

The Life and Times of Isaac

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Isaac was the child of promise –

Promised to Abraham in his old age (Gen.15:1-6)

Named 'Isaac' by the Lord (Gen. 17:19)

Born when Abraham was 100 (Gen.21:1-5)

Sarah's laughter of unbelief (Gen.18:9-15) was turned to joy at his birth (Gen. 21:6).

Isaac means 'laughter'

A Bride for Isaac - Genesis Ch. 24

Rebekah was the bride of Abraham's faith –

She was the bride of prayer.

She was willing to go to a man she had not met!

She brought comfort to Isaac after his mother's death.

Isaac was 40 years old when he married her (Gen. 25:20)

They are a faint picture of Christ and His Church

Isaac in the Land

- Laying the groundwork for grief -

Favourites in the family, children of their old age!

(Gen. 25:21-28)

Isaac was 60 when Jacob and Esau were born, Isaac loved Esau, Rebekah loved Isaac.

Gen. 25:20-34.

Esau despised his birthright – Jacob coveted it (Heb. 12:15-17)

Promises & Prosperity

Gen.26:1-5.

The promises the Lord made to Abraham were renewed to Isaac.

Gen.26:6-11.

Like his father, he lied about his wife.

Gen. 26:12-33

He prospered in the land and dug again the wells his father had dug. **Recovering truth!**

Gen.26:34-35

Esau's choice of a wife caused grief (Gen.28:8-9)

Isaac deceived in old age

Gen. 27:1-29. At Rebekah's instigation, Jacob (supplanter) deceived his father and stole the birthright – the Abrahamic promises!

Gen.27:30-40. Esau's unavailing remorse. He had despised the promises of God that Jacob valued (Heb.12:14-17).

Gen. 27:41. The hatred of Esau (Edom) for Jacob (Israel).

In God's plan Jacob had the promises. But it is a serious mistake to pre-empt God.

The cost of duplicity

Gen. 27:46; 28:1-5. Rebekah again intervened – to move Abraham to send Jacob away to find a wife.

She died before Jacob returned 20 years later.

Her intrigue and Jacob's duplicity came at a price.

The lesson – waiting on God and waiting for God!

Gen. 35:27-29. The death of Isaac at 180 yrs.