

Behind the Scenes of Christmas:  
*Jacob and Esau*  
Selected Scripture

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The Old Testament contains the progressive unfolding of God's plan to counteract the fall of mankind into sin (Gen 3:1-7, 15; 9:18-19, 26; 10:10-32)

The Savior would be:

- a descendant of Abraham (Gen 12:2-3; Matt 1:2)
- a descendant of Isaac (Gen 21:12-14; Matt 1:2)
- a descendant of Jacob (Gen 28:13-14; Matt 1:2)
- a descendant of Judah (Gen 49:8-12; Matt 1:2)
- a descendant of David (2 Sam 7:11-12, 16; Matt 1:6)
- born of a virgin (Isa 7:14; Matt 1:22-23)
- born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; Matt 1:3-6; Luke 2:1-7)

Christmas celebrates God's plan that started in Eden and continues to the end of history! (John 1:29; Gen 3:15; Rev 5:5; Gen 49:10; 1 Cor 15:21-28)

Behind the celebration is a continuing battle - one of those battles involves two categories of people (Gen 25:21-34)

- Those of Esau (Gen 36:1-1-43; Num 20:14-21; Matt 2:1-8, 16-18; Luke 23:6-12)
  - Those who respond in pride and despise God's will and His grace (Gen 25:29-34; Heb 12:16-17)
- Those of Jacob (Gen 37:1; Matt 8:5-13; Rom 9:10-14; John 1:12-13)
  - Those who respond in humility and obedience to God's will (Gen 32:22-32; Heb 11:21)

**Christmas question:** Do I live as if I am in the line of Esau or the line of Jacob? Is Jesus King of my life or am I? \_\_\_\_\_

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