

(I) FATHER-SON RELATIONSHIP

1. Isaac-Jacob

a) First and only description of a father-son relationship (Genesis 28:1)

b) Context: Choice of a spouse (Genesis 28:2)

i) Not among the Canaanites

ii) From the family of Laban

2. Prayer of Blessing (personal)

a) Key word “May”

b) Blessing (general) (Genesis 28:3a)

c) Blessing (specific) (Genesis 28:3-4)

(essentially... The Abrahamic covenant blessing)

i) Fruitfulness (Genesis 28:3b)

ii) Multiplication...An assembly of peoples (Genesis 28:3c)

iii) Continuation... the blessing of Abraham (Genesis 28:4a)

iv) Descendants to be blessed (Genesis 28:4b)

v) Inheritance of the land (Genesis 28:4c)

(II) JACOB’S DEPARTURE

1. He left after this prayer of blessing

2. No information of how he responded to Isaac’s prayer of blessing

3. He obeyed (Genesis 28:7)

(III) ESAU’S THIRD MARRIAGE

1. He saw how his father had prayed for Jacob

2. He wanted to please his father

3. His take on why Isaac blessed Jacob

Because his choice of wives displeased Isaac (Genesis 28:8a)

4. Decision:

Esau married a third wife (Genesis 28:9)

a) Mahalath

b) Daughter of Ishmael

c) Ishmael was an offspring of Abraham and Hagar