

DADS Class
Revealing Deeper Meanings
and
Homiletical Points from Scripture II

We have previously discussed four important points:

- 1) What the text says
- 2) How the text says it
- 3) The importance of considering the context of the text
- 4) The interpretation must make plain simple sense

Tonight, we will continue discussing three additional concepts:

- 1) The Simple explanation of what the text says
- 2) The Deeper meaning of what the text says
- 3) The Homiletical meaning of what the text says

Why do we study the text for a deeper explanation? A deeper understanding leads to an appreciation of the story's significance. Additionally, we understand our personalities as human beings. Though technology may change, we remain the same.

There is always the **Simple explanation** of the text and then there is a **Deeper meaning** based upon proper exegesis, and finally the **Homiletical meaning**, the meaning for preaching and teaching purposes.

Our Study

Genesis 25:20–34 (NKJV)

²⁰Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian.

Why does the text mention the age of Isaac?

What is the number symbolic of?

What are some of the other Scripture references?

What would be some homiletical points one could make from this?

²¹Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

²²But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

Where do you think she went to inquire of the Lord? Based upon your recent teaching, what seems logical? How would she have known to do this?

²³And the LORD said to her: “Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger.”

What are some of the key points and spiritual insights we can learn regarding this prophecy?

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²⁴So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb.

²⁵And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau.

²⁶Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau’s heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

How many years were they married before they had children? How the Scripture deal with this number?

²⁷So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful **hunter**, a man of the **field**; but Jacob was a **mild** man, dwelling in tents.

How does Scripture tell us to see the difference between these men? What can we see regarding the words highlighted in red?