

Intro:

EP: *As a result of all their sins, Jacob is sent away from his covenant family to find a wife on his own and live a life of separation and sorrow. Observe God's grace, but also that for sins in this life,*

HP: *There will be consequences.*

Move 1: *Leaving Esau's wild and angry heart unchecked causes Jacob's departure.*

Vs. 41: "hated" lit. "bear grudge". Remember Lev. 19:18. Hate plotted murder. Notice rather than take responsibility for his wrong works, he blames his brother: vs. 36 (25:34). Esau's evil brooding is the beginning of his brother being sent away.

Move 2: *Rebekah's manipulation causes her to lose her favorite son.*

Vs. 46: manipulates Isaac again to send Jacob away. Vs. 45: says does not want to lose both sons.

Vs. 44: expects to only lose Jacob for a while. But Jacob serves Laban for 21 years. Likely, Rachel is dead when he finally returns and sees Isaac in 35:27. Buries father with Esau in 35:29; no mention of Rebekah. Likely, Rachel never saw Jacob again.

Move 3: *Jacob's lies indeed led to a cursed life on this earth.*

Jacob is tricked after seven years of servicing Laban and spends 14 years in total to be able to marry Rachel: leads to family feuding and sons who constantly grieve him. The only patriarch to die outside the Promised Land.

Jacob's summary of his life: *The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.* (Gen 47:9)

Move 4: *Isaac's plotting led to his agreeing to risk the promised Son.*

Vs. 2: sends Jacob on his own w/o servants/caravan of camels; dangerous trip. Abraham insisted never to take such a risk with Isaac: 24:3-4. Isaac willing to try and clean up the mess he created by favoring Esau. Risks not only his son's life, but the line of the Son of Abraham.

Re-blesses to comfort his son who is surely sad and scared. But also to reassure himself that God was able to make this right: vs. 3: "God Almighty", El Shaddai of Gen. 17: most powerful. Vs. 4: restates the blessing is the one given to Jacob's grandfather to trust it is bigger than both of them.

God's grace can/does overcome your sins. You cannot lose your salvation. But you can forfeit earthly blessings during your sojourn for disobeying God's revelation.

Conclusion:

HP: *There will be consequences.*