

Why Did God Choose Jacob?

Study 15

A. The Birth of Jacob and Esau. (Gen.25:19-23)

1. The narrative beginning at Genesis 25:19 begins to record what happened to whom? _____
2. Why did Isaac pray to the LORD? (Gen. 25:21)? _____

3. How did the LORD answer him? (Gen. 25:21)? _____

4. What happened while Rebekah was pregnant (Gen. 25:22)? _____

5. What did Rebekah do about it? (Gen. 25:22)? _____

6. How did God answer her (Gen. 25:23)?
 - a. Two _____ are in your womb.
 - b. Two _____ from within you will be separated.
 - c. One people will be _____ than the other.
 - d. The _____ will serve the _____.
7. Discussion question? Was this fair?

B. The New Testament Perspective on What God Was Doing (Romans 9:1-15)

1. [Paul](#) was an [Apostle](#) (a Sent One) of Jesus. He was the early church's greatest missionary. How would you describe [Paul's](#) emotion? (Rom. 9:1-2) _____

2. What was his wish? (Rom. 9:3) _____

3. Who are the "patriarchs," the ancestors of the Messiah (Jesus Christ) (Rom. 9:5)? (1) _____ (2) _____
(3) _____

4. For the record, the people of Israel are the descendants of which son of Isaac and Rebekah? _____
5. Throughout their history, not all Israelis follow God. And most Israelis do not believe Jesus is their Messiah. So has the Word of God failed? (Rom. 9:6a)

6. Why or why not? (Rom. 9:6b) _____
7. Are all Abraham's descendants his "children"? (Rom. 9:7a) _____
8. Why or why not? (Rom. 9:7b) _____

9. State Romans 9:8 in your own words: _____

10. What was the promise God made to Abraham? (Rom. 9:9) _____

11. What can be said about Rebekah's children? (Rom. 9:10) _____

12. God had a purpose in making a choice between Rebekah's sons (Rom. 9:11-13).
 - a. God made His choice before the twins were _____ (Rom. 9:11a).
 - b. God chose between the twins before either had done _____ or _____ (Rom. 9:11b).
 - c. God makes choices based on His own _____ (Rom. 9:11c).
 - d. God's choice is not made on the basis of anyone's _____ (Rom. 9:12a), but rather based on God's own _____ (Rom. 9:12b).
 - e. What had God told Rebekah (Rom. 9:12c)? "The _____ will serve the _____."
 - f. What is written in the Scripture? (Rom. 9:13; compare Malachi 1:1-3)
"_____ I _____, but _____ I _____."
13. Should we charge God with being unjust? Of being unfair? (Rom. 9:14)

14. What did God tell Moses? (Rom. 9:15) "I (God) will have _____ on whomever I have _____." "And I will have _____ on whomever I have _____" (Rom. 9:15; compare Exodus 33:19).

C. Thinking it Over

1. Just because your parents may love God and worship Him, is that any guarantee you will love Him and worship Him?
2. Is God unfair because some people in a family worship and serve God and others don't?
3. These passages clearly show that God chooses some people and does not choose other people.
4. Does that offend you?
5. What is the clear teaching of the Bible in John 3:16? "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that _____ believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
6. If you choose not to believe in Jesus, whose fault is that?