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Lectures on The Pentateuch. By Rev. A. Patterson.

Lecture VI. Jacob. Genesis 24-49.

Importance. Space. Name with "Israel" most cited in Bible.  
Name of Nation. Mighty visions and experiences. Type. Subject of prophecy.  
History. His father Isaac. 26. Why so little space? Type of Christ in submission to the Father. Rachel his mother. 24.  
Birth. 25. The Prophecy. The Birthright. Father's blessing. 27.  
Flight. Vision. Bethel. 28. Laban. Wives. Sons. 29. Cattle 30.  
Flight. Laban. 31. Mahanaim Peniel. 32. Esau. Shechem. 33.  
Simeon and Levi's cruel act. 34. Return to Bethel. Father's death. 35. Esau's people. 36. Joseph's Loss. 37. Judah's sin. 38. The famine, and Egypt and Joseph 39-47. Death and blessing. 48-49.

Points for Special Study.

1. The prophecy of his birth. Hos. 12:3. Rom. 9:11-13.
2. Contrast his conduct and divine favors shown him; his treatment of Esau, of his father, of Lehan. Jacob a subject of pure grace under the Covenant.
3. Contrast his spiritual desires and duplicity. The Flesh and the Spirit in the Believer. The two natures. John 3:6. Gal. 5:16-25.
4. Contrast the spiritual and the natural man in Jacob and Esau. 1 Cor. 2:10-13.  
Jacob's duplicity and Esau's magnanimity. Wherein is the difference?
  1. Jacob's conduct toward God and toward man.
  2. Jacob's appreciation of spiritual things.
5. Study the sufferings of a spiritual man who yields to the flesh. Rom. 8:5-7. Gal. 6:7. Most of Jacob's came in line with his sins. He deceived his father and his sons deceived him. He robbed Esau, Laban robbed him. Other evils: Exile from home threatened by Esau, Idols in his family, Crimes by his sons Simeon and Levi also Judah, Loss of Joseph, Descent to Egypt. His lament "few and evil have been the days of my life". Only mention in record of faith his dying blessing Heb. 11:21. The divisions in Israel came from the strife between the wives and their sons. The enmity of Esau extended to his posterity Edom was Israel's bitterest foe. Obadiah.

Jacob as a Type.

1. of Christ in his humiliation. Angels ascending and descending upon him. John 2:31.
2. Of the Nation. Their character and sufferings.
3. Of the Church. Its lamentable failures and chastisements.
4. Of the coming kingdom. The Twelve Tribes and the Twelve Apostles and the New Jerusalem. Matt. 19:23. Rev. 21:12.
5. Of the Believer. His double nature. His only safety is yielding to the Spirit, crucifying the flesh, waiting for God's leading.