

SESSION 10: JACOB

A. Jacob and the Covenant.

1. *Covenant was first established with Abraham.*
 - a. Renewed to Isaac
 - b. Renewed again to Jacob.
2. *All of Jacob's descendants are part of the covenant blessing.*
 - a. Because Jacob's name was changed to Israel, we know God's OT people as the nation of Israel

B. Jacob's life becomes a picture of the nation of Israel's history.

C. Key points in Jacob's story

1. *Prophecy of Jacob's blessing before his birth. Gen. 25:22-26*
 - a. Two nations were in the womb.
 - b. Abraham was to become a great nation.
 - c. Only one (the younger) could fulfill the covenant promise.
 - d. The Lord spoke to Rebekah but both would have known.
2. *Brothers are completely different and the family became a family of favorites.*
 - a. Isaac- Esau
 - b. Rebekah- Jacob
3. *Jacob and the birthright. Gen. 25:27-34*
 - a. Two separate blessings
 - i. **Birthright** - Privileges that belonged to Esau as firstborn.

- ii. **Blessing** - Privileges that belonged to the covenant
- b. Jacob takes advantage of Esau's short sightedness.
- 4. *Stealing the blessing. Gen. 27:1-29*
 - a. Jacob gets by deception what he would have gotten anyway.
 - b. Along with the blessing he gets hardship.
- 5. *Bethel - Gen. 28:10-22*
 - a. God reveals Himself to Jacob
 - b. Renews the covenant to him.
Jacob makes a vow.
 - i. Key is "if".
 - ii. Promises a tenth to God - when he is back.
- 6. *Jacob and Laban.*
 - a. Laban is just like Jacob.
 - i. By the measure with which you measure it will be measured to You.
 - b. God did bless Jacob despite the deceptions of Laban.
 - c. Stick and goats episode pictures Jacob's confusion.
 - d. Jacob flees from Laban- God delivers.
- 7. *Jacob wrestles with God at Penuel.*
Gen.32: 24-32
 - a. Wrestles and seems to succeed
 - b. Finally realizes who he is dealing with
 - c. Calls out in faith to the angel.
 - d. Leaves crippled but in faith.