

Isaac 1 "Covenant"

Genesis 21:1-8; 22:6-10; 24:62-66; 25:19 – 26:35

What are we told about his birth and early life? 21:1-8

What did he allow his father to do? 22:6-10

Where is he when he meets Rebekah? 24:62-66

"And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide" This gives us a good insight into Isaac's character. He was of the quiet and retiring order. He had not the positive, active, aggressive disposition of his eminent father, but was gentle and unresisting."
"Gleanings if Genesis" Arthur W. Pink p.229

How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah? 25:19,20

What does He ask the Lord on behalf of Rebekah? v.21

What and why does Rebekah inquire of the Lord? v.22

What does the Lord reveal to her? v.23

What is unusual about the birth of the twins? vv. 24-26a

How old is Isaac at their birth? v.26b

What favoritism do Isaac and Rebekah show? vv 27-28

Why does Esau sell his birthright to Jacob? vv. 29-34;

"A custom that had the force of law in the biblical world decreed that a man's first son by a lawful wife inherited the major share of tangible and intangible property. This was his birthright. Documents from the patriarchal era show that some actually did sell their birthrights taking an immediate gain in place of the prospect of a future inheritance. The account of Esau's sale of his birthright for a bowl of stew accurately mirrors patriarchal times. In Esau's case, it does more. The intangible asset associated with his birthright was the covenant promise God made to Abraham and his offspring. These promises meant nothing to Esau, a man caught up completely in the affairs of this life." "The Bible Reader's Companion" Lawrence O. Richards p.40

Where does Isaac go when famine occurs? v.1

What is he told by the Lord not to do? v.2

What does the Lord promise Isaac? vv.3-5

Why does he lie to the men of Gerar? vv.6-9

"The readiness with which Isaac followed in the way of Abraham suggests that it is much easier for children to imitate the vices and weaknesses of their parents than it is to emulate their virtues, and that the sins of the parents are frequently perpetuated in their children. Abraham and Isaac were men of vastly different temperament, yet each succumbed to the same temptation. No matter what our natural temperament may be, unless the grace of God supports and sustains us we shall inevitably fall!"
"Gleanings if Genesis" Arthur W. Pink p.251

What orders does Abimelech give his people? vv.10-11

How does the Lord bless Isaac? vv.12-13

What do the Philistines do? Why? vv.14-22

What does the Lord again confirm to Isaac at Beersheba? vv.23-24

What does Isaac do? v.25

How does Isaac treat Abimelech & his officers? vv.26-31

Why were Esau's wives a source of grief? vv.34-35
