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**SESSION 4 | Genesis 23-50**

**I. Introduction**

A. Background

- B. Genesis 1:28: *And God blessed them*. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the flesh of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

“God chooses a special people for himself to redeem out of the world for his own glory. The main characters... are Abraham, Abraham’s son Isaac, Isaac’s son Jacob, and Jacob’s son Joseph. And that completes the book.”<sup>1</sup>

- C. Genesis 12:1-3: Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**II. Genesis 21-36: The Story of Isaac and Jacob**

A. Promises Fulfilled and Faith Tested (Genesis 21-22)

B. The Lineage of Faith Secured (Genesis 23-25)

1. Genesis 23: The Death of Sarah
2. Genesis 24: The Miraculous Provision of Rebekah
3. Genesis 25: Abraham’s Death and Descendants

C. Jacob: A Story of Trickery, Consequences and Transformation

1. Genesis 25.29-34 Esau’s indifference to God’s Kindness
2. Genesis 26: Variations on Key Abrahamic Experiences and Themes
3. Genesis 27: Rebekah and Jacob’s Deceit and Isaac’s Blessing
4. Genesis 28: Jacob and Esau’s Divergent Paths.

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<sup>1</sup> Dever, Mark. *The Message of the Old Testament*. (Wheaton, Ill: Crossway Books, 2006) 67.

## **GENESIS: The Origin of the World & the beginning of the people of God**

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5. Genesis 29-33: The Blessings of God upon Jacob
6. Genesis 34: The Defiling of Dinah and the Misuse of Circumcision
7. Genesis 35.1-14 God's blessing of Jacob at Bethel
8. Genesis 35.15-29: The Deaths of Rachel and Isaac
9. Genesis 36: Esau's Descendants

### **III. Genesis 37-50: The Story of Joseph**

- A. Joseph's Folly (1-11)
  
- B. The Brother's Unthinkable Series of Decisions (12-36)
  
- C. God's Faithfulness to Joseph and His Promises (Genesis 39-50)

### **IV. Theological Themes**

- A. God's Sovereignty
  
- B. God's Faithfulness
  
- C. God's Covenant Promises
  
- D. Sin and this Fallen World
  
- E. Living by Faith
  
- F. Our Need for a Savior

Recommended Reading: Living in the Grip of Relentless Grace by Iain Duguid  
Recommended Listening: The Life of Joseph by Sinclair Ferguson  
(SermonAudio.com)

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