

Expect Blessing to Require Waiting **Genesis 35:21-36:43**

Jacob's sons listed—Reuben's offense is highlighted. 35:21-26

- Different motivations can be suggested for Reuben's sexual deviance here. Consider Reuben's mother, Rachel's death, and Bilhah's position in the family.
- Why do we hear no rebuke by Jacob? See 49:1-4, I Chron. 5:1.

Isaac passes away and is buried by Jacob and Esau. 35:27-29

Isaac's death is listed here, but he lives well past the time when Joseph is taken off to Egypt. Isaac will die around 10 years before Jacob himself goes to live in Egypt. Consider what all Isaac will miss out on.

Esau's descendants listed—Chiefs & Kings are highlighted. 36:1-43

- Esau controlled Seir (32:3,6), but his complete move east to Seir came later for the same reason Lot moved east back in 13:5ff.
- Obvious progress and success is seen with Esau's descendants. Note the comparison in 36:31 and repetition of *Esau is Edom* (5x).
- Consider Esau's blessing versus Jacob's: 27:38-40/27:29,35:11,12

How might Edom's success be a cause of concern?

What does all this suggest about God's blessings and expectations for us?

