

A black and white image of a celestial scene. In the upper center, a large, cratered moon is visible against a dark, starry background. Below the moon, a planet with a visible horizon and atmospheric clouds is shown. The overall scene is dimly lit, with light rays or beams emanating from the right side, creating a dramatic, ethereal atmosphere. The text 'THE BOOK OF GENESIS' is overlaid in the center of the image.

THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

ANY LAST REQUESTS?

GENESIS 27:1-29

OR, HOW TO NOT FINISH THE RACE WELL!

- Isaac's life is winding down—he won't die for another 7 chapters—but tonight he makes a last request.
- These are his last words, if you will. You can tell a lot about where folks are by their last words.
- Were they a success in the race of faith or did they stumble across the finish line?
- Why? Did Isaac have a paradigm shift from a filling of things of the spirit to the filling of the belly?

ISAAC IN A STATE OF DECLINE, NOT CONTINUALLY BEING REFINED v. 1-4

The Christian life is really about finishing well.

- The apostle Paul made this very clear in **1 Cor. 9:24-27**.
- Paul also said much the same in **Gal. 5:7-10**.
- As well as in **2 Tim. 4:7-8** and **Heb. 12:1-2**.
- One of the repeated lessons taught in Scripture and it's tragically confirmed in the lives of people like Lot, Gideon, Samson, King Saul, and King Solomon.

A good beginning doesn't guarantee a good ending.

WHERE DID ISAAC STUMBLE?

- He put himself ahead of the Lord.
- Isaac disobeyed God's command; he did not heed the Word!
- He lived by his flesh and feelings. Isaac rejected the way of faith and depended on his flesh:
 - Taste **v. 25**
 - Touch **v. 21**
 - Hearing **v. 22**
 - Smell **v. 27**

REBEKAH: DECEPTION v. 5-17

The obedience of faith was the secret of Abraham's life (**Heb. 11:8**), but the absence of obedient faith brought trouble to Rebekah.

Where did she blow it?

- Eavesdropping **v. 5**
- Scheming **v. 6-10**
- Making vows **v. 11-17**

Plotting with Rebekah, Jacob's concern wasn't, "Is it right?" but, "Is it safe?"

JACOB: THE DEFENSE OF THE SCHEME v. 18-29

THE WEB OF LIES—one lie led to another for deception can be defended only by more deception.

- He lied about his name. **v. 18-19**
- He lied about the food and the Lord. **v. 19-20**
- He lied again about his identity and his love. **v. 21-27**
- After Isaac had eaten the meal, he asked Jacob to kiss him; and that kiss was the sixth lie for it was hypocritical.

That's no way to finish—we can do better than this!