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BIBLE LESSONS.
STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.—GENESIS.

First Quarter.
Lesson XI. March 13. Gen. 28: 10-32.

JACOB AT BETHEL.
GOLDEN TEXT
Safely the Lord is in this place.—Gen. 28: 16.

Abraham lived 50 years after the last verse. Sarah died at the age of 127, and was buried in the Cave of Machpelah, at Hebron. Abraham married Keturah, and had several children by her. He died a c. 1821, aged 175, and was buried beside Sarah.

Isaac was 117 years old at this time (or 117, according to the common chronology). I. THE TWIS BROTHERS. Jacob and Esau, the twin sons of Isaac and Rebekah, were born a c. 1838, when Isaac was 60 years old. Their characters were very different. Esau, the elder, was a mighty hunter. He was a worldly, sensual, adventurous, but without a brave, good-natured, and jovial man, ready for any sport or pleasure, no matter at what cost, and to break, in a jolly, rollicking way, every commandment in the Decalogue. Jacob was a plain farmer, but he inherited from his mother a tendency to sharp practices. He knew by instinct the best end of a bargain. He was a natural-born business man, a splendid talent when joined with conscientious integrity. The selling and buying of the birthright, when both were young men, 25 years old, is an illustration of their characters.

II. THE CONTEST OVER THE BIRTHRIGHT BLESSING. At least 25 years before the event to-day's lesson, when those two men were about 32 years old, Isaac, coming from a hunting expedition in a faint state, sold his birthright to his brother for a mess of red pottage.

Many years pass away, and Isaac, being old, proposed to confer the birthright blessing. Of course Isaac knew nothing of the sale, as neither party would like to confess it to him. But Rebekah, with the shrewdness of her family, devised a plan by which to deceive her blind and aged husband, and obtain the birthright blessing for her favorite son, Jacob. While Esau was fasting for venison for the birthright blessing, Rebekah disguised Jacob, by covering his smooth hands and neck with goat's hair, to resemble the hairy Esau; and, with two kids cooked like venison, he comes before his blind father, in the name of Esau, and receives the birthright blessing.

III. THE FLIGHT FROM HOME. Ver. 10. Esau naturally was very angry, on account of his loss and the deception practised upon him. Rebekah and Jacob, conscious of wrong, were afraid that the lawless Esau might murder his brother. They planned, therefore, that Jacob should escape to Padan-Aram, to his uncle Laban, on the pretext of obtaining a wife from among his kindred. The distance was about 450 miles. It was a long, dreary, dangerous journey.

IV. THE PILLOW OF STONES. Ver. 11. Lighted upon a certain place. It was near Bethel, about 20 miles from Hebron, and Jacob was probably two or three days on the journey. And he took of the stones of that place and put them for his pillows. It was no hardship for Jacob to take a stone for a pillow; the Syrians and Palestinians do it every night.

V. THE VISION. Ver. 12. And he dreamed, and beheld a ladder set up on the earth. A visible symbol to Jacob that communication was open between earth and heaven; and that his prayers had gone up to God, and answers, promises, strength, comfort, protection were coming down from God to him. We take the term, in its common sense, of "a ladder" in the common acceptance, a towering elevation, as of several mountain peaks east up and heaped together in one, with broken irregular sides, composed of ledges of rocks serving as steps or stairs, by which it might be ascended to the top.

VI. GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM CONFIRMED TO JACOB. Ver. 13. And he beheld the Lord stood above it, governing and controlling all, the centre and object of all. I am the Lord God of Abraham. The God who had made a covenant with Abraham and his seed. To thee will I give it. The promises should be fulfilled through him.

15. Behold I am with thee, and will keep thee, etc. I will direct, help, and support thee in a peculiar manner. Why should we not, as the spiritual seed of Jacob, catch a gleam of refreshing light from this assurance as we pass along? Against his fourfold cross here is a fourfold comfort: (1) Against the loss of his friends, "I will be with thee." (2) Of his riches, "I will give thee this land." (3) Against his poverty, "Thou shalt spread abroad to the east, west, etc." (4) His solitariness; angels shall attend thee, and "thy seed shall be as the dust," etc.

VII. JACOB OVERCOMES HIS LIFE TO GOD. Ver. 14. Surely the Lord is in this place, and I know it not. God is often near us when we do not expect him. We see the clouds of sorrow, and do not realize how near the sun is, shining on the other side. The burden, the care, the trial are often held so near our eyes that we do not see that God is revealing himself in them.

19. And he called the name of that place Bethel. This is the house of God. 20. And Jacob bowed a knee. Saying, If God will be with me, this is not my way condition with God, for this is only a frontal of the promise, and is more properly rendered, *since-inasmuch as*. It is a reverent, all the day of my life.

21. Then shall the Lord Jehovah, the covenant God be with me, and I will overcome all, and forsake all the idolatries and superstitions of the surrounding heathen; I will acknowledge, worship, and cleave to Jehovah alone, having no other God before him, and serving him in my own person and in my family, faithfully and reverently, all the days of my life.

22. And this stone, which I have set up, shall be God's house. He will dedicate this place to God's worship. And I will surely give the tenth unto thee. This is one share of all his earnings, given to God in acknowledgment of his allegiance, just as men pay taxes to the government which they belong. God's kingdom needs money, as do earthly kingdoms. The taxes not only show allegiance, but bind the people closer to their country. They have a part in all that is done. The same is true of what we give to God. We do not know what Jacob gave it to God, but probably in sacrifices, tithes, and to the poor.

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