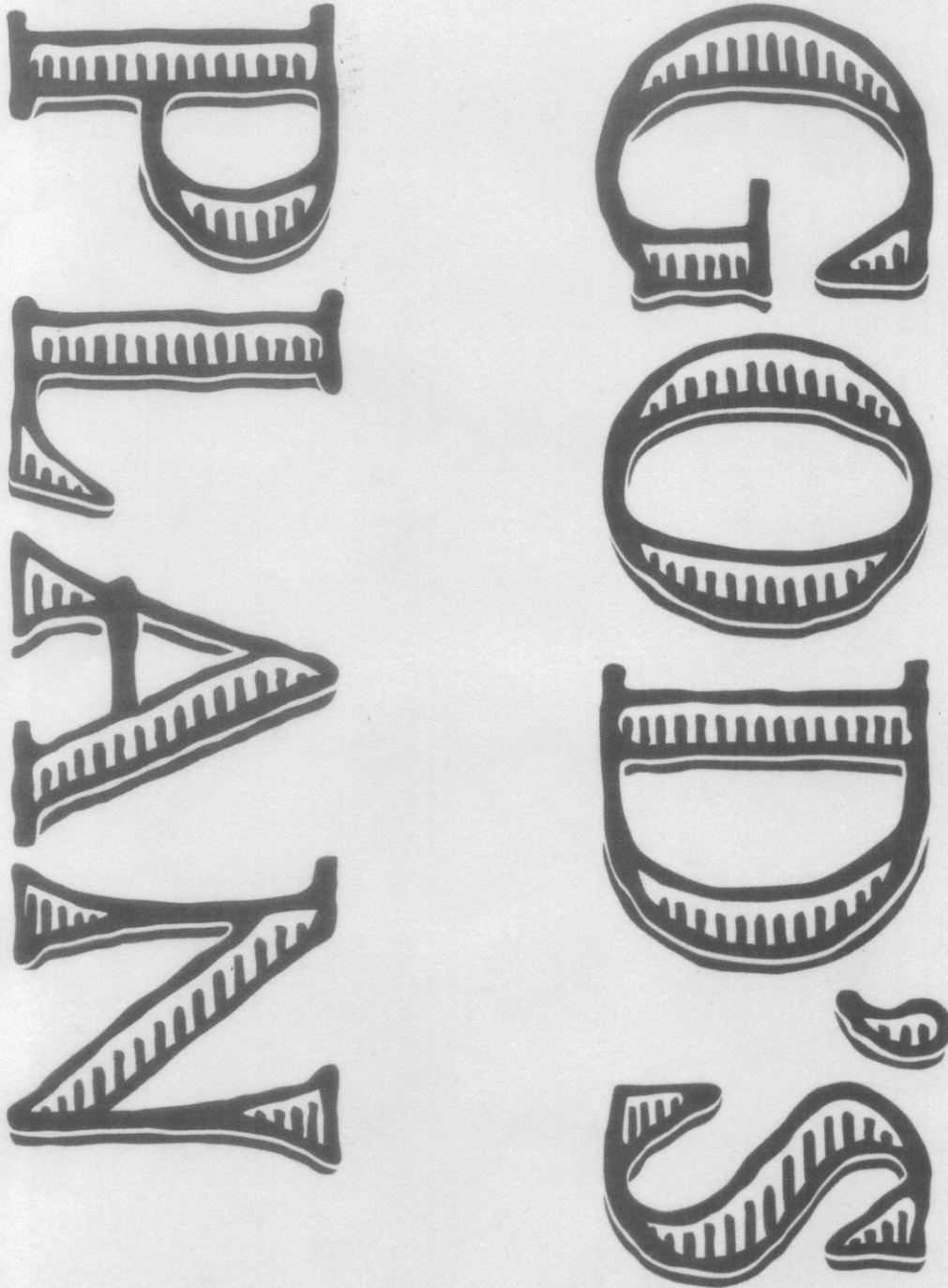


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Unit 2, Lesson 3
Jacob and Esau
(Genesis 25; 27-28)

Broken Puzzle: Side 2

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Jacob and Esau

(Genesis 25:19-28, 27-28)

What has happened so far that we need to remember?

God made a covenant (or a promise) with Abraham that he would have many children, and that he would start many nations, and most importantly, God would be with him and with all these nations.

God promised that He could fulfill all His promises, even in the middle of overwhelming odds. God has a plan for His people and could work through all of their flaws and mistakes. And this precious promise He made would be passed down to every child.

Through the years, God continued to prove what He said He would do, and all this led to Abraham having a son named Isaac.

And that's where our story begins. Isaac, who is now grown up, has married a girl named Rebekah.

Now, Rebekah seemed unable to have children of her own, but Isaac had learned from his father, Abraham, that if he prayed to God, He might answer his prayer. Well, God answered Isaac's prayer and his wife became pregnant, and not just with one baby but with twins!

But something strange was happening, her babies were moving around so much! She was worried about how they were moving inside her so she went to God with her worry.

God told Rebekah that she had two children in her womb and that these two peoples within her were very different from one another. One of your children will lead a group of people that is stronger than the other and the oldest child will serve the younger one."

When the twins were born, the first and oldest boy to be born was named Esau because he was so hairy. Then the other twin was born with his hand on Esau's heel! So they called him Jacob (meaning "grabber").

As the boys grew older they liked doing different things. Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among

the tents. Isaac favored Esau while Rebekah favored Jacob.

One day Jacob made some of his delicious stew that everyone liked. Esau had been out early in the morning hunting and he was very hungry. As soon as Esau got home he asked Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of your stew, I'm starving!" Jacob replied, "First give me your birthright." Jacob and Esau's family believed that the oldest child should receive double of all the things they would leave behind after they died (this was the birthright). Things like money and the farm with all the animals.

So instead of keeping his birthright, Esau could only think of how hungry he was and he said, "You can have my birthright just please GIVE ME SOME FOOD!"

As time passed, Isaac grew much older. By then, he wasn't able to see anymore. He wanted to give his oldest son Esau his blessing before he died. This blessing was the special promise that God promised to his grandfather Abraham, and then to his father Isaac.

Now Isaac loved the food that Esau hunted. So he told Esau to go hunt and prepare a special meal for him and then he would give him his blessing.

However, Rebekah overheard Isaac talking to Esau and she had another plan. she went to her son Jacob and said, "Listen carefully and do what I tell you. Go to the flock and get me two young goats. Pick the best. I'll prepare them into a hearty meal, the kind that your father loves. Then you'll take it to your father, he'll eat and give you the blessing instead of Esau."

But Jacob replied, "But mom, Esau is a hairy man. What if dad touches me and realizes that I'm tricking him?"

His mother said to him, "Don't worry you can wear Esau's clothes and we'll put the goat hair on your hands and neck so he'll never know."

So they did just that, and Jacob went to see his father pretending to be Esau.

"Hello father," Jacob said.

"Hello, and who is this?" His father asked.

"It is me, Esau. I have brought you the food you wanted so that you can give me my blessing." Jacob lied.

"Come closer so I can touch you and know that you are really my oldest son, Esau" said his father. So Jacob went to Isaac and he felt his hands and said, "You sound just like Jacob but your hands are just like Esau. Are you really Esau?" And Jacob replied, "I am."

So Isaac ate and when he was finished he asked, "Come and kiss me." Since Jacob was wearing Esau's clothes, his father believed that he was with Esau and he gave the blessing to Jacob. Just as Jacob was walking away, Esau entered the tent with the food he had prepared for his father.

His father asked, "Who are you?"

"It's me, your son Esau. I'm here to get my blessing," said Esau confused.

"I just gave you your blessing." Isaac started to realize what had happened. "Twice now Jacob has tricked me: first, he took my birthright and now he's taken my blessing."

Then Rebekah told Jacob he had better run and go to Haran, where her brother Laban lived. She instructed him to stay there until his brother had "cooled down." "I'll send for you when it's safe to come back home," she said.

So Jacob left Beersheba and went to a place called Haran. He camped there for the night and had a dream. A stairway was set on the ground and it reached all the way to the sky; angels were going up and going down on it.

Then God spoke, "I am God, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. I'm giving the ground on which you are sleeping to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will stretch from west to east and from north to south. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you. I'll stay with you, I'll protect you wherever you go, and I'll bring you back to this very ground. I'll stick with you until I've done everything I have promised you."

When Jacob woke up, he made God a promise: "If You stand by me and protect me on this journey on which I'm setting out, providing food and clothing, and bring me back in one piece to my father's house, You will be my God."