

The Holy Days – The Law III
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This study may last for quite some time and will consist of studying the majority of the Torah, the Pentateuch – the 1st five books of the Bible – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Our first step is to look, in less detail, at the events leading up to the Exodus, starting with the creation. It is important, to our understanding of the Bible, to have a complete understanding of the Torah for it is the entire Torah that is referenced as “The Law”. As we saw in our last study, the only part of “The Law” that was replaced was the priesthood along with its rituals and sacrifices since Christ became our High Priest with His sacrifice.

Genesis 25

- 1 Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah.
 - Remember last week he thought he was dying
 - 2-4 list the sons
- 5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.
- 6 But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.
- 7 This is the sum of the years of Abraham's life which he lived: one hundred and seventy-five years.
- 8 Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people.
 - 175 is a “good old age”? I guess so!
- 9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite,
- 10 the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth. There Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife.
 - Evidently Ishmael and Isaac still had civil contact
- 11 And it came to pass, after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac dwelt at Beer Lahai Roi.
 - God blessed Isaac as He had promised in Chapter 17
- 12 Now this is the genealogy of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maidservant, bore to Abraham.
 - 13-16 list the sons of Ishmael
- 17 These were the years of the life of Ishmael: one hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.
- 18 (They dwelt from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt as you go toward Assyria.) He died in the presence of all his brethren.
- 19 This is the genealogy of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham begot Isaac.
- 20 Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian.
- 21 Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

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- 22 But the children struggled together (*literally- crushing each other*) within her; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.
- 23 And the LORD said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger."
 - Two nations
 - One stronger than the other
 - The older shall serve the younger
- 24 So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb.
- 25 And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau.
 - Esau was the oldest
- 26 Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.
 - Jacob was the youngest
- 27 So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents.
- 28 And Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.
- 29 Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary.
- 30 And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary." Therefore his name was called Edom.
 - Edom means "red"
 - The Edomites became strong enemies of the Israelites
- 31 But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day."
 - The eldest owned a birthright which meant double the inheritance and the headship of the family
- 32 And Esau said, "Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?"
 - Esau was focused on the present and tangible at any cost
 - Hebrews 12.16 calls him a profane person
- 33 Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.
- 34 And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.
 - Despised = gave up – had no regard for
 - Jacob took the position of the eldest

Genesis 26

- 1 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.
- 2 Then the LORD appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.

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- 3 "Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.
- 4 "And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;
- 5 "because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."
 - Note – the commandments, the statutes and the laws were already in place and known to Abraham and his sons
 - YHWH, Jesus, gave the same promises to Isaac that He had given to Abraham
- 6 So Isaac dwelt in Gerar.
 - 7-33 relate a story regarding Abimelech and Isaac which is much the same as the story of a similar incident between Abimelech and Abraham earlier
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- 34 When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.
- 35 And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.
 - In-laws!!!!!!!!!!!!

Genesis 27

- 1 Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." And he answered him, "Here I am."
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 - Isaac asks Esau to fetch him some game for him to eat
 - Rebekah overhears and gets Isaac to imitate Esau (by putting goat hair on his hands and neck) while she cooked up the meal he had requested
 - Isaac thought Esau had returned too quickly, but could not see to make sure who it was – though he suspected the voice, too
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- 23 And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.
 - 23-25
 - Isaac still was not totally convinced, but Jacob carried on the deceit
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- 28 Therefore may God give you Of the dew of heaven, Of the fatness of the earth, And plenty of grain and wine.
- 29 Let peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, And let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, And blessed be those who bless you!"
 - Jacob took Esau's rightful blessing
 - His descendents will lead nations

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- 30 Now it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.
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 - Esau fixed the meal of the game he had killed
 - The charade was uncovered and Esau was upset
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- 36 And Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!" And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"
 - Esau was bitter about the birthright, even though he gave it up willingly
- 37 Then Isaac answered and said to Esau, "Indeed I have made him your master, and all his brethren I have given to him as servants; with grain and wine I have sustained him. What shall I do now for you, my son?"
 - Israel ruled over the Edomites until 100 BC when the Edomites were conquered by the Jews and forcibly merged into Jerusalem
- 38 And Esau said to his father, "Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me-me also, O my father!" And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.
- 39 Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: "Behold, your dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth, And of the dew of heaven from above.
- 40 By your sword you shall live, And you shall serve your brother; And it shall come to pass, when you become restless, That you shall break his yoke from your neck."
 - Esau will serve Jacob – the elder shall serve the younger
 - The first blessing could not be retracted
- 41 So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob."
- 42 And the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, "Surely your brother Esau comforts himself concerning you by intending to kill you.
- 43 "Now therefore, my son, obey my voice: arise, flee to my brother Laban in Haran.
- 44 "And stay with him a few days, until your brother's fury turns away,
- 45 "until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereaved also of you both in one day?"
- 46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these who are the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?"

Genesis 28

- 1 Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.
- 2 "Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

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- 3 "May God Almighty bless you, And make you fruitful and multiply you, That you may be an assembly of peoples;
- 4 And give you the blessing of Abraham, To you and your descendants with you, That you may inherit the land In which you are a stranger, Which God gave to Abraham."
- 5 So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Padan Aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.
- 6 Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,"
- 7 and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Padan Aram.
- 8 Also Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac.
- 9 So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.
- 10 Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran.
- 11 So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep.
 - Was this the stone that lies beneath the throne of England?
 - Many think so!
- 12 Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.
- 13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.
- 14 "Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.
- 15 "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."
- 16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."
- 17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"
- 18 Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it.
- 19 And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.
- 20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,
- 21 "so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God.

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- 22 "And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."
 - Tithing again is noted long before it was written into the Torah

Genesis 29

- Jacob married two daughters of Laban, Leah and Rachel
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- 17 Leah's eyes were delicate, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance.
- 18 Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter."
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- 20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her.
 - Laban substituted Leah for Rachel
- 25 So it came to pass in the morning, that behold, it was Leah. And he said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?"
- 26 And Laban said, "It must not be done so in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.
- 27 "Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another seven years."
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- 30 Then Jacob also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban still another seven years.
- 31 When the LORD saw that Leah was unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.
- 32 So Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name **Reuben (1)**; for she said, "The LORD has surely looked on my affliction. Now therefore, my husband will love me."
- 33 Then she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the LORD has heard that I am unloved, He has therefore given me this son also." And she called his name **Simeon (2)**.
- 34 She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called **Levi (3)**.
- 35 And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now I will praise the LORD." Therefore she called his name **Judah (4)**. Then she stopped bearing.

Genesis 30

- 1 Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die!"
- 2 And Jacob's anger was aroused against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"
- 3 So she said, "Here is my maid Bilhah; go in to her, and she will bear a child on my knees, that I also may have children by her."

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- Similar to Sarai's plan for Abraham
- 4 Then she gave him Bilhah her maid as wife, and Jacob went in to her.
- 5 And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son.
- 6 Then Rachel said, "God has judged my case; and He has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name **Dan (5)**.
- 7 And Rachel's maid Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son.
- 8 Then Rachel said, "With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and indeed I have prevailed." So she called his name **Naphtali (6)**.
- 9 When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took Zilpah her maid and gave her to Jacob as wife.
- 10 And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son.
- 11 Then Leah said, "A troop comes!" So she called his name **Gad (7)**.
- 12 And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a second son.
- 13 Then Leah said, "I am happy, for the daughters will call me blessed." So she called his name **Asher (8)**.
- 14 Now Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."
- 15 But she said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes also?" And Rachel said, "Therefore he will lie with you tonight for your son's mandrakes."
- 16 When Jacob came out of the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes." And he lay with her that night.
- 17 And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.
- 18 Leah said, "God has given me my wages, because I have given my maid to my husband." So she called his name **Issachar (9)**.
- 19 Then Leah conceived again and bore Jacob a sixth son.
- 20 And Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name **Zebulun (10)**.
- 21 Afterward she bore a daughter, and called her name Dinah.
- 22 Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb.
- 23 And she conceived and bore a son, and said, "God has taken away my reproach."
- 24 So she called his name **Joseph (11)**, and said, "The LORD shall add to me another son."
- 25 And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my country."
 - 26-43
 - Jacob reached an agreement with Laban, but Laban still dealt dishonestly with him

Genesis 31

- Jacob fled from Laban

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- Laban pursued him
- They made a covenant with one another that Jacob would treat Laban's daughters well

Genesis 32

- 1-21 Jacob invites Esau to meet with him, trying to gain back his favor
 - Jacob apparently lacked faith in God's promise
 - He did not have his father's faith
- 22 And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok.
- 23 He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had.
- 24 Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking (*dawn*) of day.
 - Man = eesh - 376
- 25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him.
- 26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"
- 27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob."
- 28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."
 - God = 430 – *elohim*
 - Hosea 12
 - 3 He took his brother by the heel in the womb, And in his strength he struggled with God (*elohim*).
 - 4 Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; He wept, and sought favor from Him. He found Him in Bethel, And there He spoke to us-
 - 5 That is, the LORD God of hosts. The LORD (*3068 – YHWH – Jesus*) is His memorable name.
- 29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.
- 30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."
- 31 Just as he crossed over Peniel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip.
- 32 Therefore to this day the children of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank, which is on the hip socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip in the muscle that shrank.
 - This custom is never mentioned again in Scripture