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“The Generations of”

Torah Toldot	– Gen. 25:19–28:9
Haf Torah	– Mal. 1:1–2:7; 1 Sam. 20:18–42
Brit Chadashah:	– Rom. 9:6 – 16
Psalm:	– Ps. 6, 60, 114
Extra Reading	– John 11, 12

The Torah Commentary:

And these the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac: And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. And Isaac entreated YHVH for his wife, because she barren: and YHVH was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If so, why I thus? And she went to inquire of YHVH. And YHVH said to her, Two nations in your womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from your bowels, and people shall be stronger than people; and the elder shall serve the younger. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, twins in her womb. And the first came out red all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac threescore years old when she bare them. And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob a plain man, dwelling in tents. (Gen. 25:19-27)

“Toledot”, the Hebrew word for “generations”: the offspring of; the seed; the years of the children following the father, the giver of their physical life. The genealogy of a family, for righteousness, or for unrighteousness. The family history, the family lineage. This word is always used with the father's name, and then those of his offspring. Another word for “generation” is “dor”, and it's meaning is of a revolution or period of time, as in an age or generations of people. *The counsel of YHVH stands forever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations. Blessed the nation whose God YHVH: the people He has chosen for His own inheritance. YHVH looks from heaven; He beholds all the sons of men. From the place of His habitation He looks upon all the inhabitants of the earth. He fashions their hearts alike; He considers all their works. Behold, the eye of YHVH upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for YHVH: He our help and shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His Holy Name. Let*

Your mercy, O YHVH, be upon us, according as we hope in You. (Ps. 33:11-15,18-22) What is done by the father, and then by his children, will be remembered and talked about in future generations, for good or bad. For he sees wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others. Their inward thought their houses forever, their dwelling places to all generations; they call lands after their own names. Nevertheless man in honor abides not: he is like the beasts perish. This their way their folly: yet their posterity approves their sayings. Selah. (Ps. 49:10-13) And Jacob sold pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he faint: and Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray you, with that same red pottage; for I faint: therefore was his name called Edom (Red). And Jacob said, Sell me this day your birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore to him: and he sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised birthright. (Gen. 25:29-34) For when he dies he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him. Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and will praise you, when you do well to yourself. He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light. Man in honor, and understands not, is like the beasts perish. (Ps. 49:17-20) Not as though the word of God has taken none effect. For they not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, all children: but, in Isaac shall your seed be called. That is, they which are the children of the flesh, these not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. For this the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son. And not only; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, by our father Isaac; (For being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calls;) It was said to her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. (Rom. 9:6-13) By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. (Heb. 11:20) And Jacob went near to Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice Jacob's voice, but the hands the hands of Esau. And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son as the smell of a field which YHVH has blessed: Therefore God give you of the dew of the heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: Let people serve you, and nations bow down to you: be lord over your brethren, and let your mothers sons bow down to you: cursed every one that curses you, and blessed he that blesses you. (Gen. 27:22,23,27-29) And Esau said to his father, Have you

but one blessing, my father? Bless me, me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. And Isaac his father answered and said to him, Behold, you dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; and by your sword shall you live, and shall serve your brother; and it shall come to pass when you shall have the dominion, that you shall break his yoke from off your neck. And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob. (Gen. 27:38-41) Blessings and cursings; family relationships and dynamics that affect the following generations for a lifetime. YHVH said He loved Jacob, and He hated Esau and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. What they would build, He would tear down, and they would be called The border of wickedness, and The people against whom YHVH has indignation forever. (Mal. 1:3,4) *For YHVH will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet chose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. (Is. 14:1)* *I will sing of the mercies of YHVH forever: with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. (Ps. 89:1)* *For YHVH good; His mercy everlasting; and His truth to all generations. (Ps. 100:5)* *Great is His mercy to those who fear Him. (Ps. 103:11b)* The fear of YHVH is wisdom for the generations.