

THE STORIES OF ISAAC AND JACOB IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS¹

The Birthright (Genesis 25–28)

- 25.21-26 The births of Esau and Jacob
- 25.27-34 Esau sells his birthright for a bowl of lentil soup
- 26.1-35 Isaac passes his wife off as his sister
- 27.1-45 Jacob cheats Esau of his blessing
- 28.1-9 The wives of Esau
- 28.10-22 Jacob's dream at Bethel

Jacob in Aram (Genesis 29–31)

- 29.1-35 Jacob marries the daughters of Laban
- 30.1-24 The sons of Jacob
- 30.25–43 Jacob prepares to leave Laban
- 31.1-55 Flight from Aram and covenant with Laban
- 32.1-2 Encounter with angels at Mahanaim

Jacob and Esau Meet (Genesis 32-33)

- 32.3-21 Preparation for meeting Esau
- 32.22-32 Struggle with God at the River Jabbok
- 33.1-26 Meeting Esau

Jacob in the Land of Promise (Genesis 34-36)

- 34.1-31 The Rape of Dinah and Shechem
- 35.1-15 Pilgrimage to Bethel
- 35.16-20 Death of Rachel and the birth of Benjamin
- 35.21-22 Reuben's sin
- 35.23-29 Genealogy and death of Isaac
- 36.1-42 Genealogy of Esau

¹ Based on Claus Westermann, *Handbook of the Old Testament* (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1976), 40-49.