



# JACOB THE SUPPLANTER

Lesson 9 for  
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God clearly stated that the promised seed would come from Isaac (Gn. 17:19).

Isaac had two sons. From which would the promise be fulfilled?

Esau was a profane (Heb. 12:16). Jacob was sensible of God's voice. However, Jacob didn't use the right methods. The end does not justify the means, and Jacob paid the consequences.



- **Jacob steals the blessing**
- **God blesses Jacob (1)**
- **Jacob is tricked**
- **God blesses Jacob (2)**
- **Jacob is a blessing**



# JACOB STEALS THE BLESSING

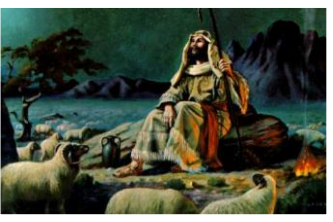
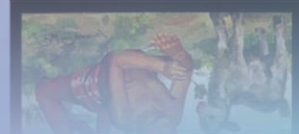
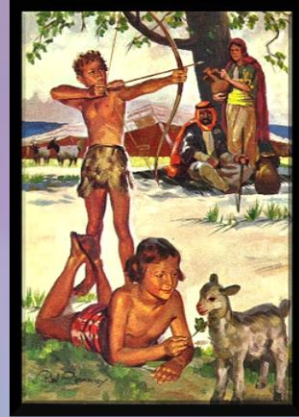
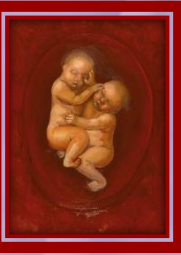
"And Esau said, 'Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?'" (Genesis 25:32)

Esau and Jacob were born the same day, but their characters were different. Esau was an active hunter, and Jacob was a calm shepherd (Gn. 25:27).

Esau only cared for today, but Jacob went beyond it. Jacob longed for the birthright and its blessing (i.e. being the link to the promised Seed).

Jacob acquired the birthright as his brother disregarded it (Gn. 25:29-34).

When Isaac wanted to bless Esau, Jacob tricked his father and got the blessing fraudulently (Gn. 27:1-27).



**“Jacob had learned from his mother of the divine intimation that the birthright should fall to him, and he was filled with an unspeakable desire for the privileges which it would confer. It was not the possession of his father's wealth that he craved; the spiritual birthright was the object of his longing. To commune with God as did righteous Abraham, to offer the sacrifice of atonement for his family, to be the progenitor of the chosen people and of the promised Messiah, and to inherit the immortal possessions embraced in the blessings of the covenant—here were the privileges and honors that kindled his most ardent desires.”**

**E. G. W. (Patriarchs and Prophets, cp. 16, p. 178)**

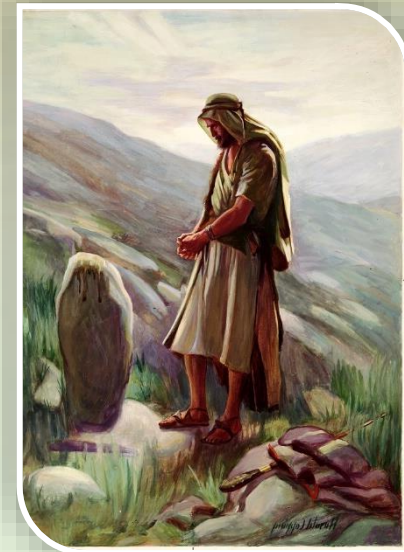
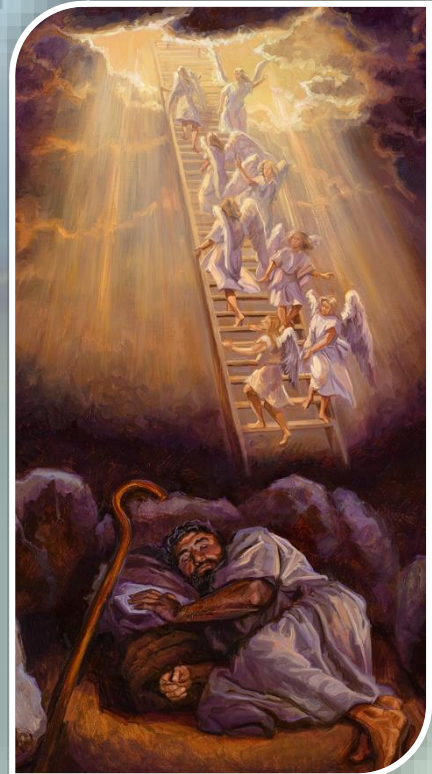
# GOD BLESSES JACOB – 1

**“Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the Lord stood above it [...]” (Genesis 28:12-13a)**

After being tricked by Jacob, Esau promised that he would kill him after their father died (Gn. 27:41). Rebekah encouraged Isaac to send Jacob far away to find a wife among their relatives (Gn. 27:42-28:5).

God blessed Jacob in his journey. He introduced Himself from the top of a large ladder that reached to heaven (Gn. 28:11-15; Gn. 11:4). Jacob had tried to get the blessing himself, but only God can give it by grace.

Jacob reacted to God’s blessing by promising two things (a spiritual one and a physical one): to make that place God’s house, and to give back the tithe of everything to God (Gn. 28:22).





**“But God did not forsake Jacob. His mercy was still extended to His erring, distrustful servant. The Lord compassionately revealed just what Jacob needed—a Saviour. He had sinned, but his heart was filled with gratitude as he saw revealed a way by which he could be restored to the favor of God.”**

# JACOB IS TRICKED

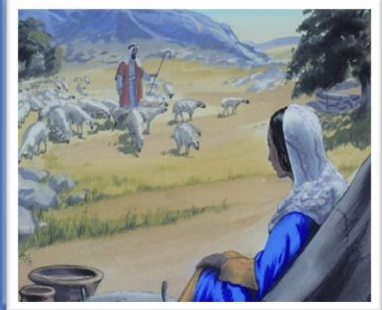
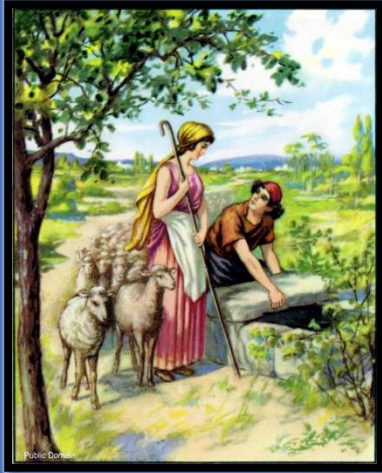
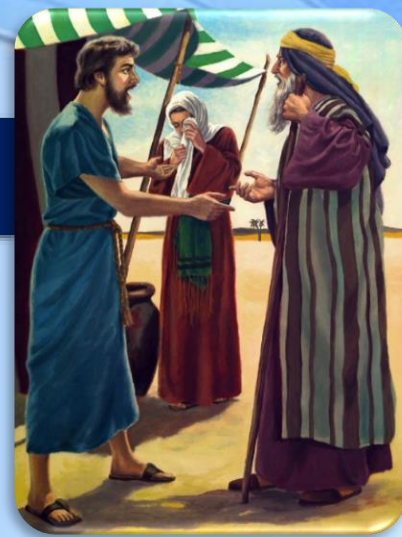
"And he said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?'" (Genesis 29:25)

A stone marked the moment Jacob left his land (Gn. 28:18), and another stone marked the moment he arrived at his destination (Gn. 29:10).

"Now Jacob loved Rachel." (Genesis 29:18) He didn't have anything to give Laban as a dowry, so he suggested he would work seven years to marry his daughter.

However, Laban tricked his son-in-law by giving him Leah instead of Rachel (Gn. 29:20-23).

The next morning, Jacob realized he had been tricked. He had suffered the Law of Talion (Ex. 21:24). Now he could better understand his sin and what his father and his brother had felt.



# GOD BLESSES JACOB – 2

“When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless.”  
(Genesis 29:31 NIV)



God blessed Jacob during the following years. He had 11 sons (Benjamin, the twelfth, would be born later).

The names of his children reflect the feelings of Leah and Rachel. Despite of their dispute, God blessed them (Gn. 29:31-30:24).



Sons of Leah

Reuben: “See, a son”

Simeon: “Heard”

Levi: “Attached”

Judah: “Praise”

Issachar: “Reward”

Zebulun: “Dwelling”



Sons of Bilhah  
(Rachel)

Dan:  
“Judged”

Naphtali:  
“Wrestling”



Sons of Zilpah  
(Leah)

Gad:  
“Fortune”

Asher:  
“Happy”

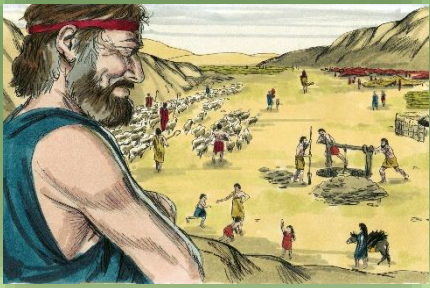


Sons of Rachel

Joseph:  
“Taken away”

Benjamin:  
“Son of the right hand”





# JACOB IS A BLESSING

“For what you had before I came was little, and it has increased to a great amount; the Lord has blessed you since my coming. And now, when shall I also provide for my own house?” (Genesis 30:30)

**Jacob was a blessing for Laban and his family. However, Jacob had nothing. Now he had to begin working for himself and his family.**

**Laban tried to trick his son-in-law again, but God didn't let him (Gn. 31:7). On the contrary, God used dreams to tell Jacob to use genetics (which he didn't know about) to evade Laban's tricks (Gn. 31:9-13).**

**Jacob didn't argue, revolt, or tried to find his own solutions. He waited on God. He left Laban's house for Canaan only when God told him to do so (Genesis 31:3).**



**“Men whom God favored, and to whom He entrusted great responsibilities, were sometimes overcome by temptation and committed sin, even as we at the present day strive, waver, and frequently fall into error. Their lives, with all their faults and follies, are open before us, both for our encouragement and warning.”**

**E. G. W. (Patriarchs and Prophets, cp. 21, p. 238)**