



# THE SCOUNDREL

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Two nations were growing inside Rebekah.



Isaac, the pain is  
*killing* me!

The Lord explained that she was carrying twins who would change the course of history.



Pray about it.

Read Genesis 25:20-33:20.

When Rebekah gave birth, the firstborn, Esau, was red and hairy...



but Jacob,  
the second, was smooth-skinned.



Esau

Jacob

\*See Ezek. 38

How could these little cuties be  
responsible for World War III?\*

Esau became a cunning hunter....



He was Isaac's favorite.

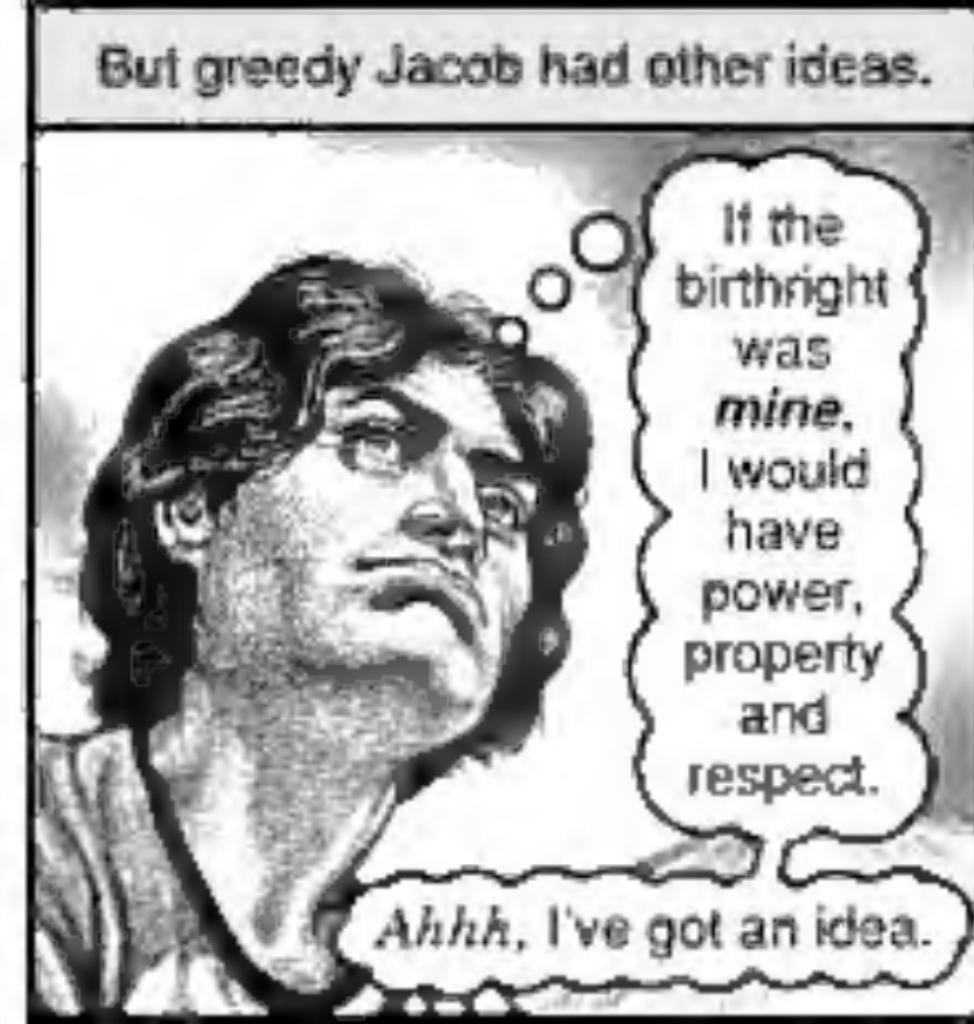
But Rebekah loved Jacob...



who had his own special skills.  
*He was sneaky... like his mama.*



Because Esau was the firstborn, the birthright was legally his.



**One day Esau staggered into Jacob's tent, faint with hunger.**

Feed me, Jacob! I'm starving.

Here's my chance.

My stew for your birthright.

*Is it a deal?*

*It's a deal. I swear!*

*It's no good to me if I die.*

The fool! Now the birthright is mine... *at last!*

Esau despised his birthright.  
That's why God hated him.

Ummmm, good.



But tricky Jacob still needed his daddy's blessing to make it official.

Old Isaac was blind and near death.

Yes,  
Father?

Esau?



Go kill a deer and make  
me my favorite dish that  
my soul may bless you.

Jacob's evil plot was now in danger.

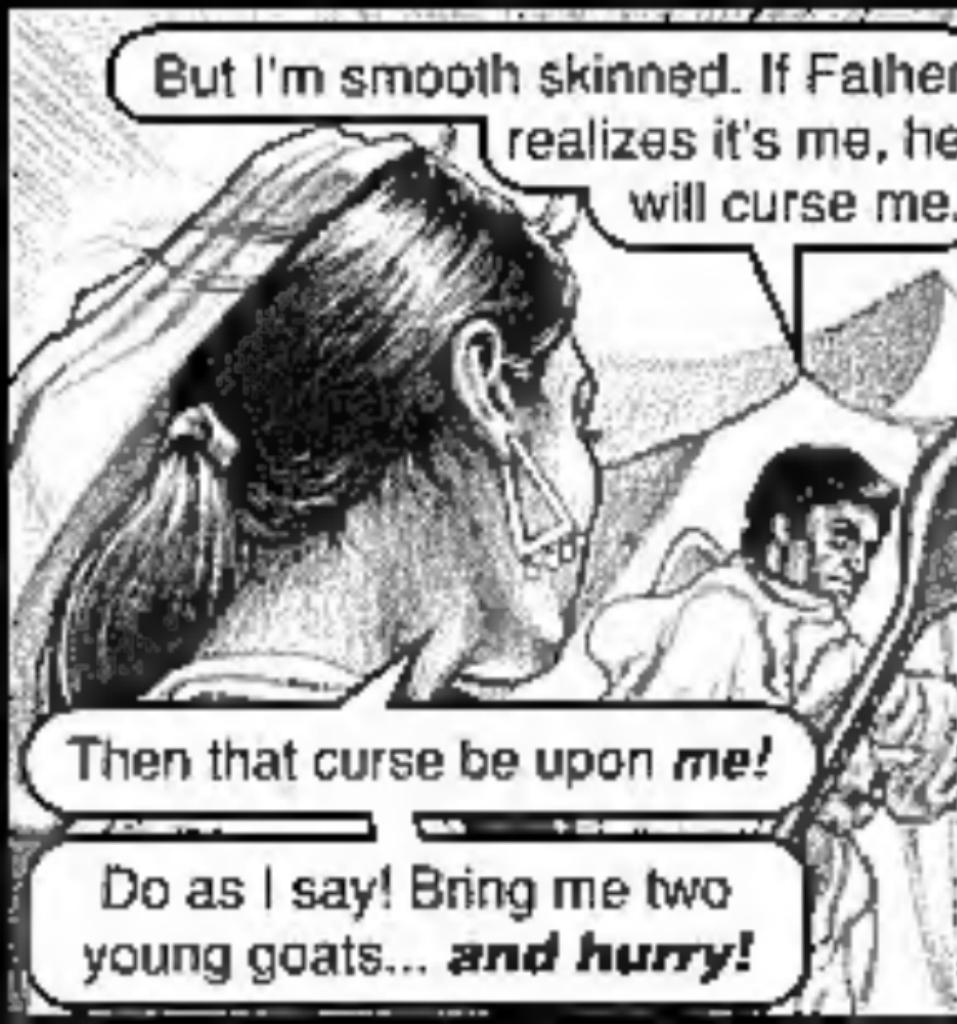
Rebekah overheard them. She knew how important this blessing was. God first gave it to Isaac's father, Abraham: "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." (Genesis 12:3)



She devised  
a plan to get  
Jacob the  
blessing.



She decided to cook a stew...  
and disguise Jacob as Esau.



But I'm smooth skinned. If Father realizes it's me, he will curse me.

Then that curse be upon me!

Do as I say! Bring me two young goats... **and hurry!**

Esau also knew how important this blessing was, so he made a quick kill and headed home.



Who would get to Isaac first?



**Jacob entered Isaac's tent  
and lied through his teeth.**

Who are you, my son?

I'm  
Esau.

Come close, so  
I can feel you.

Rebekah had put a goat skin on Jacob's neck and hands so he'd feel like Esau.

You have the voice  
of Jacob... but the  
hands of Esau.

How could  
you kill the  
deer so  
quickly?

Because  
the Lord  
thy God  
brought it  
to me.

Isaac bought it, and gave  
the blessing to the scoundrel, Jacob.



On days off I connect the branches.



I connect the ends of the branches.

*Father!! How COULD you?*



Esau decided to slay Jacob as soon as his father was dead and buried.

Rebecca heard of Esau's plan.

Jacob, you must go to my brother Laban, in Haran  
**NOW!**

And stay there until Esau gets over what  
**you did** to him

In Haran Jacob let hand over  
Here's in love with a beautiful girl



He was amazed  
to learn that her father was Laban

Uncle Laban welcomed Jacob  
with hugs and kisses.



Though Jacob was a scoundrel,  
he was no match for Laban

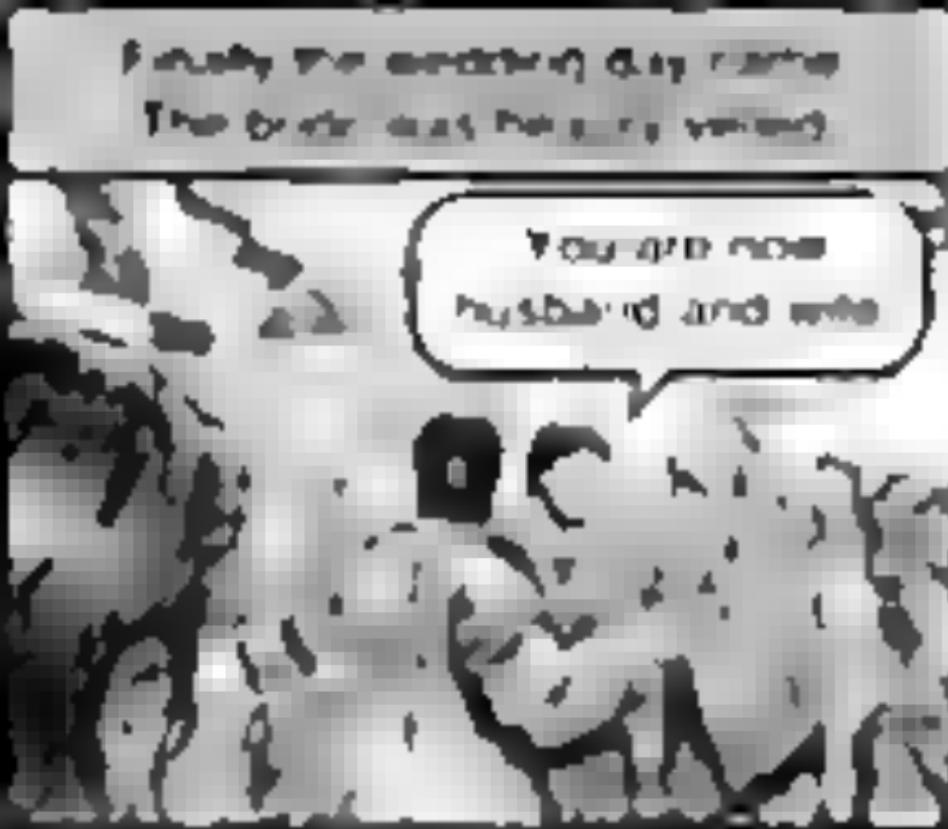
John wanted further for his wife so he made a deal with the man. It was

to work for you between you and me in twenty days time.

He said

John had agreed to make the 7 pieces of bone under the top.

Finally the wedding day comes  
The bride was feeling nervous



You are now  
husband and wife

Jacob was elated. At last he will  
about to have the girl of his dreams.

Just then, the door opened. What  
had given her the idea? A burglar?



WHAT? Leah? I can't be...  
You're supposed to be happy!

Jacob had entered the room.



Now Jacob had a new problem. He was afraid his brother Esau, would still be mad.



Lord please don't let Esau kill me and my family

The dreaded meeting turned out to be a time of **great rejoicing**.



But their offspring became deadly enemies. Esau's line became the Arabs of today.

God changed Jacob's name to Israel

His sons became the twelve tribes of Israel.

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30

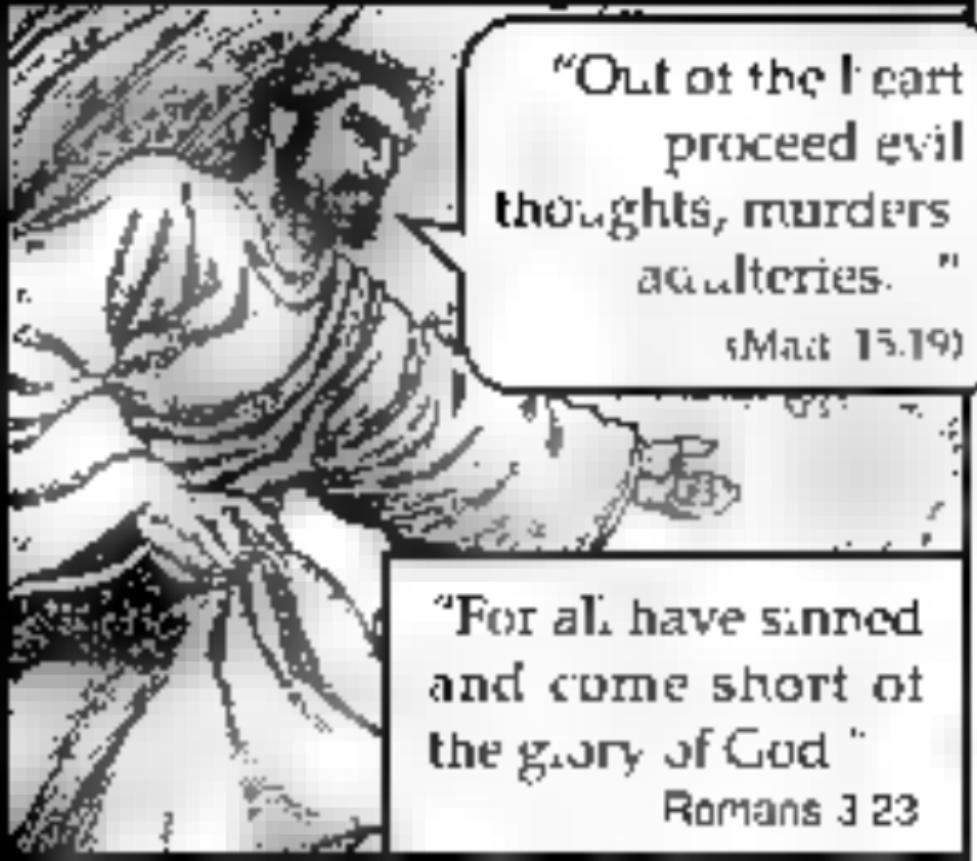
Jesus Christ came through the line of one of these sons, Judah.

Only one son Joseph, was kind and Christ-like. He was Israel's favorite.



The rest were scoundrels like papa. But God loved and blessed them in spite of themselves.

Though we're all scoundrels,  
God loves us, too! Jesus said:



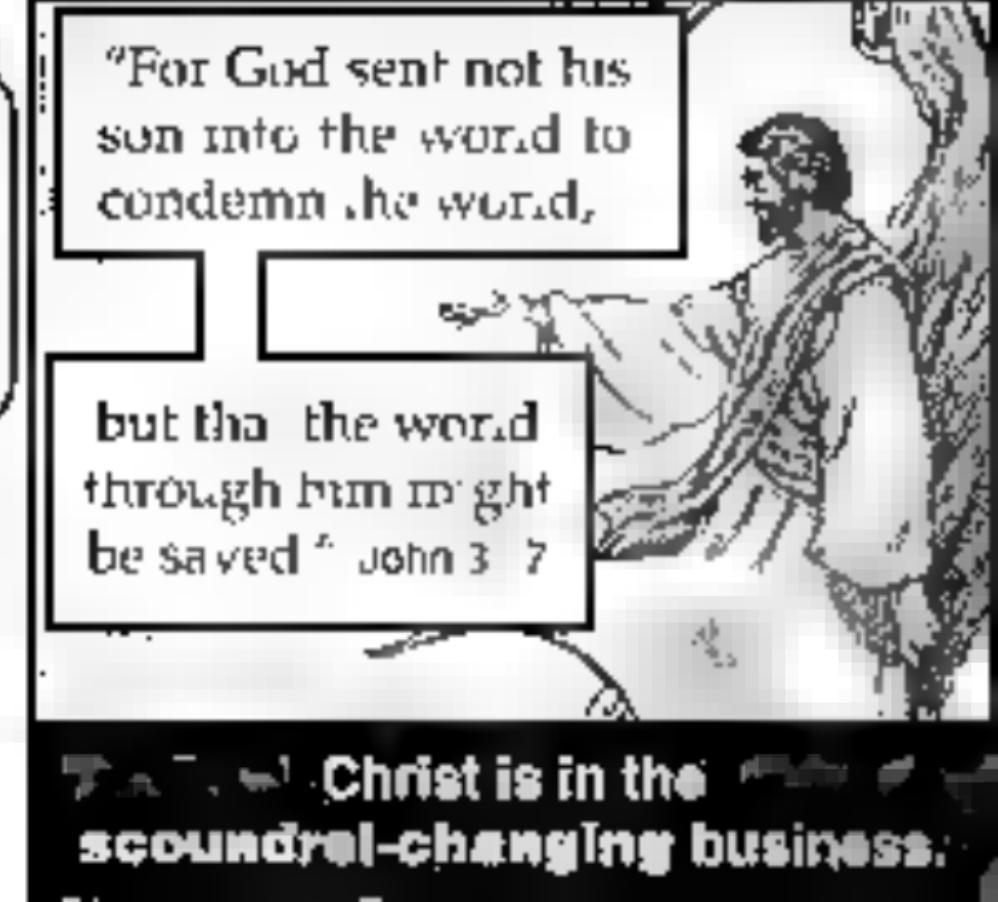
"Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries."

(Matt 15:19)

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"

Romans 3:23

Here's why Christ came to earth.



"For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world,

but that the world through him might be saved" John 3:17

That's why Christ is in the scoundrel-changing business.

**Because of sin, we are lost and heading for hell. But Isaiah said:**



**Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin. (Heb. 9:22)**

**Jesus Christ is God Almighty, the Creator of the universe. (Rev. 1:8.)**



**All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. (See John. 1:3.)**

Look what God did **FOR YOU** so you could go to heaven.

For God so loved the world (that's you), that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whosoever believeth in him should not perish (in hell), but have everlasting life (in heaven). John 3:16

Jesus shed His precious blood (God's blood) **to wash away our sins.\*** He died, was buried and rose from the dead 3 days later.



**Now He  
is up in  
heaven.**

\*See Acts 20:28

**God is offering **YOU**  
a very special gift.**



The gift  
of God is  
eternal life  
through  
Jesus Christ  
our Lord.  
**Romans 6:23**

**Only a scoundrel**

would turn down God's love gift...  
and spend eternity in the lake of fire.

**Jesus made this promise to  
those who love him:**

"In my Father's house (in heaven)  
are many mansions: if it were not  
so, I would have told you. I go to  
prepare a place for you. And if I  
go and prepare a place for you, I  
will come again, and receive you  
unto myself; that where I am,  
there ye may be also." John 14:2-3

# THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

## NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

## WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

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