

Week 4 (1st Qtr) Study Questions

1. Sarah lives how many years? Where does Abraham have her buried and how does he acquire the burial place? Abraham then sends who to find a wife for his son Isaac? Where does he ask the person to go to find a wife for Isaac? Who does this person find for Isaac's wife? What family does Isaac's wife come from?
2. Abraham takes another wife, what is her name and how many more sons does she give him? How long did Abraham's son Ishmael live and who does he become the father of according to tradition?
3. Who are the 2 twins born to Isaac and his wife? Which son was considered to be the firstborn of the 2? What was their physical make-up and how did each son spend his time? What did one of the sons sell off to the other son and why?
4. What happens when the time comes for Isaac to give his oldest son his blessing? What does Isaac's wife do to help the younger son? Once the older son finds out what happened, what does the younger son do?
5. As the younger son travels, what happens to him one night as he sleeps? What name does the younger son give to that place because of this? Who does the younger son want to marry and what does he do to receive her hand in marriage? Who does he get? What does he have to do to receive the one he wanted? After his time is done, what does the younger son do and where does he travel? As he approaches his destination, a man does what with him till daybreak? Who was this man? What was the younger son's name changed to at this time?
6. After all this time, how does the elder brother receive the younger brother? Whom does scripture say the elder brother becomes the father of? The elder brother takes a wife from what family?
7. Who are the 12 sons born to the younger son? What was the name of his daughter and what happens to her? What do a couple of the brothers do because of this? How does Rachel die? Also, who are the sons of Judah and what happens to the first 2 sons? Eventually, Judah is tricked by his Daughter-in-law and what happens because of it?

8. Which son did Israel love the most? What are the 2 dreams that the most loved son has and what is the interpretation? What eventually happens to the most loved son partly because of the dreams? Who tries to save him? Whose house does the most loved son end up in and in what country? What happens to him while he is there to cause him to be imprisoned? The most loved son interprets 2 dreams while in prison, who's dreams were they and what were the interpretations? Do they come true?
9. Eventually, the Pharaoh has a couple of dreams and what were they? Who ends up interpreting these dreams and how? What happens to the interpreter and what is he put in charge of? What happens to Egypt because of the most loved son's interpretation and his oversight?
10. Eventually, Israel's sons come to Egypt, why do they do this and what happens when they get there? Do they know that their brother has become so powerful in Pharaoh's court? What does the most loved son accuse the brothers of? What does he tell them they must do to prove their innocence? What do the brothers find on the journey back and whom do they eventually bring back with them? Eventually the most loved son reveals himself to his brothers and then Pharaoh tells him to bring whom to Egypt? When they come, where do they settle and why?

Stretch Question:

1. To this day, who claims to be the descendants of Ishmael? Explain how that claim is used to justify these people's claims to the "land of Canaan" today? What nation occupies the "land of Canaan" today and how does this cause great conflict in the Middle East and the World today?
2. In week 3, we read Genesis 17 where God commands Abraham and all the males in his family and all his male descendants to be circumcised as a sign of the covenant God made with Abraham. What was the covenant that he made with Abraham and how does circumcision compare to baptism today?
Hint: Look at Colossians 2:11-14