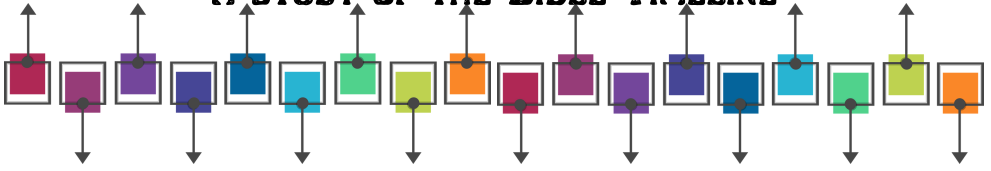


# TRUST THE STORY

## A STUDY OF THE BIBLE TIMELINE



### ESAU AND JACOB

- THE WORD "BEGINNING" IN GENESIS 1:1 IS THE HEBREW WORD "RE'SHIYTH (RAY-SHEETH)" WHICH MEANS "FIRST, BEGINNING, BEST, CHIEF."
  - THE CREATION STORY WAS BOTH FIRST IN TIMELINE ORDER AND FIRST IN IMPORTANCE IN THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE.
- AFTER CREATION, GOD SAW THAT HIS CREATION WAS GOOD. HE TRUSTED THE STORY.
- ABRAHAM TRUSTED THE STORY AND FOLLOWED GOD.
  - ISAAC WAS BORN TO ABRAHAM AND SARAH WHEN THEY WERE 100 AND 90 YEARS OLD, RESPECTIVELY.
- ISAAC WAS ALSO MARRIED TO A WIFE WHO WAS BARREN (JUST LIKE HIS FATHER, ABRAHAM)
- GOD BLESSED ISAAC AND HIS WIFE, REBEKAH, AND ALLOWED THEM TO HAVE TWIN SONS.
  - THE SONS WERE NAMED ESAU AND JACOB.
    - "ESAU" MEANS "HAIRY" OR "HARD WORKER" AND "JACOB" MEANS "ONE WHO GRASPS AT THE HEEL" OR "TRICKSTER."
- WHILE REBEKAH WAS PREGNANT, THE BROTHERS "STRUGGLED TOGETHER WITHIN HER."
  - GOD TOLD REBEKAH THE OLDER (ESAU) WOULD SERVE THE YOUNGER (JACOB)
- WITH THE HELP OF HIS MOTHER, JACOB TRICKED HIS FATHER, ISAAC, INTO GIVING HIM HIS BROTHER'S BLESSING.
  - ONCE ISAAC SAID THE WORDS OF THE BLESSING, HE COULD NOT UNDO IT OR TAKE IT BACK.
- ESAU CAME BACK FROM A HUNTING TRIP EXPECTING TO RECEIVE HIS FATHER'S BLESSING, ONLY TO FIND OUT IT HAD MISTAKENLY BEEN GIVEN TO JACOB.
  - ESAU WAS ANGRY WITH JACOB, AND JACOB RAN FOR HIS LIFE.
- IT APPEARS IN THIS STORY THAT DECEPTION IS WHAT MADE JACOB GREAT. IT'S HARD UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHY IT HAPPENED LIKE THAT, BUT WE KNOW GOD KNEW ALL ALONG THE OLDER WOULD SERVE THE YOUNGER.
- EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD, WE MUST TRUST THE STORY AND GOD'S GOODNESS.