

## Rebekah – Mother

Genesis 24 tells us how Rebekah became Isaac's bride. It reads like a romantic fairy tale, but we know the story is real. God is clearly seen behind every scene of the event. Now we move on to read about Rebekah's family life. The story is found in Genesis 25:19-34 and 27.

- 1. Read Genesis 25: 19-34. What problem is Rebekah having? What did Isaac do about it? It seems that many of the "important" women of the Bible had this problem. What are you thoughts on this?
- 2. Notice the first thing Rebekah did when she had a problem pregnancy was to pray. What did God tell her and what promises did he give her?
- 3. Describe Jacob.
- 4. Describe Esau.
- 5. How would you describe Rebekah and Isaac's parenting?
- 6. Read Genesis 35:28-29. How old was Isaac when he died? \_\_\_\_\_ Compare Genesis 25:20 with 26:34 to discover approximately how old is Isaac in 27:1? How old is Isaac in chapter 27? \_\_\_\_\_ How did Isaac feel about his age at this point? What a crummy way to live out the rest of his





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life. Can you or anyone you know relate? If so, what should be done about it?

7. Read Genesis 27. The firstborn's birthright was a double portion of the inheritance, a leadership position and a blessing. The material inheritance for Esau and Jacob was to be divided in thirds with the 2 thirds going to the first-born. What value did each person in this Isaac's family place on the inheritance?

Jacob

Esau

Rebekah

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- Look at your own inheritance in Matthew 25:34; 1 Peter 1:3-4; Ephesians 1:13-14; Colossians 3:23-24. There are so many references to our inheritance, use a concordance to look for and study more about it. What value do you place on your spiritual inheritance? Explain your answer.
- Who came up with the plan of tricking Isaac as to the identity of his sons? Why? Re-read Genesis 24:21-26. Was the trickery necessary necessary? Explain your answer.





- 10. List the key points of the blessing Isaac gave to Jacob when He thought he was blessing Esau?
- 11. What were the emotions of Isaac and Esau when they realized the deception had taken place? Why did each one respond in that way? (Each one had different reasons.)
- 12. List the key points of the blessing Isaac actually gave to Esau.?
- 13. Name the painful consequences of Rebekah's choices. What was the root cause of all the disruption?

14. Which person in this story do you identify with most? What changes would you like to make as a result of this study?

God has this story recorded for all to read not as a fairy tale but as reality. This is true life, we can learn eternal lessons from Rebekah and apply it to our lives right now. As you will notice, God is still very active behind the scenes. He always is!

Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. 1 Corinthians 10:11-12

