



# THE DECEIVER

*the life of Jacob*

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Discussion  
Gu'de

*“bold declaration”*

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## GOD'S PROMISES AREN'T FINISHED UNTIL THEY'RE FULFILLED

### The Repeats

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- We're going to *open* by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END of Pr'me. Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week? [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- As we wrap up *The Deceiver*, is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you from this series?

### The Reminder

Read this section briefly to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:  
**God's Promises Aren't Finished Until They're Fulfilled**
- This Week's Object Lesson:  
**coupons that have an expiration date**
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Genesis 34-36; 48-49**  
*Then Jacob called together all his sons and said...*  
*"The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from his descendants, until the coming of the one to whom it belongs, the one whom all nations will honor." (v. 49:1a&10, NIV)*

## The Reflection

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Are you a coupon user? What is the best coupon that you've used?
- In life, what things tend to make a good promise, or a bad promise?
- Let's follow the "kingly" thread in the Bible. Read these passages out loud and identify the promise of a king (or The King).
  1. To Jacob: Genesis 35:9-11
  2. To Judah: Genesis 49:1&10
  3. To David: 2 Samuel 7:5&12-13
  4. To Isaiah: Isaiah 9:6-7
  5. To Israel: Matthew 1:1-6&16
  6. To Us: Revelation 21:1-6
- Based on what you know about each of the "To:" groups above, how "real" may have these promises seemed *from their perspective*? What may they have been feeling when the promise was made?
- Except for Rev. 21, which hasn't happened yet, what would you say to each of these people, since we know the fulfillment of these promises? How would you encourage them?
- When someone doesn't keep their promise, we no longer trust them. Unfortunately, we often assume the same about God. But God doesn't fail to keep His promises—they never expire until they're fulfilled! Read and, for each, discuss how God is different from people:
  - If God Has Spoken, He Will Do It Read Numbers 23:19
  - If God Has Spoken, He Can Do It Read Ephesians 3:20
  - If God Has Spoken, He Plans It Read 2 Peter 3:8-9
- With which one of the three above do you struggle the most? Why?
- Have you given up on God? Is there a specific promise that you are struggling to cling to right now? Where is it found in the Bible? [Remember: *Israel's Promises Are Our Principles*—they are not necessarily promises to us]
- How can we as a Pr'me help/remind you this week that you can count on God for this promise?