

Genesis 25

I. Abraham's sons by Keturah. Genesis 25:1-4

A. Abraham lived 38 years after Sarah died.

1. Abraham was 137 years old when Sarah died. Genesis 23:1
2. Abraham died at 175. Genesis 25:7

B. Abraham married Keturah after Sarah died and had six sons.

Note: Now we have four sets of families related to Abraham.

1. The families of Hagar's son, Ishmael. Genesis 16:7-16
2. The families of Sarah's son, Isaac. Genesis 21:1-5
3. The families of Keturah's sons. Genesis 25:1-4
4. The family of Mary's son, Jesus. Galatians 3:16

Abraham was to be the father of many nations. Genesis 17:4-5

1. Abraham is the father of the nations of Ishmael.
2. Abraham is the father of the nations of Keturah's sons.
3. Abraham is the father of the nation of Isaac, Israel.
4. Abraham is the father of the spiritual nation of Christians.
Romans 4:16-25, 1 Peter 2:9-10

The promise of a nation to rule the world from the land between the river of Egypt unto the great river Euphrates is given to Israel. Genesis 15:18

II. Isaac is the only heir of Abraham. Genesis 25:5-6

A. Abraham gave gifts to the sons of Keturah, and he sent them eastward, unto the east country.

III. Death and burial of Abraham. Genesis 25:7-11

- A. Abraham died at 175.
- B. Abraham died a natural death as an old man.
- C. Isaac and Ishmael buried Abraham next to Sarah in the cave of Machpelah.
- D. Isaac lives by the well Lahairoi.

IV. Descendants of Ishmael. Genesis 25:12-18

- A. Ishmael has 12 sons, that became 12 princes.
- B. Ishmael died at 137.
- C. His descendants lived in a very large country that lay between Egypt and Assyria, called Arabia.

V. Birth of Esau and Jacob. Genesis 25:19-28

- A. Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah.
- B. Rebekah was barren for 20 years until Isaac prayed for God to give them a child.
 - 1. God answered and Rebekah was to have twins.
- C. As the twins struggled together within her, Rebekah enquired of the Lord about it.
 - 1. God said the twins were two nations, two manners of people.
 - 2. One shall be stronger than the other.
 - 3. The elder shall serve the younger.

Note: According to Romans 9:6-26, was this information about Esau and Jacob given because God already knew what would happen (foreknowledge)? Or was this information about Esau and Jacob given because God willed it so?

- D. The first child came out covered with red hair and named Esau, which means “the hairy one.”
- E. The second child came out with his hand holding Esau’s heel and was named Jacob, which means “heel” or “supplanter.”
Hosea 12:3
- F. Isaac was 60 years old when the twins were born.
- G. Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field.
- H. Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.
- I. “Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.”

VI. Esau sells his birthright. Genesis 25:29-34

- A. Esau returns from hunting and was faint to the point he thought he might die.

B. Jacob had made some pottage and would sell Esau some for Esau's birthright.

C. Esau despised his birthright and sold it to Jacob for the pottage.

Note: In Hebrews 12:16-17, Esau is considered as a fornicator, and a profane person, because he sold his birthright. Later Esau wanted the blessing, but was rejected. Esau would not repent of despising his birthright, even though he sought the blessing with tears.