



FATHERS OF
THE FAITH

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God Calls Abram

BASED ON GENESIS 11-12

MANY YEARS PASS. PEOPLE FORGET ABOUT THE GOD WHO CREATED THEM. THEY MOVE DOWN THE EUPHRATES RIVER AND BUILD THE GREAT TRADING CITY OF UR. UR IS A LAND OF PLENTY—WITH PLENTY OF DIFFERENT GODS. BUT THE ONE TRUE GOD SPEAKS TO A YOUNG MAN NAMED ABRAM.

SARAI, GOD HAS SPOKEN TO ME. HE SAID TO LEAVE MY FATHER'S FAMILY, MY COUNTRY, AND THE FALSE GODS OF UR BEHIND ME. HE SAID TO TRAVEL TO A LAND THAT HE WILL SHOW ME. THERE HE WILL MAKE OUR FAMILY A GREAT NATION, AND ALL THE PEOPLE ON THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED THROUGH ME.

ABRAM!
WHY ARE YOU OUT
HERE IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE NIGHT?

IT WILL BE SCARY TO LEAVE EVERYTHING WE KNOW—AND OUR FAMILY! BUT WE WILL TRUST THE LORD TO KEEP HIS PROMISES.

HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR FATHER WILL TAKE THE NEWS?

NOT WELL ...

ABRAM CAN'T LEAVE ME BEHIND IN MY OLD AGE! AND, LOT—YOU'RE HIS NEPHEW. SINCE YOUR FATHER IS DEAD, IT'S ABRAM'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF YOU TOO! WE'RE GOING WITH HIM.

ABRAM OBEYS GOD BY LEAVING UR. BUT HE DISOBEYS BY NOT LEAVING HIS OLD LIFE BEHIND. HIS FATHER, TERAH, COMES ALONG, BRINGING HIS MANY IDOLS WITH HIM.



SERIOUSLY, ABRAM, IT'S BETTER TO WORSHIP ALL THE GODS. THAT WAY YOU DON'T OFFEND ONE BY LEAVING HIM OUT.

WORSHIPPING OTHER GODS OFFENDS THE ONE TRUE GOD.

SO ... YOU'RE SAYING HE'S SELFISH?

GOD LEADS TERAH, ABRAM, AND THE REST OF THEIR FAMILIES TO THE RICH LAND OF HARAN. EVEN THOUGH THE LAND IS BEAUTIFUL AND FERTILE, GOD DOES NOT WANT THEM TO SETTLE THERE, BUT TERAH LOVES THIS NEW LAND AND WANTS TO RETIRE THERE. OUT OF RESPECT FOR HIS FATHER, ABRAM STAYS IN HARAN, PUTTING OFF HIS PURSUIT OF GOD'S PROMISES.



ONE DAY TERAH DIES. ABRAM IS NOW THE HEAD OF THE TRIBE. HE IMMEDIATELY TAKES CHARGE.



LOAD UP THE ANIMALS!

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE TRIBE, MASTER?

GOD HAS CALLED ME TO TAKE MY FAMILY AND LEAVE HARAN. I WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK HIS PROMISED LAND.

I'M WITH YOU, UNCLE ABRAM.



ABRAM LEADS HIS TRIBE THROUGH THE SURROUNDING LANDS. FOR SEVERAL YEARS, HE AND HIS EXTENDED FAMILY LIVE THE LIFE OF WANDERING NOMADS.



BUT THEN A FAMINE SWEEPS THROUGH THE LAND. ABRAM DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH FOOD TO SUPPORT HIS TRIBE. HE DECIDES HIS ONLY CHOICE IS TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE TO EGYPT, A POWERFUL NATION WITH PLENTY OF FOOD.



BUT HE HAS SOME FEARS ABOUT HIS PLAN ...

SARAI, YOU ARE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN I'VE EVER SEEN. I'M AFRAID THAT WHEN PHARAOH SEES YOU, HE WILL FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU. SINCE I'M YOUR HUSBAND, HE'LL KILL ME SO THAT HE CAN MARRY YOU. WE MUST PRETEND TO BE BROTHER AND SISTER.



THAT SOUNDS VERY UNLIKELY ... BUT I'LL DO WHAT YOU ASK.



BUT ABRAM'S PREDICTION COMES TRUE. PHARAOH FALLS FOR SARAI'S LOVELINESS. THINKING ABRAM IS HER BROTHER, PHARAOH GIVES HIM LOTS OF MONEY AND GIFTS AND ASKS SARAI TO BE HIS WIFE.

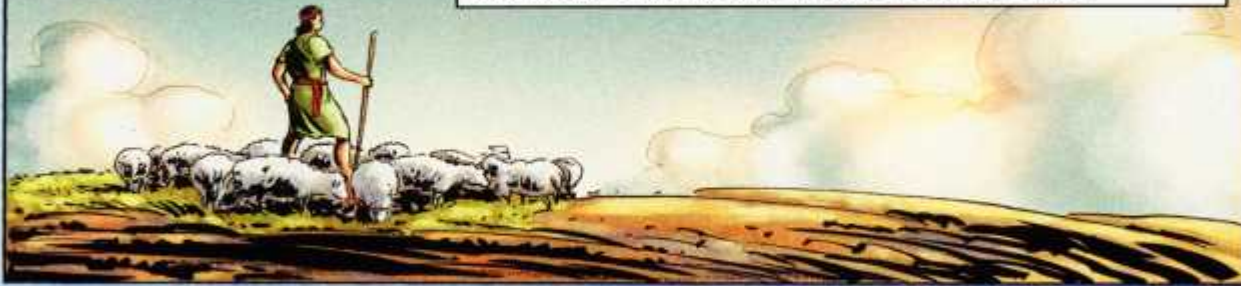


BUT BEFORE PHARAOH CAN MARRY HER, GOD INTERVENES TO SAVE HIS CHOSEN FAMILY.

PLAGUES!



GOD STRIKES THE EGYPTIANS WITH DISEASE SO THEY WILL LET ABRAM AND SARAI GO IN PEACE. THEY GIVE ABRAM FOOD AND MONEY AND SEND HIM AND HIS FAMILY ON THEIR WAY.



THANKFUL FOR THEIR CLOSE ESCAPE, ABRAM AND SARAI REALIZE HOW FOOLISH THEIR PLAN WAS.

SARAI, FORGIVE ME. I DID NOT SEEK GOD'S HELP. I WAS A COWARD AND TRUSTED IN MY OWN PLOTS TO SAVE US.

I FORGIVE YOU, MY HUSBAND.



FROM NOW ON, I WILL TRUST GOD. I CAN ONLY PRAY THAT HE FORGIVES ME.

I'M SURE GOD FORGIVES YOU, ABRAM. AFTER ALL, HE PROTECTED US IN EGYPT, EVEN WHEN WE FORGOT TO TRUST HIM.



I'LL NEVER TRY TO OUTSMART GOD'S PLAN FOR US AGAIN!

I JUST HOPE THIS IS THE LAST TIME I HAVE TO PRETEND TO BE YOUR SISTER!



A Lot Is Too Much

BASED ON GENESIS 13

ABRAM HAS LEFT EGYPT WITH GREAT WEALTH. BUT THIS BLESSING FROM EGYPT TURNS OUT TO BE A CURSE IN DISGUISE.

NOW THAT THE TRIBE HAS TASTED WEALTH, THEIR OLD NOMAD WAYS DON'T SEEM SO GREAT.



IS THERE A PROBLEM?



YOUR NEPHEW LOT IS CLAIMING THAT HIS FAMILY SHOULD GET FIRST CHOICE OF THE RICHES FROM EGYPT.

IN SPITE OF THIS, ABRAM AND LOT BOTH PROSPER, AND THEIR FLOCKS INCREASE. BUT SOON THE QUARRELING SPREADS TO THEIR WORKERS.



MAKE ROOM FOR LOT'S SHEEP.

NO! ABRAM IS THE CHIEF. HIS FLOCKS COME FIRST.

THE NEXT DAY ABRAM SEEKS OUT HIS NEPHEW.

WHEN ABRAM HEARS OF THE QUARRELS, HE KNOWS HE MUST DO SOMETHING.



THIS TIME, SARAI, I'LL HANDLE THIS THE WAY I THINK GOD WOULD WANT ME TO. I AM AFRAID THAT WE MUST LET LOT GO HIS OWN WAY.

IF YOU ARE TRUSTING THE LORD, THEN YOUR PLAN CANNOT FAIL.

COME WITH ME, LOT. I HAVE A SOLUTION TO OUR SHEEP PROBLEM.



FAMILY SHOULD NEVER QUARREL OVER POSSESSIONS. LOOK, GOD'S PROMISED LAND IS HUGE! CHOOSE WHICH PART OF IT YOU WOULD LIKE TO LIVE IN, AND I WILL TAKE WHAT IS LEFT.

THAT'S VERY GENEROUS OF YOU, UNCLE ABRAM. I'LL TAKE THE VALLEY—NEAR THE CITY OF SODOM!



Insufficient Sons

BASED ON GENESIS 15-18

MANY YEARS PASS. ABRAM AND SARAI ARE NOW OLD, AND THEY HAVE NO CHILDREN. BUT GOD REPEATS HIS PROMISE.



YOU WILL HAVE MORE DESCENDANTS THAN THERE ARE STARS IN THE HEAVENS!

AS A SIGN OF HIS PROMISE, GOD CHANGES ABRAM'S NAME TO ABRAHAM, WHICH MEANS "FATHER OF MANY."

GOD ALSO CHANGES SARAI'S NAME TO SARAH—WHICH MEANS "PRINCESS"—BECAUSE SHE WOULD BE THE MOTHER OF NATIONS. BUT SARAH IS TOO OLD TO HAVE CHILDREN. WITHOUT ANY SONS, HOW COULD ABRAHAM'S DESCENDANTS BE AS NUMBERLESS AS THE STARS?

MAYBE GOD JUST MEANS YOU WILL HAVE CHILDREN, AND NOT ME. YOU SHOULD TAKE MY SERVANT, HAGAR, AS A WIFE. SHE MIGHT HAVE A SON FOR ME.

GOD HAS PROMISED ME AN HEIR. PERHAPS THIS IS THE WAY.



HAGAR HAS A SON, AND HE IS THE PRIDE OF ABRAHAM'S HEART.

MY ISHMAEL IS A TALENTED BOY.

REMEMBER, HAGAR, YOU HAD A SON FOR ME. I ADOPTED HIM.



BUT IN HER HEART, SARAH KNOWS THAT ISHMAEL ISN'T REALLY HERS. AS ISHMAEL GROWS TO BOYHOOD, HE IS THE CENTER OF ATTENTION THROUGHOUT THE CAMP ...

... AND THE SOURCE OF TROUBLE BETWEEN HAGAR AND SARAH.

SOMEDAY MY SON WILL RULE THIS WHOLE TRIBE.

HAGAR GETS MORE SURE OF HERSELF EVERY DAY.



ABRAHAM WORRIES ABOUT THE TROUBLE IN HIS CAMP, ONE DAY WHILE HE IS RESTING AND THINKING ABOUT ISHMAEL, HAGAR, AND SARAH, HE LOOKS UP ...

THREE STRANGERS APPROACH ABRAHAM'S CAMP. HE GREETES THEM AND INVITES THEM TO REST AND EAT WITH HIM.



WHILE THEY ARE EATING, ONE OF THE STRANGERS GIVES ABRAHAM SURPRISING NEWS!



YOUR WIFE, SARAH, WILL HAVE A SON.

HA HA! I AM TOO OLD TO HAVE CHILDREN NOW.

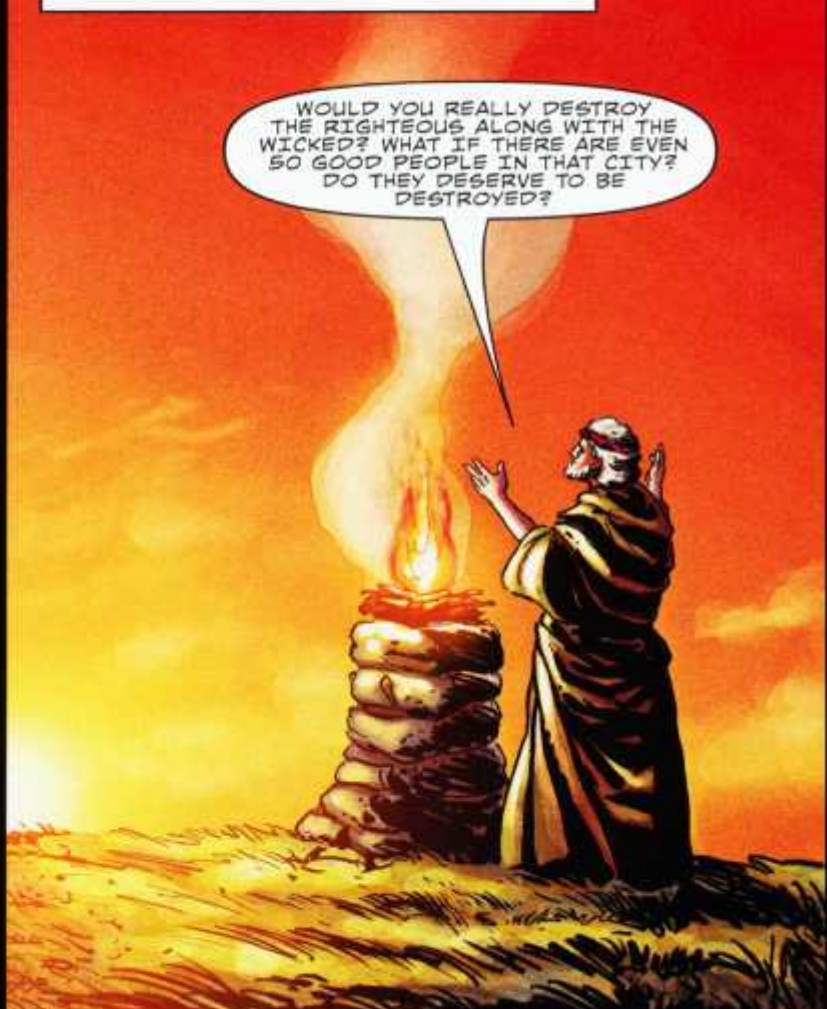


WHEN THE STRANGERS LEAVE, ABRAHAM WALKS WITH THEM FOR A WHILE.

THAT CITY OF SODOM IS SO WICKED THAT GOD WILL HAVE TO DESTROY IT.

THESE MUST BE MESSENGERS FROM GOD! THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT THE PLACE WHERE LOT LIVES!

ABRAHAM PLEADS TO GOD TO SAVE SODOM.



WOULD YOU REALLY DESTROY THE RIGHTEOUS ALONG WITH THE WICKED? WHAT IF THERE ARE EVEN 50 GOOD PEOPLE IN THAT CITY? DO THEY DESERVE TO BE DESTROYED?

GOD AGREES TO SAVE SODOM FOR THE SAKE OF 50 GOOD MEN. BUT ABRAHAM CONTINUES TO BARGAIN WITH GOD. WHAT IF THERE ARE 30 GOOD MEN? FINALLY HE GETS GOD TO PROMISE THAT THE CITY WILL BE SAVED EVEN IF THERE ARE ONLY TEN GOOD MEN IN IT.

A Lot Is Not Enough BASED ON GENESIS 19





OUTSIDE LOT'S HOUSE IN SODOM, THE MOB GOES WILD.



AS THE MEN PUSH AGAINST LOT'S DOOR, THE ANGELS—SHOWING THEIR POWER—STRIKE THE RIOTERS BLIND.

HELP!
I CAN'T
SEE!

MY
EYES! WHO HIT
ME?



INSIDE LOT'S HOUSE ...

THERE ARE NO
RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE LEFT
IN THIS TOWN. RUN FOR
YOUR LIVES! THE LORD
SENT US TO DESTROY
THIS WICKED CITY.

MY FAMILY!
I MUST SAVE
THEM.

BUT LOT'S SONS-IN-LAW ONLY LAUGH WHEN HE TRIES TO WARN THEM. THEY REFUSE TO LEAVE THE DOOMED CITY SO EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, THE TWO ANGELS LEAD LOT, HIS WIFE, AND THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS AWAY. SUDDENLY ALL SODOM BURSTS INTO FLAME.

DON'T LOOK BACK AT THE CITY, OR YOU WILL ALSO DIE!

BUT IT'S THE ONLY HOME I'VE EVER KNOWN!

LOT'S WIFE STOPS AND LOOKS BACK LONGINGLY. INSTANTLY SHE IS TURNED INTO A PILLAR OF SALT. ONLY LOT AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS ESCAPE GOD'S PUNISHMENT.

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, ABRAHAM GOES TO THE HILLTOP TO WORSHIP—AND SEES THE THICK SMOKE RISING FROM THE RUINS OF THE WICKED CITY ...

AS SURELY AS NIGHT FOLLOWS DAY, DESTRUCTION FOLLOWS SIN. O GOD, HELP ME LEAD MY PEOPLE IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Too Many Sons

BASED ON GENESIS 21:1-21

AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF SODOM, ABRAHAM DECIDES TO MOVE TO A NEW PLACE. HE LEADS HIS GROWING CLAN TO THE NEGEV REGION, NEAR THE DESERT.



THE ANGELS WHO VISITED ABRAHAM HAD TOLD HIM SARAH WOULD HAVE A SON. ONE YEAR LATER, THEIR PREDICTION COMES TRUE.



WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT I WOULD EVER HAVE A SON? I'M TOO OLD, BUT I'M HOLDING MY BABY IN MY ARMS.

I'LL NEVER DOUBT GOD'S PROMISES AGAIN.



ABRAHAM HAS NAMED HIS SECOND SON ISAAC.

WHAT WILL BECOME OF ISHMAEL, HIS FIRST SON? HE MIGHT HAVE BECOME OUR RULER. BUT NOW THE BABY, ISAAC, WILL BE NEXT IN LINE AFTER ABRAHAM.

I'M SURE IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM.

TENSION GROWS BETWEEN SARAH AND HAGAR OVER THEIR SONS. AT BABY ISAAC'S FIRST FEAST ...



HA HA! LOOK HOW CLUMSY LITTLE ISAAC IS!

ISHMAEL! BE QUIET!

SARAH IS ANGRY. WHAT WILL SHE DO ABOUT ISHMAEL?



HAGAR'S SON CAN'T MAKE FUN OF MINE! ABRAHAM, YOU MUST SEND ISHMAEL AND HAGAR AWAY BEFORE THEY CAUSE REAL TROUBLE IN THE TRIBE.

NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, ABRAHAM ASKS GOD HOW TO SOLVE THIS FAMILY PROBLEM. FINALLY, GOD ANSWERS HIM:

DO WHAT SARAH SAYS, BECAUSE I WILL FULFILL MY PROMISE THROUGH ISAAC. BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR FIRST SON, ISHMAEL. I WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM AND HIS MOTHER.



EARLY ONE MORNING ...

BECAUSE OF SARAH'S JEALOUSY, IT IS BETTER THAT YOU AND ISHMAEL LEAVE. DON'T BE AFRAID, GOD WILL WATCH OVER YOU.



DAY AFTER DAY, HAGAR AND ISHMAEL WANDER THROUGH THE BURNING SAND. ONE FEAR POUNDS IN HAGAR'S MIND.

WILL WE HAVE ENOUGH WATER UNTIL WE FIND AN OASIS?



AT LAST THE DREADED MOMENT COMES ...

THERE'S NO MORE WATER, MOTHER! I'M DYING OF THIRST!

I KNOW, SON, SO AM I. LIE DOWN IN THE SHADE OF THE BUSH.



O GOD, DON'T MAKE ME WATCH MY CHILD DIE!



DEAD TIRED AND CHOKING WITH THIRST, HAGAR TURNS HER BACK ON HER SON, ISHMAEL. SHE CANNOT STAND TO WATCH HIM DIE. SUDDENLY SHE HEARS A VOICE. THE ANGEL OF GOD SAYS, "LIFT THE BOY UP. I WILL MAKE HIM A GREAT NATION."

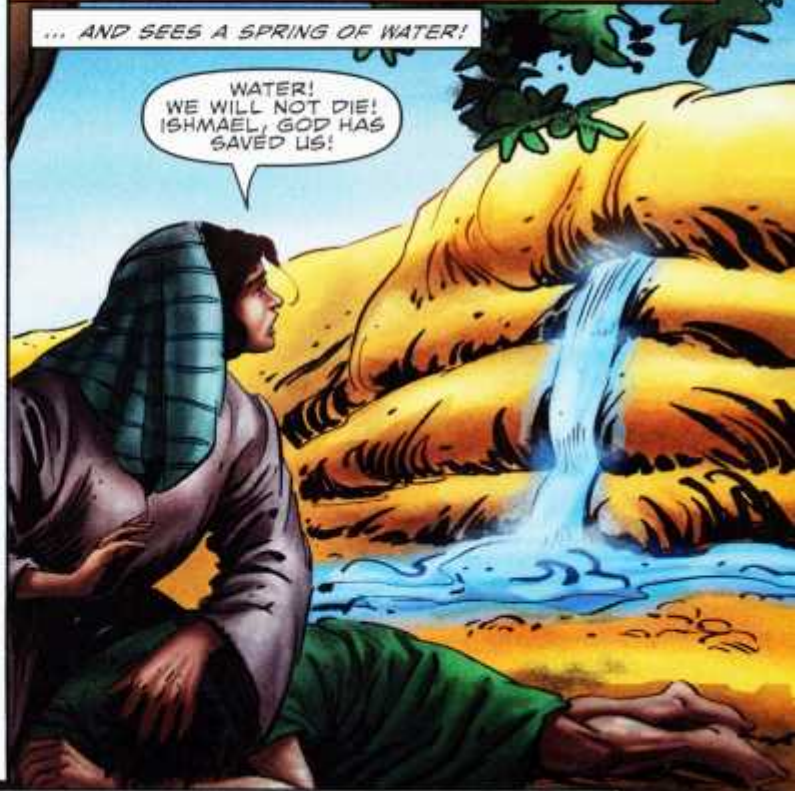


HAGAR STARTS TOWARD HER SON ...



... AND SEES A SPRING OF WATER!

WATER!
WE WILL NOT DIE!
ISHMAEL, GOD HAS
SAVED US!



KNOWING GOD IS WITH THEM, HAGAR AND ISHMAEL CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY. THEY BUILD A HOME IN THE WILDERNESS. YEARS PASS. EVENTUALLY ISHMAEL MARRIES AN EGYPTIAN GIRL AND BECOMES THE HEAD OF A GREAT DESERT TRIBE.

A Father's Sacrifice

BASED ON GENESIS 22-23



BUT THIS IS A JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER. NO ONE KNOWS THAT—AS A TEST OF FAITH—GOD HAS TOLD ABRAHAM TO SACRIFICE HIS SON. OVER A LIFETIME OF FAITHFULNESS, ABRAHAM HAS LEARNED TO OBEY GOD, BUT HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THIS PERPLEXING COMMAND.

HOW COULD GOD ASK SUCH A THING? I KNOW IT'S ABSURD, BUT I MUST BELIEVE THAT EVEN IF I SACRIFICE ISAAC, GOD WILL GIVE HIM BACK TO ME SOMEHOW—EVEN IF IT MEANS RAISING HIM FROM THE DEAD.



LEAVING THE SERVANTS BEHIND, THEY TREK UP TO THE MOUNTAINTOP. BUT ISAAC'S CURIOSITY GROWS ...

SOMETHING IS WRONG. THIS ISN'T HOW WE USUALLY DO IT.



ALONE ON THE MOUNTAINTOP, ABRAHAM AND ISAAC BUILD AN ALTAR.

HERE'S THE WOOD, FATHER. BUT WHERE IS THE ANIMAL TO SACRIFICE?

GOD WILL SUPPLY THE SACRIFICE, MY SON.

SUDDENLY ABRAHAM TURNS AND BINDS HIS SON.

FATHER!

IF GOD WANTS ME TO GIVE HIM MY ONLY SON, I WILL OBEY.



SUDDENLY, ABRAHAM HEARS THE VOICE OF GOD.

DON'T LAY A HAND ON YOUR SON! I WOULD NEVER TRULY LET YOU DO SUCH A THING. BUT YOU HAVE PROVEN THAT YOU ARE FULLY DEVOTED TO ME. YOU DIDN'T HOLD BACK EVEN YOUR SON.

AS ABRAHAM BREATHES A HUGE SIGH OF RELIEF, HE SPOTS A RAM CAUGHT IN A NEARBY BUSH.

A RAM FOR THE SACRIFICE! THANK YOU, GOD!

QUICKLY ABRAHAM RELEASES ISAAC AND PUTS THE RAM IN HIS PLACE ON THE ALTAR.

FATHER, YOU GAVE ME TO GOD—AND HE GAVE ME BACK TO YOU.

YES, MY SON. IT WAS A TEST OF FAITH.

ISAAC, NEVER DOUBT THE WISDOM AND LOVE OF GOD.



WITH JOYOUS HEARTS, ABRAHAM AND ISAAC GIVE THANKS TO GOD.

I SWEAR— IN THE NAME OF MYSELF— THAT BECAUSE YOU OBEYED ME I WILL BLESS THE WHOLE WORLD THROUGH YOUR CHILDREN.

ON THE WAY HOME, ISAAC WALKS AHEAD—AND ALONE. THROUGH HIS MIND FLASH SCENES OF THE DAY. HE CAN STILL FEEL THE ROPES THAT TIED HIM ON THE ALTAR ... SEE HIS FATHER'S KNIFE ... FEEL THE JOY OF KNOWING HE WOULD NOT BE KILLED.



SARAH RUSHES OUT OF THE CAMP TO GREET THEM.



ISAAC, WHAT HAPPENED? YOU LEFT HERE A BOY, BUT YOU HAVE RETURNED A MAN—LIKE YOUR FATHER, STRONG AND WISE.

FROM MY FATHER I LEARNED THE COST OF FAITH— AND FROM GOD I LEARNED THE REWARD OF FAITH.

IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOW, THE TRIBE OF ABRAHAM PROSPERS. THEN ONE DAY, SAD NEWS SPREADS QUICKLY THROUGH THE CAMP. SARAH HAS DIED.



A Wife for Isaac

BASED ON GENESIS 24



ABRAHAM IS NOW OLD AND HAS SEEN MANY, MANY YEARS. IN THE MIDST OF GRIEVING FOR HIS WIFE, HE PLANS FOR HIS FAMILY'S FUTURE.

GOD HAS PROMISED THAT MY DESCENDANTS WILL OUTNUMBER THE SAND IN THE DESERT.

WHICH MEANS ISAAC MUST START HIS FAMILY.


BUT ISAAC STILL GRIEVES FOR HIS MOTHER.



EVERY DAY HE GOES ALONE INTO THE WILDERNESS TO MOURN FOR HIS MOTHER.


IF ONLY HE HAD A WIFE TO COMFORT HIM.

ABRAHAM CALLS HIS MOST TRUSTED SERVANT.



ELIEZAR, BEFORE I DIE, I WANT TO SEE ISAAC HAPPILY MARRIED, BUT HE MUST MARRY A WOMAN FROM MY OWN PEOPLE. GO TO HARAN AND BRING BACK A WIFE FOR ISAAC.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT GATHERS A LONG CARAVAN. HE LEADS IT ACROSS THE DESERT AND FINALLY REACHES THE CITY OF HARAN, WHERE ABRAHAM'S RELATIVES LIVE.



WHAT A BIG CITY! HOW WILL I EVER FIND THE RIGHT WIFE FOR THE MAN WHO WILL BE CHIEF OF OUR TRIBE SOMEDAY?

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT REACHES HARAN IN THE EVENING. HE RESTS BY THE WELL JUST OUTSIDE TOWN AND SEES YOUNG WOMEN OF THE CITY COMING TO GET WATER.



GOD, LET THIS BE THE TEST: WHOEVER GIVES WATER TO ME AND MY CAMELS WILL BE ISAAC'S BRIDE.



SHE'S BEAUTIFUL! IS SHE THE ONE?

MISS? COULD I PLEASE HAVE A DRINK?



I'LL BE GLAD TO GET YOU A DRINK. ... AND I'LL DRAW WATER FOR YOUR CAMELS, TOO.

SHE IS THE ONE!

WHEN THE GIRL FINISHES WATERING THE CAMELS, ELIEZAR GIVES HER A NOSE RING AND GOLD BRACELETS.

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

DO YOU THINK THERE IS ROOM FOR ME TO STAY IN YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE?

THESE ARE BEAUTIFUL! MY NAME IS REBEKAH. WE HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM FOR YOU AT OUR HOUSE. JUST A MINUTE ...

REBEKAH RUNS TO TELL HER FAMILY. WHEN SHE SHOWS THEM THE PRESENTS, HER BROTHER, LABAN, GOES OUT TO MEET ABRAHAM'S SERVANT.

COME WITH ME! MY FATHER HAS ROOM FOR YOU AND YOUR CARAVAN.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT TELLS EVERYONE WHO HE IS AND EXPLAINS THAT GOD HAS CHOSEN REBEKAH TO BE THE BRIDE OF ISAAC, SON AND HEIR OF ABRAHAM, HER GREAT-UNCLE.

TAKE REBEKAH TO BE THE WIFE OF MY UNCLE'S SON. DO IT JUST THE WAY THE LORD HAS SAID.

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, THE CARAVAN GETS READY TO RETURN TO ABRAHAM'S CAMP. REBEKAH SAYS GOOD-BYE TO HER FAMILY, AND THE CARAVAN BEGINS ITS LONG JOURNEY.

DAYS LATER, THE CARAVAN NEARS ABRAHAM'S CAMP. REBEKAH WONDERS ...

WHAT WILL ISAAC BE LIKE?

TALL AND STRONG LIKE A CHIEF'S SON? I WONDER IF HE WILL LOVE ME ...



WHO IS THE MAN COMING TO MEET US?

THAT'S ISAAC!



HE IS HANDSOME!

IS THIS THE WOMAN I'M GOING TO MARRY?



WHEN ISAAC SEES REBEKAH, HE FALLS IN LOVE WITH HER AT ONCE AND TAKES HER TO HIS FATHER FOR HIS BLESSING. THEY GET MARRIED IMMEDIATELY, AND THE WHOLE CAMP REJOICES THAT GOD CONTINUES TO WATCH OVER ABRAHAM'S FAMILY.



Birthright Stew

BASED ON GENESIS 25-26



AFTER A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE, ABRAHAM FINALLY JOINS HIS WIFE IN DEATH. ISAAC LEADS ABRAHAM'S TRIBE TO THE BURIAL CAVE OF MACHPELAH TO PLACE THE BODY OF ITS GREAT CHIEFTAIN BESIDE HIS WIFE, SARAH.

BUT ISAAC, LIKE HIS FATHER, HAS GONE A LONG TIME WITHOUT HAVING ANY CHILDREN.

REBEKAH IS BARREN. WE'VE TRIED EVERY REMEDY KNOWN TO MAN. NOTHING HAS WORKED. NOW I MUST PRAY TO GOD AND TRUST HIS PROMISE.



THE LORD ANSWERS ISAAC'S PRAYERS, AND REBEKAH BECOMES PREGNANT. BUT HER PREGNANCY SEEMS UNUSUAL. WHEN THEY INQUIRE OF THE LORD, HE TELLS REBEKAH THAT SHE IS PREGNANT WITH TWINS! "YOU WILL GIVE BIRTH TO TWO NATIONS. ONE WILL BE STRONGER THAN THE OTHER, AND THE YOUNGER WILL RULE THE OLDER."

WHEN REBEKAH GIVES BIRTH, HER FIRST SON IS REDDISH AND HAIRY. THEY NAME HIM ESAU. BUT CLUTCHING ESAU'S HEEL IS JACOB, WHO DOES NOT WANT TO BE LEFT BEHIND. AS THE BOYS GROW UP, ISAAC EARNS A REPUTATION AS A MAN WHO AVOIDS CONFLICT, BUT ISAAC FAILS TO SEE THE CONFLICT GROWING BETWEEN HIS OWN TWIN SONS.

WHICH ONE WILL BE OUR RULER AFTER ISAAC?

ESAU IS STRONGER— BUT JACOB IS MORE CLEVER. ESAU HAS THE BIRTHRIGHT BECAUSE HE IS THE OLDEST. BUT I'D BE SURPRISED IF JACOB DOESN'T DO SOMETHING TRICKY.

IF I WERE ISAAC, I'D PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE COMPETITION BETWEEN THOSE TWO BOYS.





ONE DAY, WHEN ESAU RETURNS WITH FRESH FOOD FROM HUNTING, ISAAC PRAISES HIM.

ESAU IS A MIGHTY HUNTER!

YES, HE'S STRONG AS AN OX—AND DUMB AS ONE TOO.



JACOB BIDES HIS TIME. ONE MORNING, DURING A HOT SPELL, ESAU SETS OUT FOR A HUNTING TRIP. THIS IS THE CHANCE JACOB HAS BEEN WAITING FOR.

ESAU WILL FIND GAME AT THE WATER HOLE, MILES AWAY FROM HERE. WHEN HE GETS BACK FROM THE LONG DAY'S HUNT, HE'LL BE TIRED AND HUNGRY. I'LL BE READY FOR HIM.



TOWARD SUNDOWN, JACOB WAITS FOR HIS BROTHER OUTSIDE CAMP.

HERE HE COMES—AND WITHOUT ANY GAME. DIDN'T HE CATCH ANYTHING?



CAMP WITH ITS FOOD IS ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY, BUT ESAU IS SO HUNGRY, HE CAN'T WAIT ...

I'M STARVING. GIVE ME SOME OF THE STEW YOU'RE MAKING.

WILL YOU TRADE YOUR BIRTHRIGHT FOR IT?



WELL, THAT'S A DUMB QUESTION.

IS A BIRTHRIGHT TASTY AND FILLED WITH SAVORY MEAT? I'LL TAKE THE STEW.

HERE IS THE STEW, SWEAR THAT YOUR BIRTHRIGHT IS MINE!



I PROMISE—THE BIRTHRIGHT IS YOURS. I'M DYING OF HUNGER. LET ME EAT!

HERE, EAT ALL YOU WANT.

ESAU'S BIRTHRIGHT IS MINE! SOMEDAY I WILL INHERIT A DOUBLE SHARE OF MY FATHER'S WEALTH. I WILL RULE THE TRIBE, NOT ESAU.

BUT JACOB HAS A LONG TIME TO WAIT. HIS FATHER IS STILL STRONG AND POWERFUL. AND AS ISAAC GROWS OLDER, IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT ESAU IS HIS FAVORITE SON. JACOB REALIZES THAT TRICKING ESAU INTO GIVING HIM THE BIRTHRIGHT IS NOT ENOUGH. SOMEHOW HE MUST CONVINCE HIS FATHER TO GIVE HIM THE FAMILY BLESSING AS WELL. FOR ALL HIS TRICKY PLOTS, JACOB CAN'T DISOBEY HIS FATHER. HIS FATHER, ISAAC, IS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY; HIS MOTHER, REBEKAH, HOWEVER, IS THE BRAINS ...



ISAAC DOESN'T KNOW THAT JACOB HAS ALREADY CLAIMED THE BIRTHRIGHT THAT BELONGS TO ESAU.

FIND MY SON ESAU. TELL HIM THAT I MUST SEE HIM RIGHT AWAY.

The Stolen Blessing

BASED ON
GENESIS 27



ISAAC HAS GROWN OLD. HIS EYESIGHT IS FAILING. NOW HE DECIDES IT IS TIME TO GIVE HIS OLDER SON THE BLESSING THAT INCLUDES RULING THE TRIBE.

YOU CALLED ME, FATHER?

YES, ESAU. I AM OLD AND TIRED. I DON'T KNOW HOW SOON I'LL DIE. BRING ME SOME CHOICE VENISON, AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE BLESSING THAT SEALS YOUR BIRTHRIGHT.



REBEKAH OVERHEARS WHAT JACOB SAYS AND RUNS THROUGH THE CAMP.

FIND JACOB! TELL HIM TO COME TO MY TENT RIGHT AWAY! HURRY!



LISTEN, JACOB! YOUR FATHER IS GETTING READY TO GIVE ESAU THE BLESSING. YOU MUST GET THAT BLESSING, OR THE BIRTHRIGHT ESAU TRADED YOU MEANS NOTHING.

BUT WHAT CAN I DO?



GO TELL YOUR FATHER THAT YOU ARE ESAU. HE CAN'T SEE A THING ANYMORE, AND HE WILL BLESS YOU BY MISTAKE.

BUT MY SKIN IS SMOOTH, AND ESAU IS REALLY HAIRY. FATHER WILL TOUCH ME AND KNOW I AM NOT ESAU.



I'VE THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING. HERE, PUT ON ESAU'S FUR ROBE. THESE SKINS ON YOUR ARMS AND NECK WILL MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE ESAU.

BUT WHAT IF ...





NO SOONER HAS ISAAC GIVEN THE BLESSING THAN JACOB RUSHES OUT OF HIS FATHER'S TENT.



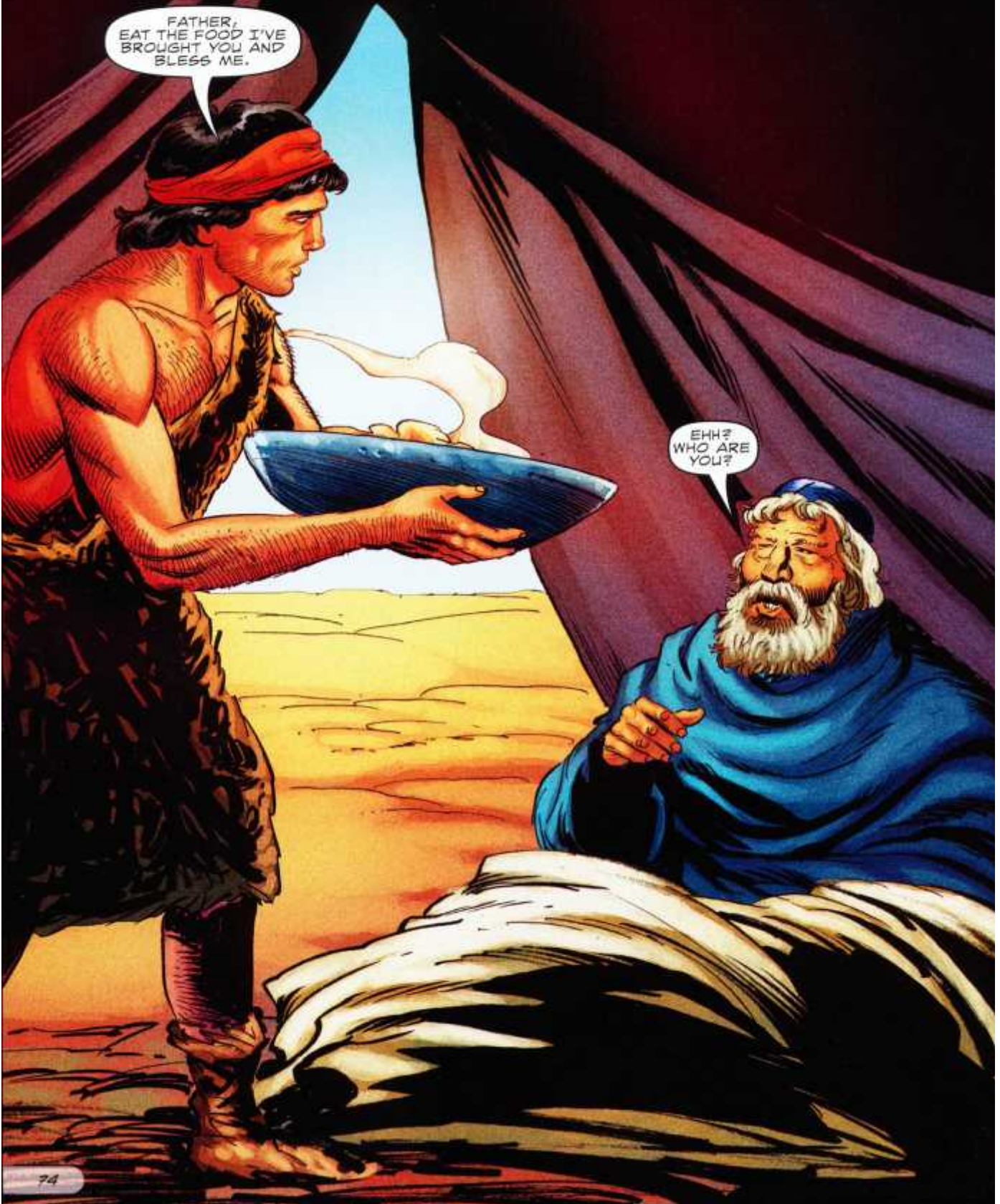
BUT WHILE JACOB AND HIS MOTHER ARE REJOICING, ESAU RETURNS.



ESAU PREPARES THE MEAT AND TAKES A LARGE TRAY OF IT TO HIS FATHER.

FATHER, EAT THE FOOD I'VE BROUGHT YOU AND BLESS ME.

EHH? WHO ARE YOU?





WHO AM I?
I'M ESAU—YOUR FIRSTBORN
SON! YOU TOLD ME TO BRING
YOU SOME VENISON SO THAT
YOU COULD GIVE ME YOUR
BLESSING.



THEN
WHO DID I
JUST BLESS?
I'VE BEEN
DECEIVED!

FATHER!
BLESS ME, TOO.
PLEASE, BLESS ME,
TOO.

I CAN'T.
ONCE GIVEN,
I CANNOT GIVE
THE BLESSING
TO ANOTHER.



BUT FATHER,
COULD YOU AT
LEAST HAVE
ANOTHER BLESSING
FOR ME?

ONLY THIS,
MY SON. BY YOUR
SWORD SHALL YOU LIVE
AND SERVE YOUR BROTHER.
BUT ONE DAY YOU WILL
BREAK HIS YOKE FROM
YOUR NECK.



*TREMBLING WITH RAGE, ESAU
LEAVES HIS FATHER'S TENT ...*

I'LL KILL
JACOB FOR
THIS!

Stairway to Heaven

BASED ON GENESIS 27:41-28:22

JACOB HAS SUCCESSFULLY STOLEN HIS BROTHER'S BIRTHRIGHT FROM THEIR FATHER, ISAAC. WITH ESAU'S THREAT TO KILL JACOB RINGING IN HER EARS, A SERVANT GIRL RUNS TO REBEKAH'S TENT.



ESAU IS GOING TO KILL JACOB!

ESAU IS JUST UPSET. DON'T TELL ANYONE WHAT YOU HEARD. FIND JACOB AND TELL HIM TO COME TO ME—AT ONCE!



YOU MUST GO AWAY UNTIL YOUR BROTHER CALMS DOWN. GO VISIT MY BROTHER, LABAN, IN HARAN. I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN IT'S SAFE FOR YOU TO COME HOME.

WHAT WILL I TELL FATHER?



ONCE AGAIN, REBEKAH PAVES THE WAY FOR HER FAVORITE SON.

ISAAC, ESAU'S FOREIGN WIVES ARE CAUSING TROUBLE. IF ONLY JACOB COULD MARRY A GIRL FROM MY OWN PEOPLE. REMEMBER HOW YOUR FATHER'S SERVANT FOUND ME AT MY FATHER'S HOUSE IN HARAN AND BROUGHT ME TO YOU?

ISAAC'S THOUGHTS GO BACK OVER THE YEARS TO THE DAY HE FIRST SAW REBEKAH. HE ALSO KNOWS THERE WILL BE TROUBLE BETWEEN THE SONS. HE SENDS FOR JACOB.



ASHAMED BUT FRIGHTENED BY ESAU'S ANGER, JACOB COMES TO HIS FATHER.



GO TO YOUR UNCLE LABAN. FIND A WIFE FROM AMONG HIS FAMILY. GOD BLESS YOU, MY SON.

A FEW HOURS LATER, AT THE EDGE OF THE CAMP ...


GOOD-BYE, JACOB. I'LL SEND WORD WHEN IT'S SAFE FOR YOU TO COME BACK.

MY FATHER IS OLD—I MAY NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN! ESAU WANTS TO KILL ME. YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE I WILL BE ABLE TO COME BACK TO.

ONE PUNISHMENT FOR THEIR DECEIT IS THAT JACOB AND REBEKAH NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.

TRAVELING FARTHER AND FARTHER FROM HIS FAMILY, JACOB IS TORTURED BY LONELINESS. HE ESPECIALLY MISSES HIS MOTHER, WHO HAS ALWAYS PROTECTED AND ADVISED HIM. AS NIGHT APPROACHES, JACOB COLLAPSES IN WEARINESS.





THAT NIGHT, HE DREAMS OF A SHINING STAIRWAY REACHING UP TO HEAVEN. ON THE STAIRWAY, ANGELS GO UP AND DOWN AS IF BRINGING HELP FROM GOD. AND JACOB HEARS GOD SPEAK TO HIM, PROMISING TO TAKE CARE OF HIM AND BRING HIM SAFELY HOME AGAIN.

THE NEXT MORNING, JACOB WAKES UP, STILL AWED BY HIS DREAM.



SURELY GOD IS IN THIS PLACE. AND THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN.

JACOB REALIZES THE WRONG HE HAS DONE, BUT HE KNOWS THAT GOD WILL HELP HIM IF HE OBEYS HIM. QUICKLY, HE TURNS A STONE ON END FOR AN ALTAR AND WORSHIPS GOD. HE CALLS THE PLACE BETHEL, WHICH MEANS "THE HOUSE OF GOD."

IF GOD WILL GO WITH ME, I'LL BE GOD'S MAN.



JACOB GOES ON HIS WAY A STRONGER, NOBLER YOUNG MAN. HE IS EAGER TO PUT BEHIND HIM THE DISHONESTY OF HIS PAST AND TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE AND CARE.

Wife Swap BASED ON GENESIS 29

JACOB CONTINUES HIS JOURNEY. AT LAST HE GETS CLOSE TO HARAN.

MAYBE THOSE SHEPHERDS AT THE WELL CAN HELP ME FIND MY UNCLE LABAN.

CAN YOU TELL ME HOW TO FIND THE CHIEFTAIN, LABAN?

LABAN? SURE! THAT FLOCK OF SHEEP IS HIS. THAT'S HIS DAUGHTER RACHEL WITH THEM.

SHE'S GORGEOUS!

QUICKLY JACOB ROLLS THE STONE FROM THE WELL AND HELPS RACHEL WATER THE SHEEP. WHEN HE TELLS HER WHO HE IS, SHE RUNS TO FIND HER FATHER.

THAT NIGHT, LABAN HOLDS A FEAST FOR HIS NEPHEW JACOB, LEAH, THE OLDER DAUGHTER, SERVES THE FOOD, WHILE RACHEL, THE YOUNGER DAUGHTER, LISTENS TO JACOB TELL ABOUT HIS HOME AND THE LONG JOURNEY TO HARAN.

A MONTH LATER, LABAN MAKES A BARGAIN WITH JACOB.

WELL, ENOUGH FREELOADING. IF YOU START WORKING FOR ME, I'LL PAY YOU. WHAT'S YOUR PRICE?

HMMPH. I GUESS YOU'D BE BETTER THAN A COMPLETE STRANGER.

I'M IN LOVE WITH RACHEL. I WILL WORK FOR YOU FOR SEVEN YEARS IF I CAN MARRY HER.

FOR SEVEN YEARS, JACOB TAKES CARE OF LABAN'S FLOCKS. BECAUSE HE LOVES RACHEL, THE YEARS FLY BY IN WHAT SEEM LIKE JUST A FEW DAYS. FINALLY THE DAY COMES WHEN JACOB CAN CLAIM HIS BRIDE ...

I'VE WORKED FOR SEVEN YEARS. NOW GIVE ME RACHEL FOR MY WIFE.

YOU HAVE SERVED ME WELL, JACOB.

I'LL ARRANGE A WEDDING FEAST RIGHT AWAY.

AT THE END OF A JOYFUL WEDDING FEAST, LABAN BRINGS HIS DAUGHTER TO JACOB.

JACOB, HERE IS YOUR BRIDE.

RACHEL! I'VE WAITED SEVEN YEARS FOR THIS MOMENT.

BUT IN THE MORNING DAYLIGHT, JACOB DISCOVERS THAT LABAN PULLED A SWITCH.

YOU GAVE ME LEAH—NOT RACHEL—FOR MY WIFE!



THE TRICKSTER HAS BEEN TRICKED HIMSELF! LABAN HAS CONNED JACOB THE SAME WAY JACOB CONNED HIS FATHER AND ESAU.

I COULDN'T VERY WELL GIVE MY YOUNGER DAUGHTER AWAY BEFORE MY OLDER DAUGHTER WAS MARRIED.

YOU MAY HAVE CHEATED YOUR OLDER BROTHER OUT OF HIS BIRTHRIGHT, BUT THAT'S NOT HOW WE DO THINGS HERE.

BUT RACHEL IS THE ONE I LOVE! I WORKED SEVEN YEARS FOR HER.



TELL YOU WHAT— PROMISE TO WORK FOR ME FOR ANOTHER SEVEN YEARS AND YOU CAN MARRY RACHEL NEXT WEEK.

FOR RACHEL, I'LL DO IT!



LABAN TRICKED ME, RACHEL. I LOVE YOU, AND I'LL WORK SEVEN MORE YEARS SO I CAN MARRY YOU.

I DO LOVE YOU, JACOB. I WANT TO MARRY YOU, TOO.

Leavin' Laban

BASED ON GENESIS 31

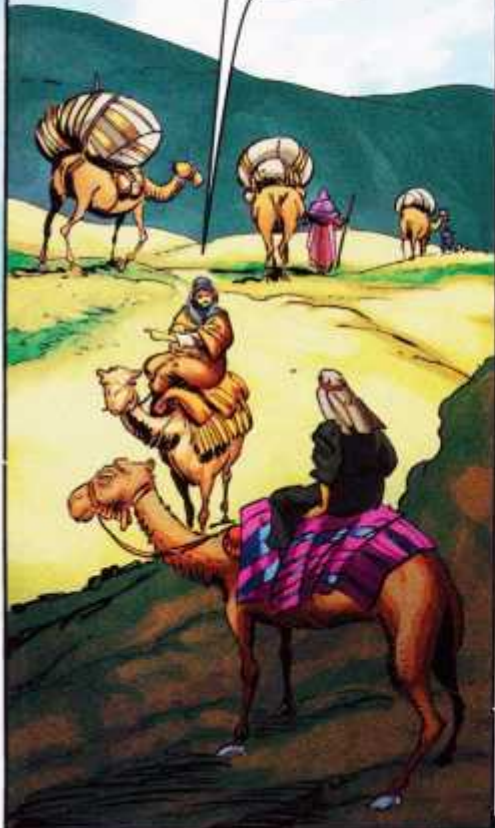
SO JACOB MARRIES RACHEL AND BEGINS ANOTHER SEVEN YEARS OF WORK FOR LABAN, BUT GOD BLESSES JACOB AND MAKES HIM RICH WITH HIS OWN FLOCKS. ONE DAY JACOB CALLS HIS WIVES TOGETHER.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT YOUR FATHER KEEPS SCOWLING AT ME—EVEN WHILE HE'S CHEATING ME? I THINK IT'S TIME TO GO. GOD IS TELLING ME TO RETURN HOME.



JACOB LOADS EVERYTHING ON CAMELS AND HERDS HIS FLOCKS TOGETHER. SOON THE CARAVAN IS ON ITS WAY.

LABAN MAY FOLLOW, SO KEEP WATCH AND TELL ME IF YOU SEE HIM COMING.



AS THEY TRAVEL, JACOB GUARDS THE CAMEL CARRYING RACHEL AND HER ONLY SON, JOSEPH. JACOB'S OTHER TEN SONS WATCH WITH JEALOUS EYES. WITHOUT REALIZING IT, JACOB SOWS SEEDS OF TROUBLE FOR THE SON HE LOVES BEST.



SEVERAL DAYS AFTER LEAVING LABAN ...

LOOK—
RIDERS! LABAN AND
HIS MEN! QUICK—TELL
JACOB!



JACOB IS READY
WHEN HIS
FATHER-IN-LAW
ARRIVES.

JACOB, WHY DID
YOU LEAVE WITHOUT GIVING
ME A CHANCE TO SAY
GOOD-BYE?

I WAS
AFRAID YOU MIGHT
HAVE KEPT YOUR
DAUGHTERS FROM
GOING.



WELL, YOU'RE
PROBABLY RIGHT.

BUT THE GOD
OF YOUR FATHERS
HAS TOLD ME NOT
TO HURT YOU.



LABAN IS FURIOUS, BUT HE DOESN'T DARE
GO AGAINST JACOB'S GOD. SO LABAN AND
JACOB SET UP A PILE OF STONES TO MARK
A BORDER AND MAKE AN AGREEMENT TO
GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS.

YOU STAY
ON YOUR SIDE,
AND I'LL STAY
ON MINE.



Touched by an Angel

BASED ON GENESIS 32-33

EAGERLY, JACOB CONTINUES HIS JOURNEY HOME. ON THE WAY, HE HAS A WONDERFUL VISION ...

AN ARMY OF ANGELS! THE ARMY OF GOD IS CAMPED BESIDE ME!

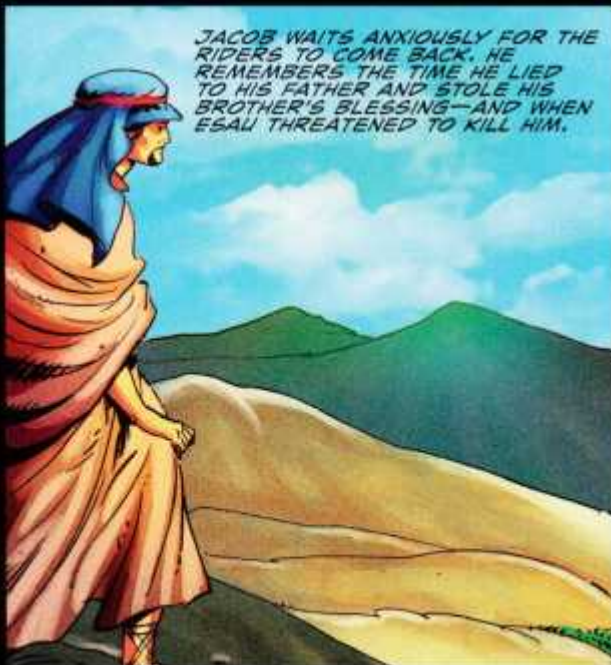


THE ANGELS COMFORT JACOB. BUT AS HE GETS CLOSER TO HOME, HE BEGINS TO WORRY ABOUT HIS BROTHER, ESAU, WHO ONCE PLANNED TO MURDER HIM.

RIDE AHEAD OF ME AND LOOK FOR ESAU. TELL HIM I'M COMING HOME WITH MY FAMILY AND FLOCKS. TELL HIM I HOPE HE WILL FORGIVE ME.



JACOB WAITS ANXIOUSLY FOR THE RIDERS TO COME BACK. HE REMEMBERS THE TIME HE LIED TO HIS FATHER AND STOLE HIS BROTHER'S BLESSING—AND WHEN ESAU THREATENED TO KILL HIM.



FINALLY, THE SCOUTS RETURN ...

WE SAW ESAU! HE'S COMING TO MEET YOU—WITH 400 MEN!



JACOB IS FRIGHTENED, BUT HE IS ALSO SHREWD. HE DIVIDES HIS CARAVAN INTO TWO PARTS. THEN HE SENDS SERVANTS AHEAD WITH PRESENTS FOR ESAU.

IF ESAU ATTACKS ONE GROUP, THE OTHER CAN GET AWAY.

AND WHEN WE MEET ESAU, WE WILL GIVE HIM YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS OF GOATS, CAMELS, COWS, AND DONKEYS. HE WILL BE VERY IMPRESSED!

THAT NIGHT JACOB PRAYS, CONFESSING HIS SINS, ADMITTING HIS FEAR, AND ASKING FOR GOD'S HELP. BUT STILL HE CANNOT SLEEP.

SO IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, JACOB MOVES HIS FAMILY ...

MY FAMILY WOULD BE SAFER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER.

YOU WILL BE SAFER ON THE OTHER SIDE, RACHEL.

I WISH YOU WOULD STAY WITH US.



BUT JACOB NEEDS TO BE ALONE. LATER THAT NIGHT, AS HE PRAYS, HE FEELS HIMSELF WRESTLING WITH A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER. THE STRUGGLE IS FIERCE, BUT JACOB DOES NOT GIVE UP UNTIL THE STRANGER BLESSES HIM: "YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE JACOB ANY LONGER. INSTEAD, YOU WILL BE ISRAEL, WHICH MEANS "GOD-WRESTLER."



THE NEXT MORNING, JACOB IS LIMPING BECAUSE HE HURT HIS HIP WRESTLING WITH THE ANGEL. BUT JACOB IS HAPPY BECAUSE HE KNOWS GOD HAS BLESSED HIM. JACOB GOES CONFIDENTLY TO MEET HIS BROTHER, ESAU.

JACOB,
MY BROTHER! I'M
HAPPY TO SEE YOU
AGAIN!

ESAU! I'M
SO GLAD YOU
DON'T HATE ME
ANYMORE.



PROUDLY JACOB PRESENTS HIS FAMILY—
WELL, THE ONES HE LOVES MOST, ANYWAY ...

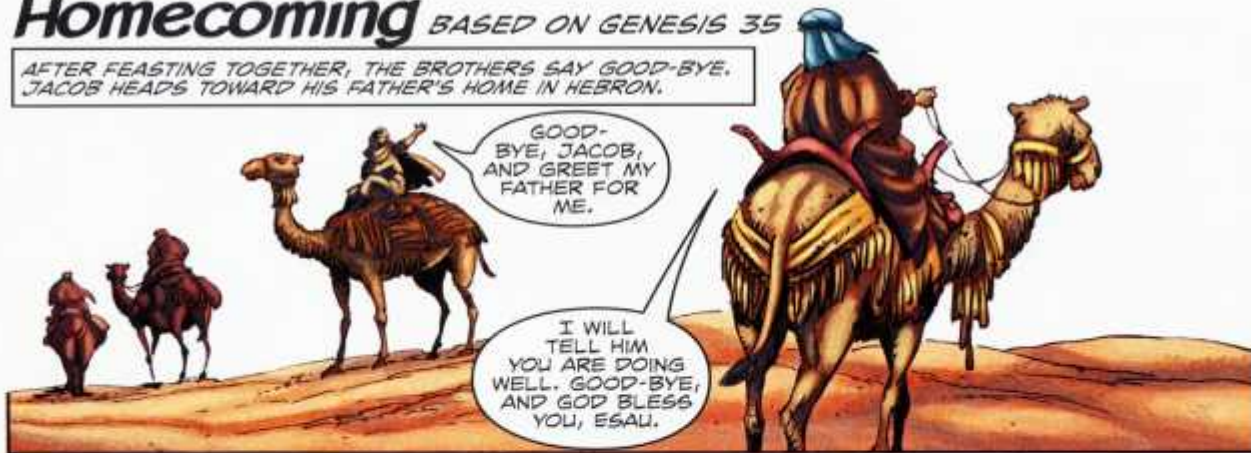
THIS IS
MY WIFE RACHEL
AND MY SON
JOSEPH.



IT'S GOOD TO
SEE MY BROTHER'S
FAMILY. GOD HAS
REALLY BLESSED
YOU.

Homecoming BASED ON GENESIS 35

AFTER FEASTING TOGETHER, THE BROTHERS SAY GOOD-BYE. JACOB HEADS TOWARD HIS FATHER'S HOME IN HEBRON.



GOOD-BYE, JACOB, AND GREET MY FATHER FOR ME.

I WILL TELL HIM YOU ARE DOING WELL. GOOD-BYE, AND GOD BLESS YOU, ESAU.



SOME TIME LATER ON THE WAY, JACOB STOPS AT BETHEL.

RACHEL, THIS STONE MARKS THE PLACE WHERE I SAW ANGELS COMING TO ME FROM HEAVEN. THIS IS WHERE GOD PROMISED TO TAKE CARE OF ME. HE HAS TAKEN CARE OF ME MORE THAN I DESERVE.

GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO US, JACOB. I PRAY THAT HE WILL TAKE CARE OF OUR SON, JOSEPH, AND THE CHILD WHO IS SOON TO BE BORN.



LATER ON THE JOURNEY, NOT FAR FROM BETHLEHEM, RACHEL'S CHILD IS BORN ...

IT'S A BOY, MASTER, BUT RACHEL IS DEAD!

OH, LITTLE BENJAMIN! YOU AND YOUR BROTHER, JOSEPH, ARE ALL THAT REMIND ME OF MY BELOVED WIFE.

JACOB BURIES HIS BELOVED WIFE RACHEL. THEN HE AND HIS FAMILY CONTINUE SADLY ON THEIR JOURNEY, STOPPING NOW AND THEN TO REST AND FEED THE FLOCKS. AS THEY TRAVEL ON, JACOB WONDERS ...



RACHEL HAS DIED. MY PARENTS ARE OLD. WILL I EVEN GET TO MY FATHER WHILE HE IS STILL ALIVE?

JACOB'S HAND TREMBLES AS HE SHADES HIS EYES AND LOOKS TOWARD THE DISTANT CITY OF HEBRON.



IS THAT WHERE GRANDFATHER ISAAC LIVES?

YES, JOSEPH. I PRAY WE ARE NOT TOO LATE. HE IS VERY OLD ...

GOD ANSWERS JACOB'S PRAYERS. AT THE SIGHT OF HIS OLD AND BLIND FATHER, JACOB FALLS TO HIS KNEES.

FATHER! I AM JACOB, YOUR SON! THANK GOD I AM WITH YOU AGAIN.

JACOB! I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOUR RETURN. DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN NOW?



PROUDLY JACOB PRESENTS HIS 12 SONS TO THEIR GRANDFATHER ISAAC.

FATHER, THIS IS JOSEPH AND THIS IS BENJAMIN, THE SONS OF MY BELOVED RACHEL.

BE STRONG, MY CHILDREN, AND ALWAYS OBEY GOD.



WITH THESE FINAL WORDS, ISAAC GOES TO BE WITH HIS GOD, THE GOD OF HIS FATHERS.