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# Rebekah—the WISE:

Throughout, never forget God cleared this for THE Lineage to Christ

Throughout—I attempt to help you to FEEL the NEED to help the WEAK

(1836-1902)

GENESIS

5-26-24



### Richard & Shaw's 58th Anniversary





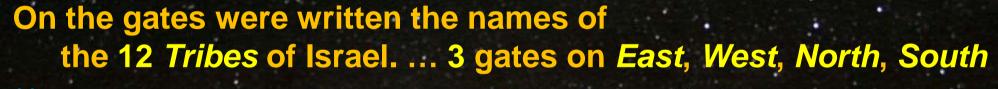
All comments

Gen: 27:1 When Isaac was old ... eyes weak-

Never forget *AFTER* the fact this is God's Will From Jacob came 12 Sons that came the 12 Tribes of Israel ...

Furthermore, upon Revelation 21:12-14

12-13 It had a great, high wall with 12 *gates* 12 *angels* at the gates.

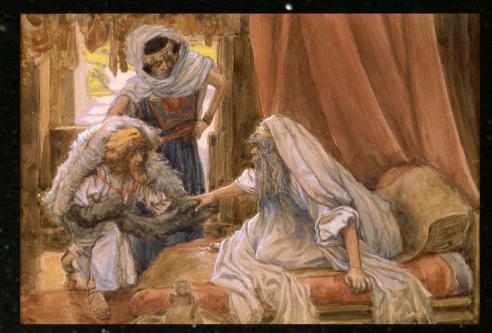


The wall of the city had 12 *Foundations*, and on them were the names of the 12 Apostles of the Lamb

Rev 21 – anachronism of "Foundation" 12 Apostles AFTER 12 Tribes

Resolved—in that God was in Christ BEFORE the World's Foundation

next - Book of Acts of the Apostles



Gen: 27:1 When Isaac was old ... eyes weak-

**Recall Gen 25:21-23** 

<sup>21</sup> Isaac prayed for ... childless wife....
Lord answered his prayer ...

- 22 Babies jostled ... "Why" she asked....
- The Lord said to her,
  "Two nations are in your womb ...
  one people will be stronger than the other,
  and the older will serve the younger."

Charles Spurgeon outlines the lack of faith in Rebekah as she decides to take matters into her own hands

In a message on 10-19-1870, "Household Sin & Sorrow" on Gen 27:35 Spurgeon makes this observation on Issac:

Isaac, a true believer, a man who lived near to God, one of whom we know that he was given to meditation.

Charles Spurgeon on 10-19-1870, + "Household Sin & Sorrow" on Gen 27:35

Isaac ... often in the field at eventide to commune with God — a man of a quiet, gentle spirit.

When the Philistines quarreled with him, he just went out of their way. [Gen 26:19-22] If they took one way, he took another; if they took that, he took another, and so on ...

Isaac—a man of a very gentle mold.
This was a virtue, but it led him into a fault.

He was like some persons who are too gentle to say "No," too gentle to encounter opposition.



Charles Spurgeon on 10-19-1870, + "Household Sin & Sorrow" on Gen 27:35

Perhaps this was why he resolved to give blessing to Esau, lest he should have a quarrel & bring down the wrath of Esau ...

Isaac thought to do it so slyly so that nobody would know it ... avoid ... family tempest

My brethren, there is such a thing as allowing your gentleness to led you into wrong....

Isaac sinned in that he was forgetful of the mind of God.

God had said, "The elder shall serve the younger," it was not for Isaac to judge of the rightness of that.

Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?



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his eyes were so weak ... [Gen 35:29 Isaac dies at 180]

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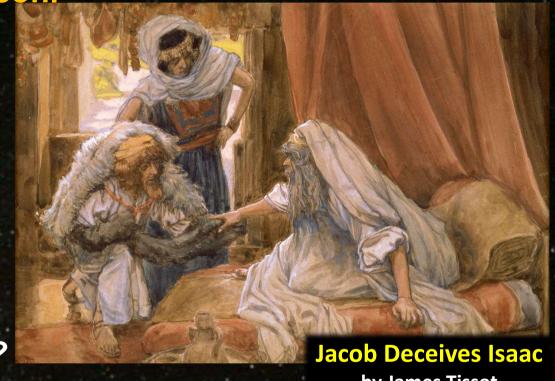
LESSON – Help the Weak ...

**HOW Rebekah helps ???** 

Esau was NOT a good Son ...

What IS God's Will? QUESTION that?

Did Rebekah help Isaac do "God's Will"?



by James Tissot (1836-1902)

I make the case that Rebekah helped WEAK Isaac do what Isaac

## SHOULD have Done?

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Yet within the story is a COMMITMENT

**ALL parties commit to the BLESSING.** 

in spite of all—EVERYONE honored the BLESSING

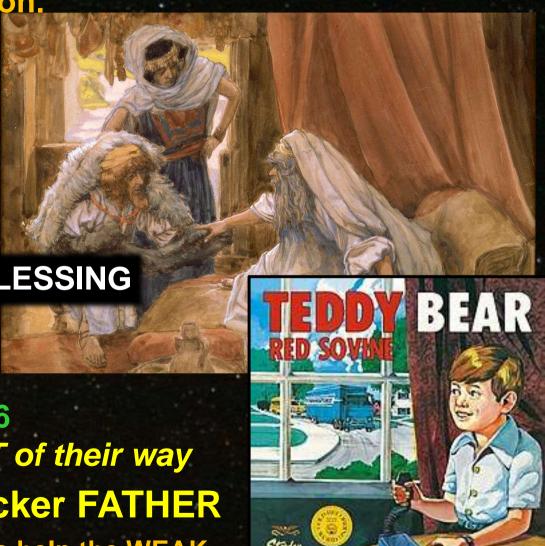
There is a trucker song ... about Honoring a Commitment ...

Rod Sovine co-wrote "Teddy Bear" in 1976

Title song of the Album ... truckers going OUT of their way

help a crippled boy who lost his trucker FATHER

recall—I attempt to help you to FEEL the NEED to help the WEAK



I was on the outskirts of a little southern town
Tryin' to reach my destination before the sun went down

The old CB was blarin' away on channel 1-9!
When there came a little boy's voice on the radio line

And he said: "Breaker 1-9!
Is anyone there?
Come on back truckers and talk to Teddy Bear!"

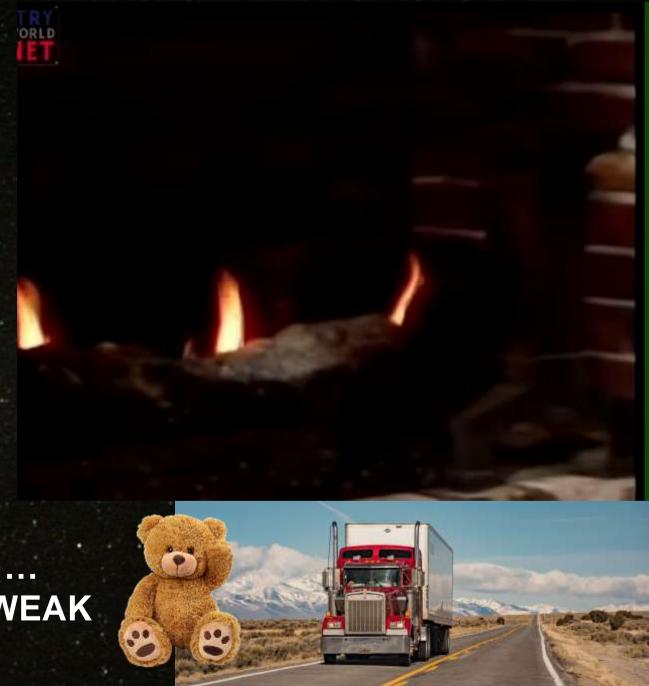


"Now, I'm not supposed to bother you fellows out there Mom says you're busy and for me to stay off the air"

"But you see, I get lonely and it helps to talk 'Cause that's about all I can do, I'm crippled and can't walk!"

"I came back and told him to fire up that mike And I'd talk to him, as long as he liked"

Truckers – Famously STRONG ... well-known for helping the WEAK



Isaac's "BLESSING" deceitfully stolen from Esau by Jacob
Of all the drama in Gen 27, do NOT miss how
critical and
irrevocable and
absolute
was Isaac's BLESSING

Isaac's WORD was LAW ... inviolable ... unchanging

All GOOD Men & Woman value a "Word Given" a "Promise Made" . . .

an "Oath Taken"



#### What we DO know is

this was God's Will in the aftermath ...

Could it be Rebekah SAW God's Will?

Jacob—Better Man?

Isaac's "BLESSING" deceitfully stolen from Esau by Jacob

NOW THEN ... I had big trouble at first ...

After reading ... rereading ... studying Gen 27

I came to see Rebekah in a new light

Rebekah the WISE ... Shrewd & Strong

Not the Normal Interpretation ... what is "normal"?

What I HOPE to draw out ... is how Rebekah

Helped the Wiser WEAK Jacob overcome the

Selfish Ingrate Hairy Brute Esau ... who "Despised his BIRTHRIGHT"

Rebekah—through deceit—served God ... because ... because ... because ... lsaac was Not SEEING straight ... would have chosen Ingrate Brute Esau Rebekah is committed to helping the Weak & Grateful – Please SEE

Commitment to Helping the Weak

Esau Selling His Birthright, c. 1627

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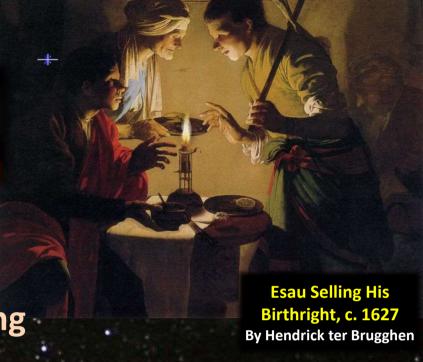
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BLESSING to Lineage of David & Christ!



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TODAY—contracts can be reworked ...

ALL contracts have
overdraft caveats ... or cancellation /
divorce / annulment CLAUSES ...

Today—a "Promise" can be *excused* for good reason, like an emergency

- ✓ i.e., IF the "Promise" was not greater than emergency –
- ✓ or ... IF the "Promise" was given to a crook, under false info –

UNLIKE today—Isaac's WORD ... Isaac's Patriarchal BLESSING ... could NOT be retrieved ... re-negotiated ... taken back ... nullified ... redone ...

Though we grasp Rebekah's COMMITMENT to Helping Weak Isaac

TODAY—we have NO Concept of "Isaac's Irrevocable BLESSING"

ONLY sense made is thru Our Eternal Salvation in Christ



- Gen 25 Abraham dies 175, Ishmael's sons settle near Egypt
- Gen 25:19-34 Isaac at 40 marries Rebekah after prayer [Abraham is 140] Esau sells his birthright to Jacob for STEW ... for a TACO
- Gen 26 Isaac in Gerar under Philistine King Abimelek calls Rebekah SISTER Then to Beersheba digs wells ... Treaty with Abimelech
- Gen 26:24 Lord appeared to Isaac, "I am the God of your father Abraham.

  Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless & increase you ... for Abraham
- Gen 26:34-35 Esau marries 2 Hittites "source of GRIEF to Isaac & Rebekah"

#### Gen 27 - Rebekah LEADS Jacob to Deceive Isaac

Yes, Jacob means "supplanter" or "deceiver" yet—at first—he appears wanting to be honest

Jacob did NO tricks to hungry Esau who cared so little about his birthright

THEN Rebekah led Jacob to LIE



**Esau Selling His** Birthright, c. 1627

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We are so accustomed to seeing Jacob as

#### The Deceiver

**Even when the Bible** says Esau despised his birthright

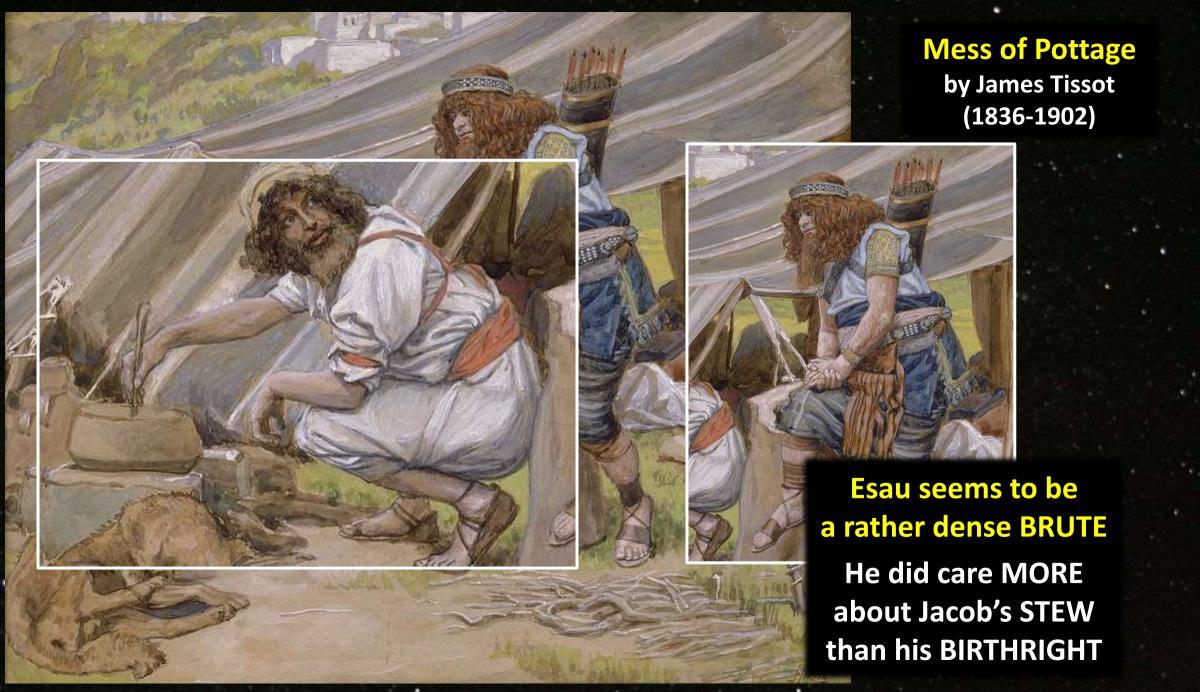
**Jacob DID deceive** 

**God DID BLESS** 

And, perhaps, Rebekah was the

Wisest One



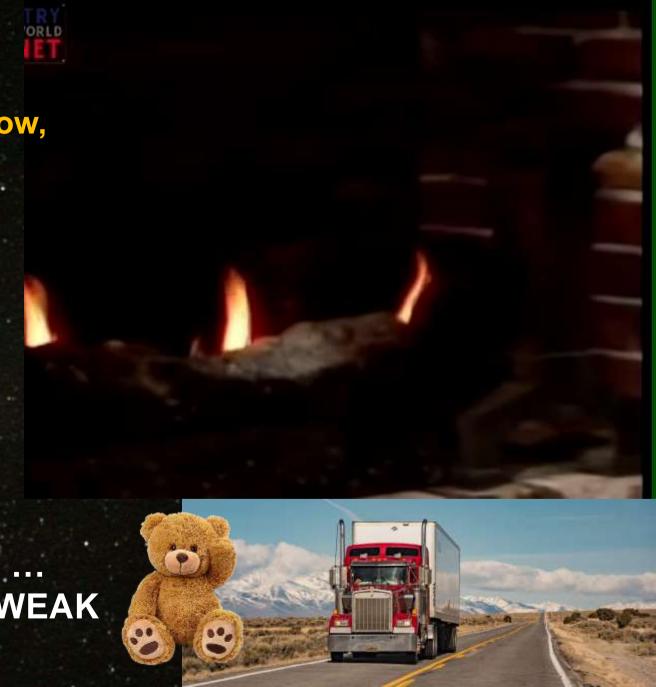


"This was my dad's radio"
the little boy said
"But I guess it's mine & mom's now,
'cause my daddy's dead!"

"Dad had a wreck about a month ago He was trying to get home in a blindin' snow"

Mom has to work now, to make ends meet And I'm not much help, with my two crippled FEET!"

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Gen: 27:1 When Isaac was old & 
his eyes were so weak ... [Gen 35:29 Isaac dies at 180]
he called for Esau his older son, "My son."

"Here I am," Esau answered.

- 2 Isaac said, "I am now an old man & don't know the day of my death.
- 3 Now then, get your equipment—
  your quiver & bow—
  go out to the open country &
  hunt some wild game for me.
- 4 Prepare me the tasty food I LIKE & bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my BLESSING before I die."



**Jacob Deceives Isaac** 

by James Tissot (1836-1902)

We all sense comin' of a FAMILY dinner ... barbeque ...

NOT the first time Father Isaac asked for his favorite Wild Game Dinner

"She says not to worry that we'll make it alright But, I hear her crying, sometimes late at night"

"You know there's just one thing I want more than anything else to see Aw, I know you guys are too busy to bother with me!"

"But, you see, my dad used to take me for rides when he was home But, I guess that's all over now, since my daddy's gone



Gen: 27:5-6 Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau.

When Esau left ... to hunt game ... Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Look, I overheard your father say to Esa

- 7 She repeats Isaac's promise to bless Esau
- 8 Now, my son, listen carefully & do what I tell you:
- 9 Go out to the flock & bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, JUST THE WAY HE LIKES IT.

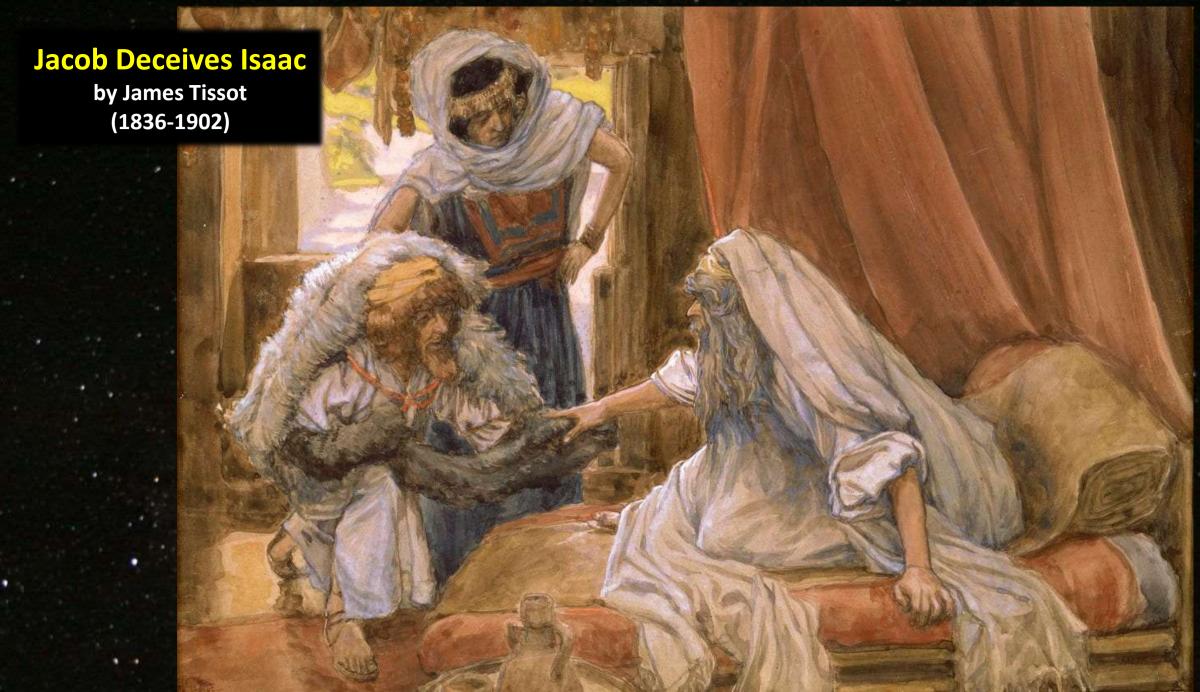
so that he may give YOU his blessing before he dies."

10 Then take it to your father to eat,

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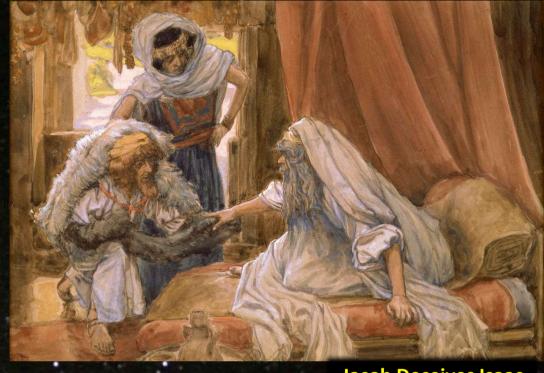
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Naturally—we KNOW there were many dinners like this, WITHOUT Deceit



Gen: 27:11 Jacob said to Rebekah his mother,
"But my brother Esau is a HAIRY man while I have smooth skin.

- 12 What if my father touches me?
  I would appear to be tricking him & would bring down a curse on me...."
- 13 His mother said to him,
  "My son, let the curse fall on me.
  Just do what I say; go & get them for me."



Jacob Deceives Isaac by James Tissot (1836-1902)

Mother Rebekah PROTECTS homely Jacob ...

Jacob is more worried about Father Isaac than Esau ...

SON Jacob worried ... about his FATHER's honest concern

Rebekah's COMITTMENT to helping weaker Jacob

"Dad was going to take mom & me with him later on this year,
Why, I remember him saying:

'Someday this old truck
will be yours, Teddy Bear!'

"But, I know I'll never get to ride an 18-wheeler again But, this old base will keep me in touch with all my trucker friends!"

"Teddy Bear's gonna back on out now and leave you alone 'Cause it's about time for mom to come home

Weak Teddy Bear loves his mother Just like Jacob ...



Gen: 27:14-17 Jacob brings goats ...
Rebekah dresses Jacob in Esau's best
Cover Jacob's neck w goat skins

18 Jacob goes to Isaac, "My father."
"Yes, my son," Isaac said. "Who is it?"

19 Jacob said, "I am Esau your firstborn.
I have done as you told me.

Please sit up & eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing."



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20 Isaac asked, "How did you find it so quickly, my SON?"

Jacob replied, "The Lord your God gave me success."

THAT reply was his ... his alone ... contrivance that brought God into it

Rebekah led ... yet Jacob took the DECEIT to another level w his FATHER

- Gen: 27:14-17 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not."
- 22 Jacob went close ... Isaac touched him & said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau."
- 23 Isaac did not recognize Jacob, for his hands were hairy like Esau's ....
- 24 "Are you really my son Esau?" he asked. "I am," he replied.



TRUST – is the Engine of Civilization ... even an Adhesive of the Family

TRUST – precious ... easily wounded ... hard to severe

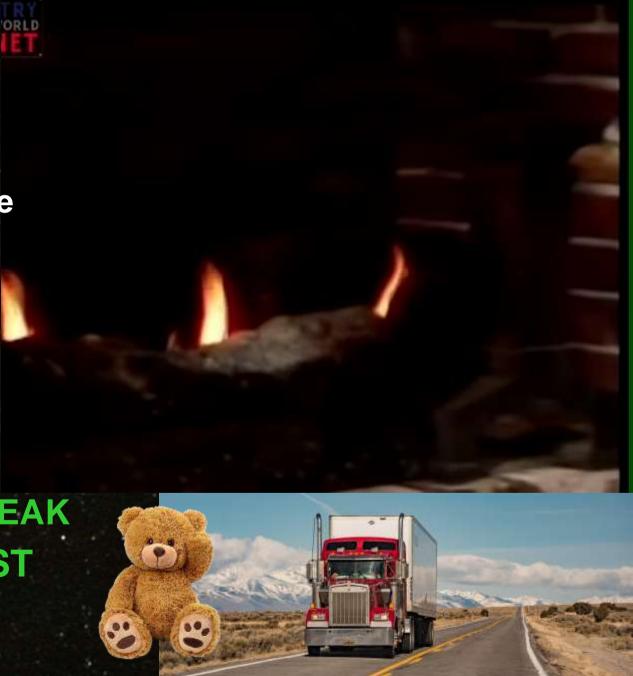
TRUST – like a little crippled boy TOTALLY Dependent ...

Well, he gave me his address and I didn't once hesitate 'Cause this hot load of freight was just gonna have to wait

I turned that truck around on a dime And headed straight for Jackson Street, 229

And as I rounded the corner, oh, I got one heck of a shock 18 wheelers were lined up for three city blocks!

Commitment to the welfare of WEAK meets Innocent Honest TRUST



Gen: 27:25 Then Isaac said,
"My son, bring me some of your
game to eat, so that I may
give you my blessing."

Jacob brought it to Isaac & he ate; some wine & he drank.

26 Then father Isaac said to Jacob, "Come here, my son, & kiss me.

27 So Jacob went to Isaac & KISSED him....

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TRUST – Isaac TRUSTED his wife & son ... not the kind of betrayal of Judas

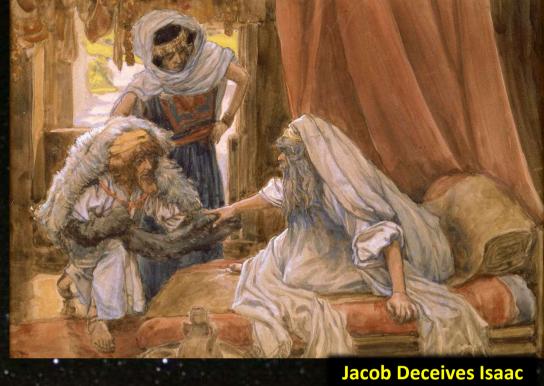
TRUST – not as much about inheritance ... as about BLESSING

We do not VALUE the BLESSING today ... nothing, zero, nada, zilch

NOTHING like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Rebekah, & Esau VALUED

Lot can be said that is TOTALLY absent

About the manliness, strength, rough cut—
of the Hairy Hunter Esau ... Isaac LOVED strong Esau



acob Deceives Isaac by James Tissot (1836-1902)

Perhaps Father & Son hunted together ...

Isaac intended to BLESS Esau ... as their O.T. values said of the OLDEST Isaac lay blind, likely hearing fading ... then a WILD GAME DINNER Isaac was passing on his PATRIARCHY – Male Leadership to Esau

Gen: 27:27 yet to *JACOB* 

"Ahhhhhhh, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed.

- 28 May God give you heaven's dew & earth's richness— an abundance of grain & new wine.
- 29 May nations serve you & peoples bow down to you.

Be lord over your brothers, & may the sons of your mother bow down to you.

May those who curse you be cursed & those who bless you be blessed."



Jacob Deceives Isaac by James Tissot (1836-1902)

Isaac's GREATEST gift was his BLESSING ... a concept we know nothing of today We do not value it, use it, or even try to copy it – nothing like Isaac's family did

#### Isaac Blessing Jacob by Gerrit Willemsz Horst (1612–1652)



Gen: 27:30 After Isaac finished blessing & Jacob had just left his father Esau came in from hunting.

31 He too prepared tasty food & brought it to his father, saying "My father, please sit up & eat some of my game, so that you may give me your BLESSING."



32 His father Isaac asked him, "WHO ARE YOU?"

"I am your son," he answered, "your firstborn, Esau."

Jacob Deceives Isaac by James Tissot (1836-1902)

33 Isaac trembled violently ....

Trembled violently ... wrestling with his ANGER / Disappointment /

**Betrayal / Violated Trust / DECEIVED on His Best Gift** 

Ravaged in his weak blind, hard of hearing, likely bed-ridden state

Gen 27 is much more than Isaac's handicap ...

**ALL** were somewhat crippled

Well, you better believe I took MY turn at ridin' Teddy Bear

And then I carried him back in and put him down in his chair

And buddy if I never live to see happiness again

I want you to know I saw it that day, in the face of that little man



Gen: 27:35 But Isaac said Esau, "Your brother came deceitfully & took your blessing."

36 Esau said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob? [Deceiver]
This is the second time Jacob has taken advantage of me:
He took my BIRTHRIGHT, & now he's taken my BLESSING!"



Then Esau asked, "Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?"

Hairy Hunter Brute Esau knew Jacob the wiser, trickier, slicker brother Most of ALL – real struggle here – is Esau *knew* too the BLESSING

The BLESSING was Binding even in Deceit – Word of Isaac certain EVEN won by treachery—NOTHING that can Break the BLESSING

ALL Knew that once given—Blessing was Eternal

Gen: 27:33 Isaac trembled violently
"Who was it, then, that ... brought it to me?
I ate it just before you came &
I blessed HIM—
and indeed he WILL be blessed!"

When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud & bitter cry & said to his father, "Bless me—me too, my father!"



by James Tissot (1836-1902)

Yet Esau had been a PAIN too ... sold his birthright ... married Hittites

From the little we have—we easily see Esau as the Wild One

ESAU – the Hairy Hunter Brute ... knew ... knew what this meant

Underlying ALL of this ... like a crimson thread woven thru the whole story

BLESSING was absolute, binding, irretrievable, even ETERNAL

Gen: 27:37 Isaac answered Esau,
"I have made him lord over you &
have made all ... his servants, &
... with grain & new wine.
So what can I possibly do for you,
MY SON?"

38 Esau said to his father,
"Do you have only one BLESSING,
my father?

Bless me too, my father!"
Then Esau wept aloud.



Jacob Deceives Isaa by James Tissot (1836-1902)

BLESSING—we understand the value of "your word given" ... a little
BLESSING—today, we cannot conceive its Eternal Value back then
BLESSING—we grasp ... but this Binding BLESSING escapes us

Gen: 27:39 His father Isaac answered, "Your dwelling will be AWAY from the earth's richness, AWAY from the dew of heaven above.

40 You will live by the SWORD & you will SERVE your brother.

But when you grow RESTLESS, you will throw his YOKE from OFF your NECK."



SEE—BLESSING is Eternal ... and Esau will DEFY the BLESSING

Yet Esau never questioned the VALIDITY of the BLESSING ...

We—I suspect—just cannot FULLY grasp value, treasure, bejeweled shine

· How precious Isaac's, Rebekah's, Jacob's, & Isaac's TREASURE was in

### Honoring Isaac's Blessing

Well, I hit the Interstate w tears in my eyes I turned on the radio & got another surprise

Breaker 1-9!
Came a voice on the air
Just one word of thanks
from MAMA Teddy Bear!

We wish each & every one, a special prayer for you 'Cause, You just made my little boy's dream come true

I'll sign off now, before, I start to cry May God ride with you, 10-4, and goodbye



Gen: 27:41 Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the BLESSING his father had given him.

Esau said to himself,
"The days of mourning for my father are near;
then I will KILL my brother Jacob."



Down-to-earth Hairy Hunter Brute Esau.

Esau NOT deceptive from the beginning ... the HONEST ONE

Earthy ... Clear ... Candid ... Fearless ... Forthright ...

ALSO ... self-involved, to the degree that his STOMACH ruled too much

Yet—from Gen 27, Esau is the HONEST one ... an honest brute

MOM will not be charged – only Jacob – only Rebekah knows what to do

Gen: 27:42 When Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob ... "Your brother Esau is planning to avenge himself by KILLING you.

#### Rebekah & Jacob knew Brute Esau

43 Now, my son, do what I say: Flee at once to my brother Laban in Harran.



Jacob Deceives Isaac by James Tissot (1836-1902)

- 44-45 Stay with Laban ... until Esau's fury subsides.
  - When your brother is no longer angry ... I'll send word for you....
    Why should I lose both of you in one day?"
- 46 Rebekah moans about Hittite women & fears Jacob may marry one too though cunning, Rebekah is looking out for the BEST

Gen: 27:46 Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I'm disgusted with living because of these Hittite women.

If Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this and from Hittite women like these, MY LIFE will not be worth living."

by James Tissot

Deceit? ... how well did Rebekah deceive?

At first blush, it appears totally ... yet ... perhaps ... (1836-1902)

Look closely as WHAT she says to Patriarch Isaac AFTER all this.

She CONFIDES in Isaac in a manner of great intimacy ... "MY LIFE!" yet NO ONE ... Not Isaac, Jacob, or Esau has a bad word to HER Isaac had doubts ... but AFTER the fact ... PERHAPS ... God's Will?

Perhaps Rebekah was right all along ... ONLY ONE NOT questioned

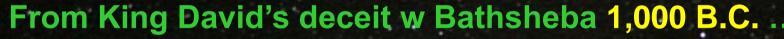
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Rebekah is responsible for leading deceit...

Jacob is responsible for doing deceit ...

Esau is responsible for snubbing ...

From Jacob's deceit in 2,000 B.C. ..



**SOMEHOW** ... these would become LEGIT lineages

For from them comes Jesus in the 1st century A.D. ...

Rebekah is KEY to this lineage ... grandmother to Jacob's 12 Sons that become the 12 Tribes of Jacob whose name is changed to ISRAEL

Like harlot Rahab & Hebrew midwives that LIE to SAVE LIFE ...

Rebekah leads in deceit for a much better man than Ingrate Brute Esau



Jacob Deceives Isaac by James Tissot

(1836-1902)

There much more to this story ... Was Rebekah Wise?

Rebekah defied Isaac, yes yet for the better man ...

IF you believe that Isaac & Esau NEVER knew the truth

Then Rebekah did NOT take up the responsibility as she said

Harder lesson - I believe -



> is how courageous Rebekah was in defying Isaac to defend Jacob

We see NO ONE condemning her ... not Isaac, Esau, or Jacob

BIG question is: How Far Would YOU Go to Defend the WEAK over Brutus?

FACT is God cleared the BLESSING to be THE Lineage to Christ