

THE LIVES OF THE PROPHETS JACOB

GENESIS 49:1

1 ¶ And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

GENESIS 49:2

2 Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

GENESIS 49:10

10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

GENESIS 49:13

13 ¶ Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.

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GENESIS 25:23

23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

GENESIS 25:24

24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

GENESIS 25:25

25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

GENESIS 25:26

26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

GENESIS 25:27

27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

Scripture says Nimrod "was a mighty hunter before the LORD" (Gen 10:9). His life was one of rebellion against God, for he started the kingdom of Babel (Gen 10:10).

David said of Saul who was seeking to kill David, "Thou huntest my soul to take it" (1 Sam 24:11).

Another Scripture text says, "The adulteress will hunt for the precious life" (Prov 6:26).

Micah describes evil men as those who "lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net" (Mic 7:2).

So "hunter" in our text not only speaks of Esau as a hunter of wild game, but it also speaks symbolically of the pernicious, godless character of Esau.

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27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

Esau was a "man of the field." The phrase "man of the field" describes something more than just an outdoorsman.

This phrase, like the term "hunter," is often used symbolically in the Scripture for the world of evil men.

This phrase describes **"a man roving about everywhere"**.

GENESIS 4:11

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

GENESIS 4:12

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a ***VAGABOND** shalt thou be in the earth.

VAGABOND: nuwd {nood}

to shake, waver, wander, move to and fro, flutter, to move to and fro, wander (aimlessly), to waver, wave, shake

GENESIS 4:16

16 ¶ And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of ***NOD**, on the east of Eden.

NOD: Nowd {node}

"wandering", land to which Cain fled or wandered after the murder of Abel

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E-23.....We know Cain had the mark. Then what was the sign of the resurrection? That's what the church is signed by today, the sign of the Holy Spirit that Christ is not dead but He raised from the dead and taken in the church. See, sealing His church, there it begins right them two--two boys right there in the garden of Eden, right outside the garden.

The mark of the beast... A wanderer, a fugitive, don't know where he's going, don't know where he's--where he--what he knows, don't know what he does want. He's a fugitive.

GENESIS 25:27

27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

But the Hebrew word translated "plain" in our text certainly does not mean "plain" in that sense of today.

The Hebrew word translated "plain" appears some 14 times in the Old Testament. Nine times it is translated "perfect," twice it is translated "undefiled," and once it is translated "upright."

The word refers to the character of one's walk.

As an example, the word translated "plain" is translated "perfect" three times in regards to Job, and each time it is used with the word "upright" (Job 1:1,8; 2:3).

God used the word in speaking to Satan about Job; and it is very evident in the context that God is using it to describe the righteousness of Job's behavior, not the simplicity of Job's personality.

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27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

GENESIS 25:28

28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

GENESIS 25:29

29 ¶ And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

GENESIS 25:30

30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

Red pottage; red by the infusion of lentiles, or saffron, or some other things of that colour. The word is doubled in the Hebrew text, to show how vehemently he desired it.

GENESIS 25:31

31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

THY BIRTHRIGHT.

The birthright in the family of Abraham implied

- (1) succession to the earthly inheritance of Canaan;
- (2) possession of the covenant blessing transmitted through the paternal benediction; and
- (3) lineage of the promised seed.

Under the Mosaic Law the privileges of the firstborn were clearly defined.

They involved succession to:

- (1) the official authority of the father;
- (2) a double portion of the father's property; and
- (3) the functions of the domestic priesthood

GENESIS 25:32

32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

GENESIS 25:33

33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

GENESIS 25:34

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

