



Thru the Bible in 2012

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God endures forever. Isaiah 40:8

Ladies for Jesus Thursday Bible Study Lesson

Readings for March 9, 2012 – March 15, 2012

Class Discussion: Thursday, March 15, 2012

Encounters with God

Jacob's Dream at Bethel - "Jacob's Ladder" (Genesis 28:10-21)

Being Abraham's grandson was not enough . . . Jacob had a responsibility to establish his own relationship with God.

Was Jacob trying to bargain with God?

In what ways have you established your own relationship with God?
How have you strengthened your personal commitment to Him?

Jacob wrestles with God (Genesis 32:22-32)

Jacob continued wrestling all night just to be blessed. He was persistent.

Pivotal point for Jacob – Name change from Jacob to Israel sparks a character change.

Where in your spiritual life do you need more persistence? Recall that strong character develops as you struggle through tough conditions.

Revenge Against Shechem (Genesis 34)

We have encountered this place before in Genesis 12:6-7. What happened then?

What happened in Genesis 34 at Schechem?

Special Note: Keep your eye open for this city as we read through Scriptures. We will see Schechem come up many times throughout Israel's history.

In seeking revenge against Schechem, Simeon and Levi lied, stole, and murdered. Their desire for justice was right, but their ways of achieving it were wrong. Because of their sin, their father cursed them with his dying breath (49:5-7) and generations later they lost the part of the Promised Land allotted to them. In what ways are you seeking justice for the wrongs in your life? Are you seeking God's guidance and allowing Him to revenge your situation?



Esau's Descendants:

The Edomites were descendants of Esau who lived south and east of the Dead Sea. The country featured rugged mountains and desolate wilderness. Several major roads led through Edom because it was rich in natural resources. During the Exodus, God told Israel to leave the Edomites alone (Deut. 2:4-5) because they were "relatives." But Edom refused to let them enter the land, and later they became bitter enemies of King David. The nations of Edom and Israel shared the same ancestor, Isaac, and the same border. Israel looked down on the Edomites because they had intermarried with the Canaanites.