

**Double Trouble (Genesis 25)**

**Introduction**

- What does God promise Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3?
- In whom is that promise ultimately fulfilled?
- Which of Abraham's sons would the line of promise run through according to Genesis 21:12?

**i Protection**

- Who are we told about in v1-4?
- What does Abraham do in v5-6?
- Why does he do that?
- What does Abraham do in v7-10?
- What is significant about where he is buried?
- What happens in v11?
- What is ominous about the way the list of Ishmael's descendants ends in v12-18?
- What problem do Isaac and Rebekah face in v19-21?
- What is that like?
- How do we see faith in Isaac here?
- What is the repeated theme of this section?
- Why does this matter?
- What should you do the next time you are in a tight spot?
- Which New Testament verse shows that Jesus protects the church?

## ii Election

- What do we learn about Esau and Jacob in v22-26?
- What does God reveal in v23?
- Which New Testament passage picks up on this?
- List three other New Testament passages which talk about the doctrine of election.

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- Does God choose people on the basis of anything in them?
- How do Esau and Jacob illustrate that?
- What should the doctrine of election do to us?

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## iii Gratification

- Describe the grown-up Esau and Jacob according to v27.
- What mistake do Isaac and Rebekah make in v28?
- What does Esau want in v29-30, and what does Jacob want in v31?
- What is a “birthright” and why does it matter here?
- What does Esau do in v32-34?
- What does Hebrews 12:16 call this?
- How might we replay this same attitude?
- What do you need to do if you can see this sort of godlessness in yourself?
- What do you need to do if you have never come to the Lord?