

Genesis 12-36 | Do You Trust Me

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Offspring	Explanation	Examples
Natural, physical offspring	Physical descendants of Abraham	Ishmael, Isaac, sons of Keturah
Natural, yet special offspring	Physical descendants of Abraham especially tied to God's elective and saving purposes	Isaac (by extension Jacob and the entire nation of Israel)
Promised offspring	The true, unique offspring of Abraham	A distinctive line of offspring, starting earlier with Seth and continuing through Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Israel, and David, culminating in Christ (Gal. 3:16)
Spiritual offspring	Those united with Christ (the promised offspring)	Jews and Gentiles who trust in the Messiah

DISCUSSION QUESTION: (Genesis 15) How does God's covenant with Abram point forward to the New Covenant through Jesus Christ?

DISCUSSION QUESTION: (Genesis 16) How does God's response to Hagar and Ishmael reveal His care for the oppressed and those in difficult circumstances?

DISCUSSION QUESTION: (Genesis 22) What does Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac teach us about obedience and trust in God? How is the story of Abraham and Isaac a foreshadowing of God's sacrifice of His own Son, Jesus?

DISCUSSION QUESTION: (Genesis 33) What does the reconciliation between Jacob and Esau teach us about forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships? How does God's role in bringing peace between Jacob and Esau reveal His desire for harmony among His people?

How can we be in prayer for one another this week?

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