



The End of Isaac

Aug 14

INTRODUCTION: Eleven chapters have passed, mostly about the adventure of promise involving Jacob & not Isaac. As the past is renewed and a future promised, a generation passes.

REVIEW: The Bible Project, [Genesis](#) (be cautious with other videos)

KEY POINT: nudges, consecration, presence, promise

A.M. SERMON RECAP (Bill Barwick)

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P.M. SERMON RECAP (Jeremiah Johnston)

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READ: Genesis 35

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Isaac produce? (Gen 25:19)

Call (vv. 1–2)

2. What had God promised Jacob at Bethel?
3. **What had Jacob promised? (Gen 28:21–22) Do we have any forgotten vows? What do we need to do to progress spiritually and be sanctified?**

4. *God was mercifully sparing Jacob from any revenge too.*

Response (vv. 2–4)

5. **Revived/refocused from his ineptness in the previous chapter, and heeding the call to meet with a holy God, what does he call his family to do? Why did they need this? (James 4:8, Ro 13:14) What about us?**
6. Where did they get idolatrous earrings from? (c.f. earrings in the golden calf)
7. **What can we consecrate? How are somethings (e.g. magic books) beyond consecration?**

8. **1 Cor 10:14. While not destroying their idols, how did they surrender them? Are we?**

Presence (vv. 5–8)

9. **When God is among His people to bless them, they are invincible? How do we see this? How was this a fulfilment of God's promise to Abraham?**

10. **How can we face anything when we know we're walking with the Lord?**

Appearance (vv. 9–15)

11. *As the past fades (Deborah, Rebekah must already have died), the promise is dramatically renewed. Note any striking points.*
12. **How does God renew our walk with him at each stage of life?**

13. *Finally, he erects a more permanent monument. How can we remember God's promises and faithfulness? (Later the Tabernacle would be here).*

Rachel (vv. 16–21)

14. *Jacob is clearly still semi-nomadic. At Bethelhem, Rachel gives birth to Jacob's youngest son. However, she sadly dies in childbirth and a lasting monument is erected. She becomes symbolic of hope through suffering (Jer 31:15, Mt 2:17–18).*

Reuben (v. 22a)

15. *Reuben probably engaged in this vile act to usurp the position of leader of the family from Jacob. Like David of Saul, why must we always respect God-given leaders?*

Jacob's Sons (vv. 22b–26)

16. *This list is not chronological but in marital sequence.*

Isaac's Death

17. *Like at Abraham's death, both Esau and Israel are both present.*
18. *The burial site was a reminder of things to come. Discuss Heb 11:19–20. What are our future blessings? What remind us of these?*

19. *While this section has focused on Jacob, the section he is most famed for comes next. (37–50).*

NEXT WEEK: Aug 21- The Parable of the Tenants, Mk 11:27–12:12