



## **Genesis**

### **ISAAC/ISHMAEL AND JACOB/ESAU**

#### **Genesis 25:12-34**

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Reminder of the “toledot” divisions of Genesis --- translation:  
“This is the account of . . .” (See 25:12; 25:19)

#### **DEATH OF ISHMAEL (Genesis 25:12-18)**

“His twelve princes, notable in their times, but not in the history of salvation; his restless experience no pilgrimage but an end in itself; his nonconformism a habit of mind, not a light to the nations.”

-Derek Kidner, Genesis

#### **ISAAC: The Bridge Patriarch**

Isaac was the Son of Promise. However, in the actual narrative, he serves as the “bridge” between the Grandfather (Abraham) and the Grandson (Jacob), the two chief figures in the patriarchal narrative material in Genesis.

#### **BIRTH OF ESAU AND JACOB (Genesis 25:19-26)**

#### **RIVALRY BETWEEN ESAU AND JACOB**

- “Jostling” in the womb!
- Two nations
- Older will serve the younger
- Esau (hairy) and Jacob (deceiver/trickster)
- Isaac and Rebekah - favoritism

## THE BIRTHRIGHT

- Jacob's plot
- Esau's shortsightedness

## NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES

- Romans 9:10-13
- Hebrews 12:16