

Listen carefully to the Bible reading from Genesis chapter 36 verses 1 to 14.

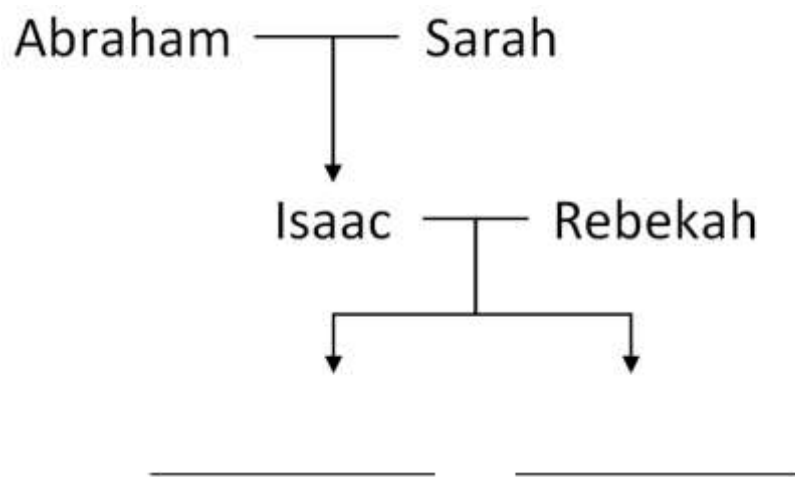
These verses are all about the family of E_____

He was the brother of J_____ (see verse 6 if you're not sure)

Have you seen a family tree before?

In a family tree the arrows start at the parents and point towards their children.

Complete the family tree with the names of these brothers.



In the next few weeks we are going to be looking at the true story of Jacob's son Joseph. But today we are going to see what the Bible tells us about Esau.

This is important because what Esau got **WRONG** will help us to understand what God wanted for his people.

There were two BIG things Esau did wrong:

1

Esau turned away from God

The people who lived in the land of Canaan were called Canaanites. These people worshipped idols.

Read verse 2. Where did Esau find his wives?

He had three wives. Can you spot their names? There are two in verse 2 and one in verse 3 (they may look like strange names to us!)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Esau loved women who did not love God.
They helped him to turn away from God to worship idols.

God tells us to be very careful about the things that we love. They can lead us away from him. God tells us when we grow up we must be especially careful of who we marry.

These things Esau did show that he did not love God.

2

Esau wanted more

God had made a promise to give to Abraham and his family the land of Canaan.

Read verse 6. What did Esau do? _____

Look ahead to Genesis chapter 37 verse 1. What about Jacob?

Was Esau trusting God's promise? Why or why not?

Esau didn't want the land God promised to give to Abraham's family.

He wanted **more**.

He thought **he knew** what was best.

So, let's compare Esau with Jacob his brother. Write the correct name on the lines below.

Which brother...

... was looking forward to God's promise? _____

... turned his heart away from God? _____

... was greedy and wanted more? _____

These things in the Bible about Esau are a warning to us.

They are a warning for us to be careful of what we love.

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences:

word	God	careful	Esau	trust
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Just like for _____, we may find things in life that could

lead us away from _____. The Bible teaches us to be very

_____ and to _____ that he knows what is best:

To keep on following Jesus and obeying God's _____.

"Above all else, guard your heart"

Proverbs 4v23