

Genesis 25

Read Genesis 25: 1-6: Sarah dies and Abraham gets remarried to Keturah. Sarah's son is Isaac, who receives all of the inheritance and promises. All of God's promises flow to Isaac and eventually Jacob. Abraham's blessings do not flow through the Arabs. They flow through the Jews. Isaac continues in the line of Abraham's blessings. Hagar the Egyptian slave also bore Abraham Ishmael. Ishmael's children became the Arabs. Keturah bore 6 sons to Abraham who lived in the northern Arabia area. Abraham sent them away with gifts to the south.

Read Genesis 25: 7-11: Abraham died at 175. That means that Abraham was married to Keturah for 37 years. Isaac and Ishmael must have been on good enough terms to jointly bury their dad. Now the blessings pass onto Isaac.

Read Genesis 25:12-18: The Ishmaelites became the Nabateans, a group of Arabs. Ishmael died at age 137.

Read Genesis 25:19-28 : Rebekah was barren, so Isaac prayed for her to have a child. The two children fought in her womb. The first born was Esau, and then Jacob came out. Jacob and Esau are used to teach us about people of the flesh and people of the spirit. Esau was a free spirit who lived for adventure. He could care less about anything spiritual. Jacob was more of a home body, who regarded spiritual things. Isaac favored Esau; and Rebekah favored Jacob.

Read Genesis 25:29-34: Jacob felt that big brother was unworthy of being the future family leader. Jacob traded Esau's inheritance for some stew. Esau lived for the moment, and for his appetite. That is how worldly men live. Jacob secured the place of future family leadership, but in an ungodly way. Jacob is a long-term development project for God. We all resemble the non-linear faith progression of Jacob. God is patient.