**CHAPTER** **25**

*Abraham’s children by Cetura; his death and that of Ismael. Isaac hath Esau and Jacob twins. Esau selleth his first birthright to Jacob.*

**1** And Abraham married another wife named Cetura:

**2** Who bore him Zamran, and Jecsan, and Madan, and Madian, and Jesboc, and Sue.

**3** Jecsan also begot Saba and Dadan. The children of Dadan were Assurim, and Latusim and Loomin.

**4** But of Madian was born Epha, and Opher, and Henoch, and Abida, and Eldaa: all these were the children of Cetura.

**5** And Abraham gave all his possessions to Isaac.

**6** And to the children of the concubines he gave gifts, and separated them from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, to the east country.

**7** And the days of Abraham’s life were a hundred and seventy-five years.

**8** And decaying he died in a good old age, and having lived a long time, and being full of days: and was gathered to his people.

**9** And Isaac and Ismael his sons buried him in the double cave, which was situated in the field of Ephron the son of Seor the Hethite, over against Mambre;

**10** Which he had bought of the children of Heth: there was he buried, and Sara his wife.

**11** And after his death, God blessed Isaac his son, who dwelt by the well named Of the living and seeing.

**12** These are the generations of Ismael the son of Abraham, whom Agar the Egyptian, Sara’s servant, bore unto him:

**13** And these are the names of his children according to their calling and generations. The firstborn of Ismael was Nabajoth, then Cedar, and Adbeel, and Mabsam.

**14** And Masma, and Duma, and Massa,

**15** Hadar, and Thema, and Jethur, and Naphis, and Cedma.

**16** These are the sons of Ismael: and these are their names by their castles and towns, twelve princes of their tribes.

**17** And the years of Ismael’s life were a hundred and thirty-seven, and decaying he died, and was gathered unto his people.

**18** And he dwelt from Hevila as far as Sur, which looketh towards Egypt, to them that go towards the Assyrians. He died in the presence of all his brethren.

**19** These also are the generations of Isaac the son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac:

**20** Who when he was forty years old, took to wife Rebecca the daughter of Bathuel the Syrian of Mesopotamia, sister to Laban.

**21** And Isaac besought the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and he heard him, and made Rebecca to conceive.

**22** But the children struggled in her womb: and she said: If it were to be so with me, what need was there to conceive? And she went to consult the Lord.

**23** And he answering said:Two nations are in thy womb, and two peoples shall be divided out of thy womb, and one people shall overcome the other, and the elder shall serve the younger.

**24** And when her time was come to be delivered, behold twins were found in her womb.

**25** He that came forth first was red, and hairy like a skin: and his name was called Esau. Immediately the other coming forth, held his brother’s foot in his hand, and therefore he was called Jacob.

**26** Isaac was threescore years old when the children were born unto him.

**27** And when they were grown up, Esau became a skilful hunter, and a husbandman: but Jacob a plain man dwelt in tents.

**28** Isaac loved Esau, because he ate of his hunting: and Rebecca loved Jacob.

**29** And Jacob boiled pottage: to whom Esau, coming faint out of the field,

**30** Said: Give me of this red pottage, for I am exceeding faint. For which reason his name was called Edom.

**31** And Jacob said to him: Sell me thy first birthright.

**32** He answered: Lo I die, what will the first birthright avail me.

**33** Jacob said: Swear therefore to me. Esau swore to him, and sold his first birthright.

**34** And so taking bread and the pottage of lentils, he ate, and drank, and went his way; making little account of having sold his first birthright.