

Genesis

Tracking Christ from the Beginning - Faithfulness and Faith

“Moses . . . he wrote about Me.” Jesus, John 5:46 (also, Luke 24:44)

Genesis 25:12-31:55, *generations (toldot)* of Ishmael and Isaac (portion, whole to 35:29).

Testing, Trials, Suffering and Growth (review)

- Types – 1) “tribulation, affliction” Romans 5:3;
2) “testing/tempting of faith,” James 1:2-4, 12-13; 1 Peter 1:6-7; Matt 6:13; Luke 4:13; 3) “discipline,” Heb 12:4-11.
- Growth – same end results: “perseverance, proven character,” “endurance . . . perfect (mature)” “peaceful fruit of righteousness.”
- Perspective – 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, “momentary, light” and result in “eternal weight of glory,” also, Rom 8:17-18, no comparison to the glory to come.



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". . . let those also who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to a faithful Creator . . ." 1 Peter 4:19 NASB

Summary of Events, 25:12-31:55

- **Chapter 25:12-18** – generations (toldot) of Ishmael; “he settled in defiance of all his relatives.”
- **Chapter 25:19-34** – generations (toldot) of Isaac; births of Jacob and Esau; Esau sells birthright; *read 19-34, especially notice 23, 28, 34.*
- **Chapter 26** – thumbnail of Isaac’s life- promises renewed, blessing and trouble in Gerar and Beersheba, *read 3-5, 24*; covenant with Abimelech, king of Philistines.
- **Chapter 27** – Jacob gets Isaac’s blessing, too; *read 27-29*; priest/prophet of family, blessing given “by faith,” Hebrews 11:20.
- **Chapter 28** – Jacob blessed by Isaac and God; dream at Bethel, renewal of promises, *read 13-15, 19.*
- **Chapter 29:1-30:24** – Jacob in Paddan-aram- Jacob is deceived now, himself, and marries, *read 20, 30*; competition of Leah and Rachel for children (29:31-30:24).
- **Chapter 30:25-31:55** – Jacob in Paddan-aram- prosperity and friction with uncle and cousins, “So he fled with all that he had” (31:21 NASB); covenant with Uncle Laban.

Truth, Truthfulness

- Ephesians 4:25-26
- Proverbs 4:24
- John 14:6

