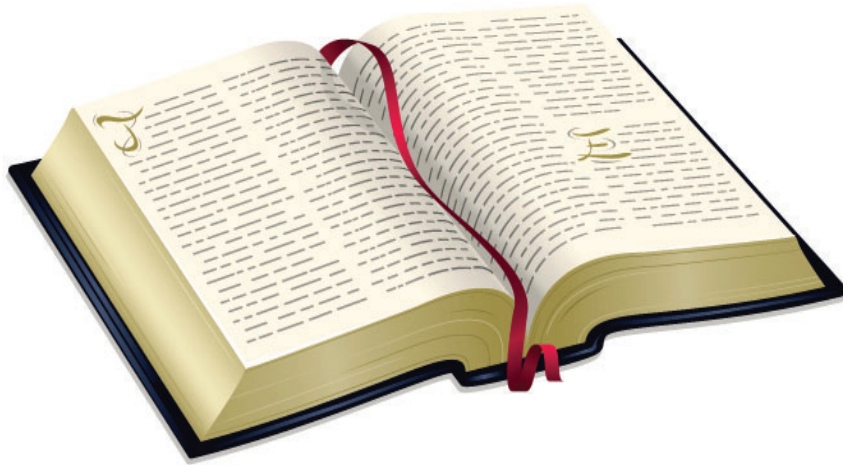


# toServe Bible Study ITB-07

## Answer Sheet - New International Version (NIV)



## In The Beginning Series

### Twelve Lesson Study on the Book of Genesis

### This Lesson - Genesis Chapter 25 - 28

Please read Genesis Chapter 25  Check

## Chapter 25

Genesis 25 records the deaths of both Abraham and Ishmael, as well as the births of Jacob and Esau, and the purchase of the most expensive bowl of stew in history.

First, though, we learn about Abraham's "other wife" Keturah. Scholars are divided about whether Abraham married Keturah before or after Sarah's death. She is listed elsewhere in the Bible as a concubine. When Sarah died, at the age of 127 (Genesis 23:1), Abraham would have been nearly 140 (Genesis 17:17). It would seem more likely, then, that Abraham took Keturah as a wife well before Sarah's death. Still, Abraham has six sons with Keturah, including Midian, who becomes the father of the Midianites. And though Abraham gave gifts to the "sons of his concubines," Genesis is quick to tell us that he gave all he had to Isaac, his sole true heir (Genesis 25:1-6).

1. (Genesis 25:1-2) Abraham took another wife named Keturah. She bore him six children, what were their names?

1. Zimran                      2. Jokshan                      3. Medan  
4. Midian                      5. Ishbak                      6. Shuah

2. (Genesis 25:5) This verse makes a point to tell us that Abraham gave everything he had to who? Isaac

3. (Genesis 25:6) Who does it say that Abraham gave gifts to?

sons of his concubines

4. (Genesis 25:7) How old was Abraham when he died? 175 years old

5. (Genesis 25:9) Who buried Abraham? Isaac and Ishmael

Where was he buried? in the cave of Machpelah

6. (Genesis 25:10) Abraham had bought this burial site for his wife Sarah.

Who did he buy it from? from the Hittites

7. (Genesis 25:11) Where did Isaac dwelt/settle/lived near after the death of Abraham?

near Beer Lahai Roi

8. (Genesis 25: 13-15) Ishmael, Abraham's son from Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maidservant had 12 sons. What were their names?

1. Nebaioth                      2. Kedar                      3. Adbee  
4. Mibsam                      5. Mishma                      6. Dumah  
7. Massa                      8. Hadad                      9. Tema  
10. Jetur                      11. Naphish                      12. Kedemah

9. (Genesis 25:17) How old was Ishmael when he died? 137 years

10. (Genesis 25:20) How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah? forty years old

11. (Genesis 25:21) Why did Isaac plead/intreated/pray to the Lord about Rebekah?

because she was childless

12. (Genesis 25:22-23) Rebekah did conceive with twins, but the children struggled together, so she went to the Lord to see why this was happening to her.

Write out how the Lord responded to her from verse 23.

“Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.”

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13. (Genesis 25:24-26) When Rebekah gave birth, she had twins, what were their names?

Esau

Jacob

Who was the first one that came out? Esau

When the second twin was born, what was he holding? hand grasping Esau’s heel

14. (Genesis 25:27) As the twin boys grew, what did Esau become skillfull/cunning at?

skillful hunter

What did Jacob mostly do? content to stay at home among the tents.

15. (Genesis 25:28) Who does it say Isaac loved? he loved Esau

Why does it say why he loved him? Isaac, who had a taste for wild game

Who does it say Rebekah loved? Rebekah loved Jacob

16. (Genesis 25:29-30) Esau came in from the field/wilderness/open country and was weary/exhausted/famished. What did he tell Jacob to do for him?

“Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!”

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17. (Genesis 25:31) How did Jacob respond to Esau on what Jacob needed to do first?

“First sell me your birthright.”

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18. (Genesis 25:32) What did Esau say would happen if Jacob did not do what Esau requested?

“Look, I am about to die,” Esau said. “What good is the birthright to me?”

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## Chapter 26

**Genesis 26** focuses on the Lord reassuring Isaac. God states that His relationship with Abraham, and its blessings, are for Isaac, as well. God appears to Isaac not once, but twice in this chapter. In both cases, the Lord restates and emphasizes the covenant promises He had made to Abraham, and is now making to Isaac.

Though Isaac lived in the land God promised to his father Abraham and his descendants, it did not mean that life in the land would be without trouble or challenge. As there was a famine in the days of Abram (Genesis 12:10), so there was a famine in Isaac's day as well.

*Now there was a famine in the land,  
and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there,  
for the famine was severe in the land.*

### **Genesis 12:10 NKJV**

1. (Genesis 26:2) What specific instructions did the Lord give Isaac when He appeared to him during the Famine?

*Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live.*

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2. (Genesis 26:3) If Isaac obeyed the command that the Lord told him in Genesis 26:2, what did he promise him in Genesis 26:3?

*Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you.*

*For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham.*

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3. (Genesis 26:5) Why did the Lord say that He was going to give all this to Isaac's descendants/offspring, that all nations on earth will be blessed?

*because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him,*

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4. (Genesis 26:7) Why did Isaac tell the men of the place that Rebekah was his sister?

*He thought, "The men of this place might kill me on account of Rebekah, because she is beautiful."*

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5. (Genesis 26:11) After Abimelech caught Isaac in the lie about Rebekah being his sister, he told Isaac, "What is this you have done to us"? One of the men might well have slept with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us." What order did Abimelech give to all the people?

"Anyone who harms this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

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6. (Genesis 26:16) Why did Abimelech tell Isaac to leave the land/country?

"Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us."

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7. (Genesis 26:17) Isaac was living in Gerar when Abimelech told him to leave. Where did he move to? Valley of Gerar

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8. (Genesis 26:19-22) Once Isaac had moved to the valley and in two different locations, they dug a well, but the herdsmen of Gerar and Isaac's herdsmen quarreled saying, "The water is ours". He moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. Why?

"Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land."

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9. (Genesis 26:23-25) When Isaac went up to Beersheba the Lord appeared to him. What was the first thing the Lord said? I am the God of your father Abraham.

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What did He tell Isaac not to do? Do not be afraid

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What did the Lord say He was going to do? I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants

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For what reason/sake? or the sake of my servant Abraham.

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After that, what did Isaac do? built an altar

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10. (Genesis 26:28-29) Abimelech came to Isaac from Gerar with Ahuzzath and Phichol the commander of his army. **In your own words** why did Abimelech come to Isaac?

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11. (Genesis 26:33) How did Isaac come up with the name Beersheba for the name of the city? He dug a well named Shibah

12. (Genesis 26:34-35) How old was Esau when he took a wife? forty years old

What was the names of the two wives Esau married and who were their fathers?

First wife: Judith Her father: Beeri the Hittite

Second wife: Basemath Her father: Elon the Hittite

How did this effect Issac and Rebekah?

They were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah

Please read Genesis Chapter 27  Check

## Chapter 27

By the end of **Genesis 27**, Isaac will have handed the family blessing down to his second-born, Jacob. This should seem unusual, since Esau is technically oldest and is entitled to that inheritance. At the start of the chapter, though, Isaac has no intention of doing so. Instead, Isaac sets out to confer the blessing on Esau, the firstborn of the two twins. Isaac is old and blind. He believes himself to be near the end of his life. The time has come to pass the blessing on (Genesis 27:1–4).

When the day comes, Isaac tells Esau to go out into the field to hunt fresh game and to prepare for him a delicious meal. When Esau returns, Isaac will eat the meal and give to Esau the blessing. Esau agrees, which is a far cry from his earlier attitude—an oath, given to Jacob, in a moment of recklessness, to sell his birthright (Genesis 25:29–34).

1. (Genesis 27:3-4) As Isaac knew he was getting near to the end of his life, what did he request that Esau do for him?

get your equipment—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country  
to hunt some wild game for me. Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and  
bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.”

2. (Genesis 27:8-29) Rebekah had heard what Isaac had asked Esau to do before he blessed him. **In your own words**, what was the skim that she told Jacob to do in order for Isaac to bless Jacob instead of Esau?

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3. (Genesis 27:31-32) What did Esau do as soon as he returned from his hunt?

prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father

What did Isaac ask of Esau when he came to him? Who are you?

What two things did Esau call himself to his father Isaac?

1. your son                      2. your firstborn

4. (Genesis 27:33-34) As Isaac trembled exceedingly/violently/uncontrollably, what did he ask Esau? “Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me?”

What does Isaac say he told the one that went hunting and brought him wild game?  
I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!”

After Esau heard this, what does he ask his father to do to him as well?

“Bless me—me too, my father!”

## What is the meaning of Genesis 27:36

Though Bible scholars are not clear about the definition from the language itself, the name “Jacob”—Ya’aqob in Hebrew—implies a “heel grabber,” or “usurper,” or “one who cheats.” This was a name given to Jacob as a result of his unusual birth: holding the heel of his older brother (Genesis 25:25–26) after a contentious pregnancy (Genesis 25:22). Esau, in his bitter disappointment about losing the blessing, describes his brother’s name as appropriate to his actions. Jacob—“the one who cheats”—really is a liar and a cheat!

As evidence, Esau points back to the moment when Jacob purchased Esau’s birthright for a bowl of stew (Genesis 25:29–34). While it’s true that Jacob took advantage of Esau’s foolish disregard for his birthright, it seems a stretch to say that Jacob cheated Esau in that instance. He was manipulative, but Esau knew exactly what was happening. In stealing the blessing, however, there’s no doubt Jacob used lies to take what Isaac did not intend to give to him.

5. (Genesis 27:37) How did Isaac answer his son Esau on what he had given Jacob?

“I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants,  
and I have sustained him with grain and new wine.”

After that, what does he ask Esau? So what can I possibly do for you, my son?”

6. (Genesis 27:38) What does Esau ask his father about blessings?

“Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!”

7. (Genesis 27:41) After the day of mourning for his father, what was Esau’s plans for Jacob? then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

8. (Genesis 27:43-44) Because of Esau’s plans for his brother Jacob, what does his mother Rebekah tell Isaac to do?

Flee at once to my brother Laban in Harran.

Stay with him for a while until your brother’s fury subsides.

## Chapter 28

**Genesis 28** is the story of Jacob leaving home to begin his journey to Mesopotamia. Based on recent events, however, it would be more accurate to describe it as fleeing from his home. Jacob's brother Esau wants to kill him for cheating him out of Isaac's blessing (Genesis 27:41). No mention is made of that in this chapter, but this is the context driving Jacob's flight.

Isaac calls Jacob before him. Apparently, he has made some level of peace with Jacob's deception. Since Rebekah has appealed to Isaac to send him away (Genesis 27:46), it's possible that Jacob needed more convincing, not yet understanding just how angry his brother Esau really was. Isaac commands Jacob to go to Rebekah's brother's household in Paddan-aram to find a wife. Under no circumstances should Jacob marry a local Canaanite woman (Genesis 28:1-2).

Isaac also blesses Jacob again, this time giving to Jacob the full blessing of Abraham including a version of God's promises to Abraham (Genesis 28:3-5).

1. (Genesis 28:1) What charge/command did Isaac give Jacob about marriage?

"Do not marry a Canaanite woman."

2. (Genesis 28:2) What land and who's house does Isaac send Jacob to find a wife?

Go at once to Paddan Aram, to the house of your mother's father Bethuel.

Take a wife for yourself there, from among the daughters of Laban,  
your mother's brother.

3. In Genesis 28:3-4 Isaac gives Jacob a blessing that includes the blessing that God gave Abraham. **In your own words** what all does this blessing include?

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4. (Genesis 28:9) Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac, so Esau went to one of Abraham's son and married his daughter.

Who was Esau's new father-in-law? Ishmael

What was Esau's new wife's name? Mahalath

5. (Genesis 28:11-12) When Jacob went toward Haran he came to a place to spend the night. He layed down and went to sleep. What was the dream about the ladder?

he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven,  
and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

6. (Genesis 28:13) When God appeared in this dream what did He promise to give to Jacob? I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.

7. (Genesis 28:17) After Jacob woke from his sleep and dream he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place. This is none other than the house of God,"

What did Jacob refer to it as?

the gate of heaven.

8. (Genesis 28:18) After Jacob awoke the next morning what did he do with the rock he used for a pillar?

set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it.

9. (Genesis 28:19) What did Jacob call/name the place that he had spent the night?

Bethel

What was the original name of that city? Luz

10. (Genesis 28:20-21) Jacob make a vow to God, asking for four things so that he would return safely to his father's house. What were the four things?

1. If God will be with me

2. watch over me on this journey I am taking

3. give me food to eat

4. clothes to wear

10. (Genesis 28:22) What was the stone that was set up as a pillar that Jacob poured oil on meant to be?

will be God's house

## **The meaning of Genesis 28:22**

Jacob concludes his vow before the Lord. In the previous verses, he has declared that if God does all He has said He would do for Jacob, then Jacob would make the Lord his God (Genesis 28:20–21). In addition, he now says that the stone he has set up for a commemorative pillar will become God’s house. This stone was the very same one on which Jacob rested his head while sleeping in the wilderness (Genesis 28:16–18). In other words, Jacob would return to this place to worship the Lord.

In a previous verse, Jacob renamed the place “Bethel,” meaning “house of God.” Bethel would continue to be a significant meeting place with God for Israel far into the future.

Jacob completes his vow with a promise to give to God a tenth of all God gives to him. Previously, Jacob’s grandfather Abraham gave to God’s priest Melchizedek such a tithe (Genesis 14:20). Jacob volunteers to worship the Lord in this financial way as well. Giving to God specific tithes and offerings was one of the ways Israel would later demonstrate their obedience to and dependence on the Lord.

