

LESSON 12

Name _____

The Patriarch Jacob

Directions: Read the cited scripture passages and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

1. The first three patriarchs of the Hebrew faith are Abraham, Isaac, and _____.
2. Jacob is the most important patriarch because he is the father of _____ (Gn 35:23-26) who later would be become the heads of the twelve tribes of Israel.
3. Although the traditional pattern for inheritance is the oldest first, in the Bible God often picks the second born for his blessing, in order to show that he is not controlled by human _____.
4. Three examples of God blessing the second son over the first are found in Genesis. They are:
 - A. 4:4 _____
 - B. 21:12 _____
 - C. 27:36 _____
5. In the case of Jacob receiving God's blessing over his older brother Esau, God is still able to accomplish his plan despite the lying and plotting of _____ and his mother _____ (Gn 27:5f).
6. After his arrival in Haran, Jacob marries two women, daughters of Laban. They are _____ and _____ (Gn 29:28-30). Of the two, Jacob loved _____ more.
7. Laban also assigns maidservants to Jacob's wives through whom Jacob can also have children. They are _____ and _____. (Gn 29:29 and Gn 30:9)
8. After many years, Jacob and Laban have a falling out and their relationship is very strained. Jacob decides to return home to Canaan to reunite with his brother _____.
9. Jacob is justifiably nervous about the reception Esau will give him when he returns, even though it has been many years since Jacob wrongly deprived Esau of his rightful inheritance. The reception Jacob receives, however, could be characterized as _____. (Gn 33:10-11)
10. In Genesis 35:9-12, Jacob receives a new name and a new mission in his life. From now on, Jacob will be known as _____.
11. The entire Hebrew people will take their name from the man who will represent the whole chosen people of God because he fathers the twelve sons or tribes. Thus, the people God has chosen will now be named after Jacob's new name, the _____.
12. After Jacob arrives in Canaan, his last son is born of his favorite wife _____ (Gn 35:16). Jacob's last son is named _____ (Gn 35:18).