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## Class Notes: Monday, 2-27-06

- S-2: God gave Rebecca twins → 2 Nations
- S-2: Jacob tricks Isaac and cheats Esau out of blessing
- S-2: Esau sells Jacob his birthright
- S-3: It was accepted to marry within your Kin
- S-3: Rebecca helps Jacob and has him go to her brother's house
- S-4: Jacob agrees to serve Laban 20 yrs. For Rachel, Leah, livestock
- S-10: Jacob's final blessing to his 12 sons
- S-5: Jacob conceives w/ Rachel's Maid
- S-4: God's covenant to Jacob
- S-8: God wrestles Jacob and changes his name to Israel

What was thought of Jacob tricking Isaac and Esau?

- Not good in terms of trust within family
- Broader sense, it helped Jacob b/c he was weaker; Esau was strong and would do/and become great things
- Trickery, deceit

Jacob and God  
-Chosen One  
-Tested  
-Wrestles God

vs.

Abraham and God  
-Chosen One  
-Tested  
-Told to sacrifice Son

Jacob wrestles God:

- Worthy person, able to encounter God
- Foundation of Israel
- Jacob Prevails => shows he and his descendents were worthy of rule
- God sucker punches him

As Esau, would you accept Jacob?

- YES
  - 20yrs. Of growth and maturity
  - Esau was well established and powerful
- If Esau would have killed Jacob that would have gone against the promise of God
- Esau was obligated under power of God

Genesis 34:

- Dinah is raped and brothers seek revenge and kill Shechem and all.
- “Should our sister be treated like a whore?”

- Joseph is born to Rachel and is chosen one
- Biggest blessing at end
- Rachel was barren, Leah was fertile