

Jacob Is Chosen by God



CHAPTER 7 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 7**.

God had told Isaac's wife, Rebekah, that her favorite son Jacob was his chosen one. Jacob would play a special role in the life of his people.

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Jacob had a dream about a stairway from the ground to heaven while in Bethel. In the dream, the promises God had made to Abraham were renewed to Jacob.

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Whoever received the birthright in Isaac's family would also become a Patriarch of God's Chosen People.

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Jacob fell in love with his uncle Laban's daughter Rachel. However, Jacob was tricked into marrying Rachel's sister Leah. He worked another seven years in order to marry Rachel.

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Even though Jacob was the chosen one, he and Rebekah did not trust in God's choice. First Jacob persuaded Esau to sell his birthright. Then Rebekah and Jacob fooled Isaac by having Jacob pretend to be Esau.

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While traveling, Jacob stopped to pray, and a stranger appeared. Jacob wrestled the stranger until dawn, even hurting his hip in the struggle. The stranger gave Jacob the name Israel.

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Esau wanted to kill his brother for stealing his birthright. To save her favorite son from his brother, Rebekah sent Jacob to live in Haran with his uncle Laban.

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Jacob had 12 sons, from whom came the 12 tribes of Israel.

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Your baptismal name is a sign of your mission to continue Christ's life and work.

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