

Lesson I.

JACOB AND ESAU

April 6, 1913

Genesis 27 : 22-34. Study Genesis 25 : 27-34 ; 27 : 1-45. Read Genesis, chs. 25-27. *Commit to memory vs. 33, 34.

GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord is a God of judgment : blessed are all they that wait for him.—Isaiah 30 : 18.

22 And Ja'cob went near unto I'saac his father ; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Ja'cob's voice, but the hands are the hands of E'sau.

23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother E'sau's hands : so he blessed him.

24 And he said, Art thou my very son E'sau ? And he said, I am.

25 And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat : and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And his father I'saac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

27 And he came near and kissed him : and he smelt the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed :

28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine :

Revised Version—And God ; * peoples ; * every one ; * an exceeding great and bitter. *Omit had ; * he ; * Who then is he ; * Omit when ;

LESSON PLAN

- I. Jacob's Lie, 22-26.
- II. Isaac's Blessing, 27-29.
- III. Esau's Lament, 30-34.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—Isaac's request, Gen. 27 : 1-10. T.—Practising deception, Gen. 27 : 11-21. W.—Jacob and Esau, Gen. 27 : 22-29. Th.—Jacob and Esau, Gen. 27 : 30-40. F.—Jacob's flight, Gen. 27 : 41-45. S.—Esau selling his birthright, Gen. 25 : 27-34. S.—Wisdom's warning, Prov. 6 : 12-19.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 51. *What is forbidden in the second commandment ?* A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

The Question on Missions—(Second Quarter, MACKAY AND FORMOSA).—1. What do we know about the history of Formosa ? Formosa, has been known to the Chinese for many centuries. In the seventeenth century, the Dutch took possession of the island, but

29 Let * people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee : be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee : cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

30 And it came to pass, as soon as I'saac had made an end of blessing Ja'cob, and Ja'cob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of I'saac his father, that E'sau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 And he also * had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and * said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

32 And I'saac his father said unto him, Who art thou ? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn E'sau.

33 And I'saac trembled very exceedingly, and said, * Who ? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me and I have eaten of a before thou camest, and have blessed him ? yea, and he shall be blessed.

34 And * when E'sau heard the words of his father, he cried with * a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

were driven out by the Chinese pirate chief, Koxinga, in 1662. From 1683 to 1895 Formosa was under Chinese, and since 1895, under Japanese, rule.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 474 (Supplemental Lesson), 3, 11, 33 (Ps. Sel.), Ps. Sel. 7 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 251.

Special Scripture Reading—1 John 3 : 10-18. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.) It is expected that each scholar will have his or her Bible, and so be prepared to take part in this reading, which may form part of the opening exercises of the School.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 440, Isaac Blesses Jacob. For Question on Missions, F. 11, Map Showing Position of Formosa in Relation to China. (These Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, Weston, Ont., at \$2.00 a dozen.)

Stereograph—For Lesson, Hebron, the Home of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Underwood & Underwood, Dept. D., 62 Adelaide St. East, Toronto), set of 11 stereographs for this Quarter's Lessons, \$1.84. Four for April, 67c.; less than four in one order, 20c. each ; stereoscopes, 85c. (postage paid in all cases). In ordering please mention THE TEACHERS MONTHLY.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

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Time and Place—A few years after the date of Lesson XII., March 23 ; Beersheba.

Connecting Links—Ch. 25 : 1-26 enumerates the sons of Abraham by Keturah, tells of Abraham's death and burial, gives an account of Ishmael's descendants and his death, and then relates the birth to Isaac and Rebekah of twin sons, Esau and Jacob.

Esau, by reason of his priority of birth, was heir to the headship of the family, and all the privileges it entailed ; but Jacob tricked him into selling his birthright. Ch. 25 : 27-34.

The story of Isaac's sojourn in Gerar is told in ch. 26.

Vs. 1-21 describe Rebekah's proposal to Jacob of a plan to secure from Isaac a confirmation of the bargain previously made with Esau.

I. Jacob's Lie, 22-26.

Vs. 22, 23. *Jacob* ; means, "one who catches by the heel," "a supplanter." (See ch. 25 : 27-34 for a reason why this was a fitting name.) *Went near* ; to Isaac, now old and blind. *He felt him* ; to set at rest his doubts excited by the two circumstances : (1) that the meat had been found so quickly (v. 20) ; (2) that the voice was like that of Jacob. Since Esau was "a hairy man,"

*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Leaflets are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. Their recitation leads to the obtaining of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.