invisible) (32:1-2)
 - The lesson at Peniel – blessing through weakness (32:24-29)
- ▶ The vow and prayer of Jacob
 - Vow (28:20-21) – God reminded him (31:13)
 - Jacob prayed (32:9-12) based upon the Promise of God
- ▶ The preparations
 - Jacob made preparation to appease Esau (32:13-20)

Jacob Meets Esau and Settles in Canaan (33)

- ▶ A gracious and loving reunion
- ▶ An invitation declined – and not entirely honestly
- ▶ Settled in the land
 - Succoth – Built a house and booths for livestock
 - Shechem – later moved “before the city” and bought land (Josh 24:32)
 - Erected an altar – El-Elohe-Israel
- ▶ The weakness of Jacob’s faith
 - Religious activity focused upon Jacob
 - Still walking by sight, not faith
 - Temporal perspective – gate of heaven v. homeland (28:17)

Jacob in Canaan (34)

- ▶ Dinah went out to visit the daughters of the land
 - Patriarchal family duty (18:17-19)
- ▶ The “normal” behavior of the Hamor’s family
- ▶ Jacob’s strange non-response
- ▶ Brothers plot revenge
- ▶ Taking the name of the LORD in vain
- ▶ Two self-centered responses
 - Trouble for Jacob
 - Self-righteous brothers
- ▶ The apparent silence of the LORD

God Meets Jacob at Bethel a Second Time (35)

- ▶ The accursed land will become the House of God
- ▶ God's response to Genesis 34
 - Go to Bethel and live there
 - Build an altar to the God of Bethel
- ▶ Jacob leads his family
- ▶ Death of Deborah, Rebekah's nurse
- ▶ The blessing of the second Bethel – the Promise to Abraham
- ▶ Jacob worships God
- ▶ Major events following the blessing at Bethel
 - Death of Rachel at birth of Benjamin
 - Reuben's sin with Bilhah, his father's concubine
 - Listing of the sons of Israel
 - Death of Isaac

Esau Moves to the Hill Country of Seir (36)

► 36:1-8 – Wives of Esau

- Adah, daughter of Elon the Hitite (36:2, 10)
 - Basemath, the daughter of Elon the Hittite (26:34)
- Ohlibamah, daughter of Anah; granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite (36:2, 14)
 - AKA Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite (26:34)
- Basemath, Ishmael's daughter (sister of Nebaioth) (36:3, 10)
 - AKA Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael (sister of Nebaioth) (28:8-9)
- Movement from Canaan to the hill country of Seir.
 - Land insufficient for him with Jacob
 - Esau satisfied with “plenty” and wanted nothing from Jacob (33:9)

Esau Moves to the Hill Country of Seir (36)

▶ 36:9-19 – Sons and grandsons of Esau

- Adah, wife
 - Son: Eliphaz
 - Grandsons: Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, Kenaz, Amalek (by Timna)
- Basemath, wife
 - Son: Ruel
 - Grandsons: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, Mizzah
- Oholibamah, wife
 - Sons: Jeush, Jalam, Korah
 - Grandsons not mentioned
- 5 sons and 10 grandsons; all are chiefs, except Eliphaz and Ruel (Chief = ruler of 1000)

Esau Moves to the Hill Country of Seir (36)

▶ 36:20-30 – Sons of Seir, the Horite

- The hill country of Seir
- Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, Dishan – all all chiefs

▶ 36:31-39 – Kings in Edom

- Bela – Jobab – Husham – Hadad – Samlah – Shaul – Baal-hanan – Hadar

▶ 36:40-43 – Chiefs descended from Esau

- Timna, Alvah, Jetheth, Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon, Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar, Magdiel, Iram

Esau Moves to the Hill Country of Seir (36)

- ▶ Promised Land insufficient – no expectation of blessing
- ▶ Merging of families of Esau and Seir – no holiness
 - Horites in the hill country of Seir – Genesis 14:6
- ▶ Prosperity of Esau and Seir v. sons of Israel
- ▶ God's wrath against Edom/Seir
 - Edom – Jeremiah 49:7-22
 - Edom – Obadiah
 - Edom – Ezekiel 25:12–14
 - Mount Seir – Ezekiel 35
 - Edom – Ezekiel 36:5

Jacob in Canaan (Genesis 33-36)

- ▶ The family of Abraham – a very bad choice
- ▶ Salvation is God's work
- ▶ The success of the work of salvation is found in God's grace
- ▶ The righteousness of the believer is God's righteousness
- ▶ The promise fulfillment awaits the return of Christ