

Ways to Study

- Archaeological (Historical)
- Theological (Doctrinal)
- Comparative (Integral with NT, etc)
- Devotional (Personal)
 - Observation (Who, What, Where, When)
 - Interpretation (Why, Primary implications)
 - Application (So what: How about me?)

Jacob received a blessing from his father by hiding behind the name and wearing the garments of his father's beloved firstborn son.

So do we!

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Study Questions

- 1) List the people buried in the cave of Machpelah.
- 2) Why are the Saudi Arabians and the Bedouins not "sons of Ishmael"?
- 3) In what ways are the descendants of Esau and the descendants of Ishmael similar?
- 4) What does "Jacob" mean?
How is it significant?
- 5) List the occasions that God by-passes the role of the "firstborn."
- 6) List the parallels between the narratives of Abraham and those of Isaac.

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Discussion Questions

"Where two people agree, one is redundant."

- 1) What is an "Arab"?
- 2) What are the dangers of parental favoritism in the family?
Of spiritual insensitivity?
Of deceptions?
- 3) Did God accomplish His will through the deceptions within the family or despite them?
Were they necessary or were they distractions?
- 4) Discuss the alternative approaches to studying the Word of God and their respective strengths and weaknesses.

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Research Projects

- 1) What is an "Arab"?
How does confusion on this issue complicate our understanding of current events in the Middle East?
- 2) Study the role of Edom and its associated region in end time prophecy.

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