

## ISAAC: “Overruled”

Genesis 27:1 – 28:9; 35:27-29

“This chapter offers one of the most singular instances of God’s overruling providence controlling the affairs of sinful men and so disposing of them that the interests of God’s kingdom be safeguarded. “Exposition of Genesis” H.C.Leupold p.735

Why does Isaac call for Esau to come? 27:1-4

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“It seems most probable that Isaac purposely forgot what God had determined; and at the same time by clever little sophistries he led himself to believe that if he bestowed the blessing on Esau the divine word uttered long before would not be crossed. He that knows the duplicity and treachery of the human heart will not find it difficult to understand how a man will circumvent a word of God, no matter how clear it be, if his heart is really set on what is at variance with that word.” “Exposition of Genesis” H.C.Leupold p.736

When and what does Rebekah scheme to do? vv.5-10

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What objection does Jacob have? vv.11-12

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How does Rebekah prepare to deceive Isaac? vv.13-17

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Why does Isaac question Jacob's identity? vv.18-24

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Why does Isaac bless Jacob? vv.25-27a

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What blessing does he give him? vv.27b-29

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What is Isaac’s reaction to realizing that he was deceived? vv.30-35

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“Our rendering, ‘He trembled most excessively’ is still too weak. What a pitiful sight to see the venerable patriarch under the stress of so violent an emotion. . . Isaac sees how God’s providence checked him in his unwise and wicked enterprise. . . his trembling was caused by seeing the hand of God.”

Exposition of Genesis” H.C. Leupold p.753

What is Esau’s reaction? vv.34-38

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What is Isaac’s blessing for Esau? vv.39-40

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What and when does Esau plan to do? v.41

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How does Rebekah scheme to save Jacob? vv.42-46

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What does Isaac command Jacob to do? 28:1-2,5

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What blessing does he give Jacob?

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How does Esau react? vv.6-9

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“Many are the lessons illustrated:

“Beware of doing evil that good may come. What shame and sorrow they do make for themselves who in their zeal for good do not scruple to use wrong means. Thus it was with Rebekah and Jacob.

“Let us seek grace to prevent natural affections overriding love for God and His revealed will.

Remember the unchanging law of Sowing and Reaping. How striking to observe that it was Rebekah, not Isaac, who sent her beloved child away! She it was who led him into grievous sin, and she it was who God caused to be the instrument of his exile. . . Little did she imagine that her favorite child would have to remain there for twenty years, and that never again should she behold him in the flesh. . . And during those long years Jacob was to be cheated by Laban as he had cheated Isaac.

Learn the utter futility of seeking to foil God: ‘So then it is not of him that wills, nor of him that runs, but of God that shows mercy.’ (Romans 9:16); neither Isaac’s ‘willing’ nor Esau’s ‘running’ could defeat the purpose of Jehovah”

“Gleanings in Genesis” Arthur W. Pink p.244

How long did Isaac live? 35:27-29

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