

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

01.15.2023 WEEK 2 NOTES:

- **Genesis Chapter 25:** The death of Abraham and Isaac's two sons: Jacob and Esau. God's choice of Jacob for the continued covenant promise. The story of Jacob. He is the next patriarch (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) in the formation of the Jewish nation.
- **Chapter 26:** The promise/covenant of a nation and the land continues through Isaac.
- **Chapter 27:** Jacob secures the blessing from Isaac. The covenant continues through Jacob, not Esau.
- **Chapter 28-30:** Jacob goes back to Abraham's country to find a bride. Uncle Laban is found. Jacob has two wives. From these two wives and their two servant girls come **the 12 tribes of Israel**. Of these 12 sons, Benjamin and Joseph were Jacob's favorites.
- **Chapter 31-33:** Jacob returns home. Faces Esau. Returns to the land (promised in covenant) with his family. Note **Chapter 32:22-28** - Jacob's wrestling match with God. **Name changed to Israel (the name of the nation today)**.
- **Chapter 34:** The Dinah incident - it is important because it removes Simeon from the list of firstborn sons.
- **Chapter 37-42:** The introduction of Joseph, some call him the fourth patriarch. **The rest of Genesis is about him**. He is a "Christ-type" character. A warm, marvelous story of redemption. **His story will take you to the end of Genesis**.

You are reading the formation of Israel. God's covenant to Abraham through his seed, ultimately to Jesus, then to us. You can't really understand the Bible until you get Genesis down. Read well. Ask questions if you need to do so. May Jesus's grace fill your hearts today and forever.

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