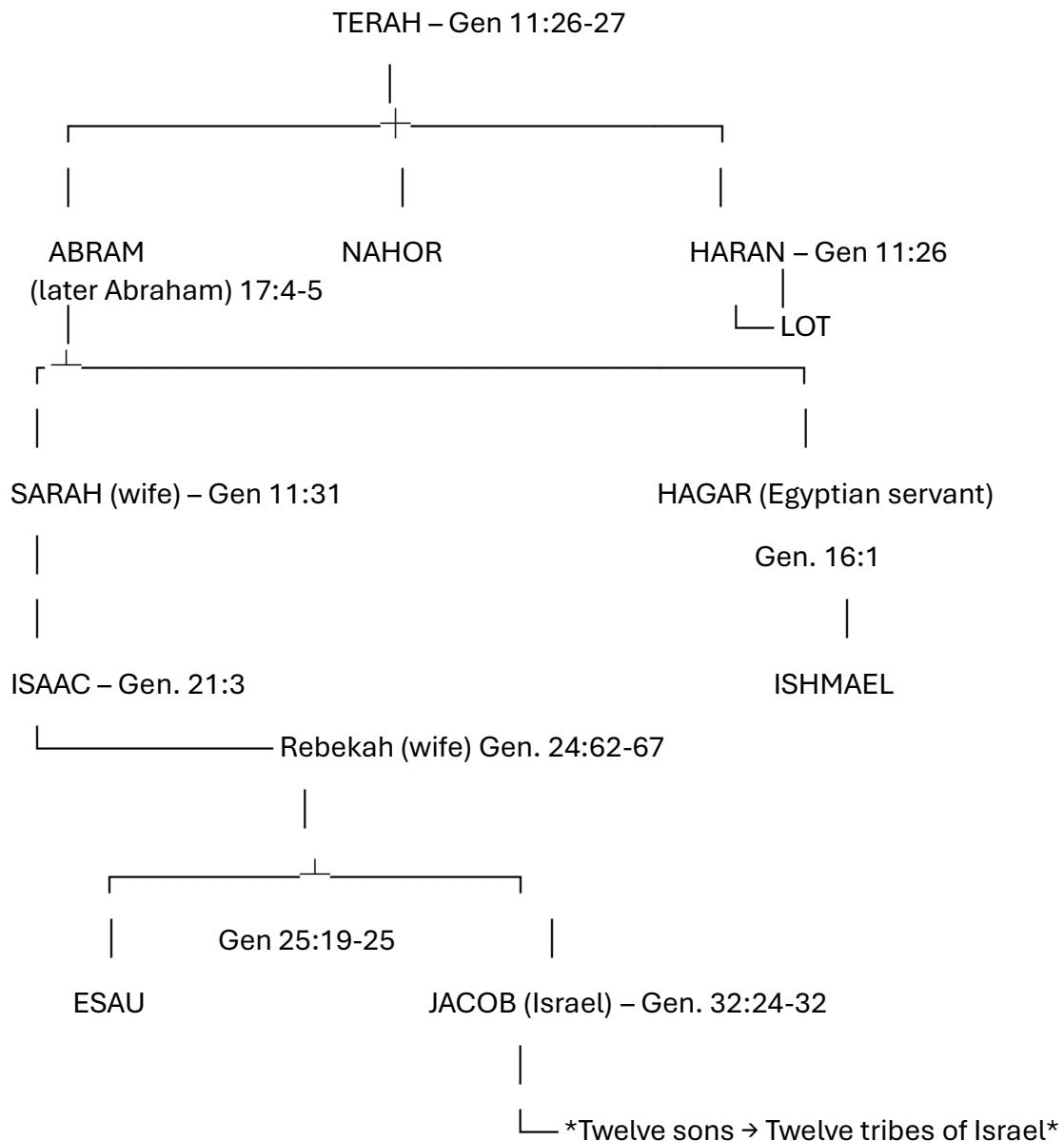


LESSON Genesis 27: DECEPTION

OBJECTIVE: Identify when someone's motive is deceptive, when people are looking out for their best interest you should discern the spirit of Christ

Genesis is about families. The first family was Adam and his descendants. Noah is of the descendants of Adam. The next major family is that of Abraham, who is a descendant of Seth, Noah's son.

The Family Tree of Abraham:



Scriptural Reference: Genesis 27

INTRODUCTION

Q: Do you know when someone is deceiving you?

Q. What is deception?

Q. Why are people deceptive?

The Family of Issac

What do you already know about Issac's family; wife Rebekah and sons, Esau, Jacob?:

1. Read Genesis 25:20-21: _____
2. Read Genesis 25:23: _____
3. Read Genesis 25:28: _____

Jacob a Two-Time Thief

4. **Genesis 25** – Stole the birthright of his brother Esau
Birthright is the legal and material inheritance given to the firstborn son, Esau

I. Deception Is Distortion

Define Deception: _____

Abraham's Blessing to his Son:

Read Genesis 24:1- Abraham was blessed in every way

Read Genesis 27:1-4:

Jacob *desires* a savory dish = spiritual condition

Q: What do we want spiritually?

Sometimes our spiritual desires are out of alignment, our motives for doing maybe improper.

Read Genesis 27:5 Where can we anticipate deception to occur: _____

Explain your answer: _____

II. Where Does Deception Originate?

Read Genesis 27:5-13 – How would you describe Rebekah's plan

Q: What then can we conclude about deception from Rebekah's behavior?

When deception plays out in a relationship, it damages trust.

Q: Is deception is the _____ of _____.

Read Genesis 3:1-3 Deception is a means to manipulate people, pretending that the people or the situation is something that it isn't.

APPLICATION: List some motivations of why people go through the act of deception:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

III. Blessings in Life Matter

Read Genesis 27:25-29

The blessing Issac bestowed on Jacob entailed declaring Jacob's future and it aligned with the promise God gave to Abraham (12:1-6). The blessing invokes God's favor.

The blessing to Jacob:

1. Affirmed God's showering of blessings – the dew of heaven
2. Abundance of Provision – abundance of grain and wine
3. Shapes the future and grants authority – people will serve
4. Family Responsibility – may your mother's sons bow down to you

IV. Deception Destroys Relationships

Read Genesis 27:41-42

Q: How can dishonesty, even small lies, damage relationships

Q: What steps can you take to build trust and integrity in your own family or relationships?

CONCLUSION

Fill in the blanks with Issac, Jacob, Rebekah, Esau

1. _____ fears the promise slipping away
2. _____ fears being cursed
3. _____ desires his own will over God's will
4. _____ despises spiritual things.

Deception is rarely random; it is rooted in the heart.