

Sermon Notes

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¹⁶ Then they moved on from Bethel. While they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth and had great difficulty. ¹⁷ And as she was having great difficulty in childbirth, the midwife said to her, “Don’t despair, for you have another son.” ¹⁸ As she breathed her last—for she was dying—she named her son Ben-Oni. But his father named him Benjamin.

¹⁹ So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). ²⁰ Over her tomb Jacob set up a pillar, and to this day that pillar marks Rachel’s tomb.

²¹ Israel moved on again and pitched his tent beyond Migdal Eder. ²² While Israel was living in that region, Reuben went in and slept with his father’s concubine Bilhah, and Israel heard of it.

Jacob had twelve sons:

²³ The sons of Leah: Reuben the firstborn of Jacob, Simeon, Levi, **Judah**, Issachar and Zebulun.

²⁴ The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.

²⁵ The sons of Rachel’s servant Bilhah: Dan and Naphtali.

²⁶ The sons of Leah’s servant Zilpah: Gad and Asher.

These were the sons of Jacob, who were born to him in Paddan Aram.

²⁷ Jacob came home to his father Isaac in Mamre, near Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had stayed. ²⁸ Isaac lived a hundred and eighty years. ²⁹ Then he breathed his last and died and was gathered to his people, old and full of years. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.... ³⁰ Esau took his wives and sons and daughters and all the members of his household, as well as his livestock and all his other animals and all the goods he had acquired in Canaan, and moved to a land some distance from his brother Jacob. ³¹ Their possessions were too great for them to remain together; the land where they were staying could not support them both because of their livestock. ³² So Esau (that is, Edom) settled in the hill country of Seir. Genesis 35:16-29 & 36:6-8

1. 4 burials:

a. The burial of _____.

b. Jacob’s _____.

c. The Death _____.

She is the love of his life.

There are things in our lives that we love that need to die in order for God to get us to where He wants us.

d. **The death of** _____.

Jacob’s inheritance is _____.

The burial of 4 different things is an element of Jacob’s _____:

The _____ of life is gone, and the _____ has come.

2. Reuben.

He sleeps with Bilhah, Rachel’s servant, the mother of Dan and Naphtali.

Reuben possibly felt it was time to _____ in the inheritance.

Reuben's actions had no _____ effect.

Reuben is not given the _____. Genesis 49:2-7

The next in line to receive the blessing is _____.

Jesus is from the tribe of _____.

3. Esau willingly moves away.

Esau _____ separates from Jacob.

Come to me to have life

Jacob and Esau are _____.

Throughout their lives, Jacob and Esau have been at odds, and it isn't until Jacob has made God his God, and he has said good bye to many important things we see _____. Scripture talks about _____, one worldly and one spiritual.

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever^e you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality... Galatians 5:16-19

¹⁶ See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. ¹⁷ Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done. Hebrews 12:16-17

The story of these 2 men is an illustration of the battle _____ face, but the life is: If we will keep moving toward God one day "Esau" will move away.

Jacob's life wasn't perfect from here forward but no longer was he at odds with Esau. It is after this moment, that Jacob and his descendants are the focus. I believe this is the life that Jesus speaks of when he talked to the religious leaders.