

## GENESIS 25; January 25; Twins: Jacob & Esau

### ANALYSIS:

1. How many sons \_\_\_\_, grandsons \_\_\_\_, and great grandsons \_\_\_\_ of Abraham by Keturah are named in verses 1--3?

2. Abraham died at age \_\_\_\_\_, and Ishmael died at age \_\_\_\_\_.

3. What caused Rebekah to ask, "If it be so, why am I thus?"

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and what was the LORD'S answer? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are the differences between Esau and Jacob?

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5. How did Esau despise his birthright? \_\_\_\_\_

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### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The twin sons of Isaac and Rebekah are chosen by God to illustrate His sovereign choice in His election to eternal salvation (Rom 9:11-13). Instead of balking at God hating Esau, marvel at God's amazing grace that He loved Jacob. His name means to supplant, deceive, defraud and he proved to do such. Let us praise our Redeemer that in mercy He set His love on us when we were "ungodly ... sinners ... enemies!" (Rom 5:6-10) How will you show your thankfulness to God today?

We learn that Jacob and Rebekah each loved one son over the other. Be mindful to avoid this early example of unequal parental attachment to one child over another. Don't have it said of your family; Isaac loved Esau and Rebekah loved Jacob (v 28). Avoid having the harmony of your family marred and your home headed for conflict.

### HELP:

1. 6 sons, 7 grandsons, 3 great grandsons.

2. 175, 137.

3. The babies struggling in her womb. Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels.

4. Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field, loved by Isaac because of his venison. Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents, loved by Rebekah.

5. Esau swore and sold his birthright to Jacob for bread and pottage of lentiles.