Toldot תולדות

Genesis 25:19-28:9

- דאביהָם אַברָהָם הולִיד אַת־יִצַחָק: 19 This is the story of Isaac, son of Abraham.
 - Abraham begot Isaac.
- 20 נִיהִי יִצחָלָ בֶּן־אַרבָעִים שַׁלָה בַּקחתוּ אַת־רבַלָּה בַּת־בַתוּאֵל הָאַרַמִי מפדן ארם אחות לבן הארמי לו לאשה:
 - Isaac was forty years old when he took to wife Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean.
 - וַיֵעתַר לוֹ יָהוָה לַנָכַח אָשׁתוֹ כֵי עַקרָה הַוֹא וַיֵעְתֵר לוֹ יִהוֹה ותהר רבקה אשתו:
- Isaac pleaded with הוהי on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and הוהי responded to his plea, and his wife Rebekah conceived.
- 22 וַיִּתַרְצַצָּוּ הַבָּנִים בַּקַרַבָּה וַתָּאמֵר אִם־כַּן לְמַה זֵה אָנָכִי וַתְלַךְ לַדְרָשׁ אֶת־יִהֹנָה:
 - But the children struggled in her womb, and she said, "If so, why do I exist?" (why do I exist? Meaning of Heb. uncertain.) She went to inquire of ,הוהי
- וַיֹּאמֵר יָהוֹה לָה שנִי)גיים(]גויִם[בַבְּטַנְּךְ וּשׁנֵי לְאִמִים מִמְעִיךְ יפַרַדו ולִאם מלִאם יָאֵמַץ וִרָב יַעַבִד צַעִיר:
- and הוהי answered her,"Two nations are in your womb,Two separate peoples shall issue from your body;One people shall be mightier than the other, And the older shall serve the younger."
- 24 When her time to give birth was at hand, there ניִמלאוּ יִמִיה לְלַרֵת וְהְנָה תוֹמָם בְּבְטוָה: were twins in her womb.
- 25 וַיָּצַא הַראשון אַדמוני כַלָּו כַאַדֶּרֶת שַעָר וַיִּקְרְאוּ שַמוּ עשַוּ:
- The first one emerged red, like a hairy mantle all over; so they named him Esau. (Esau Synonym of "Seir," play on Heb. se'ar "hair.")
- ואָחַבִי־בֶּן יָצָא אָחִיו ויָדָו אחַוֹוַת בַעַקב עַשָּוֹ וַיִקרָא שׁמוּ יַעַקב ויצחק בו־ששים שנה בלדת אתם:
- Then his brother emerged, holding on to the heel of Esau; so they named him Jacob. (Jacob Play on Heb. 'ageb "heel.") Isaac was sixty years old when they were born.
- עַקב אַיש עדָה וְיַעְקב אַיש ירֶע צִיִר אַיש עדָה וְיַעְקב אַיש עַרָה וְיַעְקב אַיש עַרָה וְיַעְקב אַיש 27 תם ישב אהלים:
 - When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the outdoors; but Jacob became a mild man, raising livestock. (raising livestock Heb. yoshev 'ohalim; NJPS "who stayed in camp," lit. "a sitter in tents." The idiom for a pastoralist; cf. 4.20.)
- ביצִיד בּפִיו וִרבקה אהָבַת אַת־יַעקב: 28 Isaac favored Esau because he had a taste for
 - game; (he had a taste for game Lit. "game was in his mouth.") but Rebekah favored Jacob.

 - יַנְיָד וַיָּבָא עַשָּׁו מַן־הַשִּׁדֶה וְהָוּא עָיָף: 29 Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the open, famished.
- 30 וַיֹּאמֵר עָשַׂו אַל־יַעַקֹב הַלְעִיטַנִי נָאֹ מוְ־הַאַדָם הַאַדם הוֹה כִּי עַיַף אַנָכי עַל־כַן קרא־שמו אַדום:
- And Esau said to Jacob, "Give me some of that red stuff to gulp down, for I am famished"—which is why he was named Edom. (Edom Play on Heb. 'adom "red.")

 - יני, אַת־בַּכרָתְךְ לִי: 31 Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright."

- בכרה: ינִיאמֶר עֲשֹוּ הְנֵה אָנֹכֵי הוֹלֵךְ לָמֵוּת וּלָמָה־זֵה לִי בּכֹרָה: 32 And Esau said, "I am at the point of death, so of what use is my birthright to me?"
- ווָאמר יַעַלְב השַבעה לִּי כִּיוֹם וִיִשַּבְע לְו וַיִּמכָר אַת־בַּכרְתוּ 33 But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.
- וַיָבֵז עשו אַת־הַבכרה:
- וַיַּעקר וַיַּאָר וַיָּאָת וַיָּקם וַיַּלְּךָ 34 Jacob then gave Esau bread and lentil stew; he ate and drank, and he rose and went away. Thus did Esau spurn the birthright.

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- וַיִהִי רָעָבֹ בָּאָבִץ מִלִּבַדֹ הָרָעָב הָרָאשוון אֲשֵר הָיָה בִּימֵי אַבַרָהַם וילד יצחק אל־אבימלד מלד־פלשתים גררה:
- There was a famine in the land—aside from the previous famine that had occurred in the days of Abraham—and Isaac went to Abimelech, king of the Philistines, in Gerar.
- ויֵרָא אַלָיוֹ יִהוֹה וַיִּאמֵר אַל־תַרֶד מִצְרַיִמָה שֹׁכָן בַאְרֵץ אַשוֹר אֹמַר
- had appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; stay in the land which I point out to
- גָּוּר בָּאַרֶץ הַזֹּאת וְאָהְיֶה עִמְךָ וַאֲבָרְכֶךָ כִי־לְךָ וְּלְזַרְעֲךָ אֶתֵןׁ אַת־כָל־הָאַרָצָת הָאֵל וַהַקמתי אַת־הַשֹּבַעָה אַשֵר נִשֹבַעתי לאַברָהַם אָבִיךָ:
- Reside in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; I will assign all these lands to you and to your heirs, fulfilling the oath that I swore to your father Abraham.
- והרביתי את־זַרעַרָ ככוכבי הַשַּׂבִים ונְתַתְי לזַרעַרָ אֶת כַל־הָאַרָצִת הָאַל והתבַרכו בזַרעַך כל גויֵי הָאַרץ:
- I will make your heirs as numerous as the stars of heaven, and assign to your heirs all these lands, so that all the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your heirs—
- עָקב אַשַר־שַּׁמָע אַברָהָם בִּקלַי וַיִּשִׂמר מְשַּׁמַרתִי מִצוּוֹתִי חַקּוֹתִי ותורתי:
- inasmuch as Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge: My commandments, My laws, and My teachings."
- So Isaac stayed in Gerar. וַיַשֹב יִצַחַק בַגַרַר:
- וַיִשֹאַלוֹ אַנִשֵי הַמַקוֹם לאשתו וַיִּאמֵר אַחְתִי הַוֹא כִי יָרֵא לֵאמִר אשתי פון יהרגני אַנשי המקום על־רבקה כי־טובת מראה הוא:
- When the local leaders (local leaders Or "locals." Heb. 'anshe ha-maqom; NJPS "the men of the place." Cf., e.g., Gen. 34.20; Judg. 8.15-17. See the Dictionary under 'ish.) asked him about his wife, he said, "She is my sister," for he was afraid to say "my wife," thinking, "The local leaders might kill me on account of Rebekah, for she is beautiful."
- וַיִּהִי כִּי אָרְכוּ־לְוֹ שָׁם הַיָּמִים וַיַּשׁלְף אֲבִימֵלֵךְ מֵלֵךְ פַּלְשׁתִים בעד הַחַלָּון וַיַּרָא וִהְנָה יִצְחָלָ מִצַּחֵק אָת רבקה אָשׁתְוּ:
- When some time had passed, Abimelech king of the Philistines, looking out of the window, saw Isaac fondling his wife Rebekah.
- וַיִּקרָא אֲבִימֶלֶךְ לִיִצְחָלָק וַיֹּאמֶר אָךָ הִנָּה אִשֹׂתְךָ הוֹא וְאֶיךָ אָמַרְתָּ אַחָתי הָוא וַיָּאמֵר אַלִיוֹ יִצַחַק כֵי אָמַרתי פַן־אָמוּת עַלֵיהָ:
- Abimelech sent for Isaac and said, "So she is your wife! Why then did you say: 'She is my sister'?" Isaac said to him, "Because I thought I might lose my life on account of her."

- בּיַאמֶר אֲבִימֶּלֶךְ מַה־זָּאת עָשִׂיתְ לְנוּ בּּמְעְּט שַבְּב אַחְד הָעָם Abimelech said, "What have you done to us! One of the men (men NJPS "people." See the Dictionary under 'am.) might have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us."
- בּיְצְוֹ אֶבִימֶלֶּךְ אֶת־כָּל־הַעְם לֵאמֹר הַנּגֵּע בָּאִישׁ הַזָּה וּבְאשִׂתְוֹ מְוֹת Abimelech then charged all the people, saying,

 "Anyone who molests this man or his wife shall be put to death."
 - וניִוּרֶע יִצְחָלָ בָּאָרֶץ הַהּוֹא וַיִּמְצָא בַּשִּׂנָה הַהְוֹא מֵאָה שְּעָרְים 12 Isaac sowed in that land and reaped a hundredfold the same year. הוהי blessed him,
 - :יַנְדֶל עָד כְּי־נָדֶל עָד כְּי־נָדֶל מְאְד: 13 and the man grew richer and richer until he was very wealthy:
 - 14 he acquired flocks and herds, and a large פלשתים: household, so that the Philistines envied him.
- 15 And the Philistines stopped up all the wells which יְכֶלְיהַבְּאֲרֹת אֲשֶׂר חָפְרוּ עְבְדָי אָבִיו בִּימֶי אַבְרָהְם אָבְיו כִּתְמִוּם בּיְלְשִׁתְּים וַיְמַלְאָוּם עָפְר:

 and the Philistines stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of his father Abraham, filling them with earth.
 - :נְאמֶר אָבִימֶלֶךְ אֶל־יִצְחְק לָךְ מֵעמִׂנוּ כִּי־עָצָמְתְ מִמֶנוּ מְאָד: 16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you have become far too big for us."
 - :פֿעָם יִצְחָק וַיְחַן בְּנְחַל־גְּרֶר וַיָּשֶׂב שְׁם: 17 So Isaac departed from there and encamped in the wadi of Gerar, where he settled.
- Isaac dug anew the wells which had been dug in the נְּשֶׁבְּיִבְּאַרָת הַמַּיִּם אֲשֶׁר חְפְרוּ בִּימֵיּ אֲבְרָהְם Isaac dug anew the wells which had been dug in the days of his father Abraham and which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham's death; and he gave them the same names that his father had given them.
 - :נַיְחְפְּרְוּ עַבְדְי־יִצְחָק בַּנָּחַל וַיִּמְצְאוּ־שַׂם בְּאֶר מְיִם חַיְיִם 19 But when Isaac's servants, digging in the wadi, found there a well of spring water,
- - : מְיַדְיְבְּוּ גַּם־עְלְיהָ וַיִּרְרָא שְׂמְה שִׁטְנָה: And when they dug another well, they disputed over that one also; so he named it Sitnah. (Sitnah I.e., "harassment.")
 - 22 He moved from there and dug yet another well, and נְיַעְתְּק מִשִּׂם נַיַּחְפֵּרֹ בְּאֶרְ אַחֶּלֶה נִיְּקְרָא שְׁמְהֹ He moved from there and dug yet another well, and they did not quarrel over it; so he called it Rehoboth, saying, "Now at last הוהי has granted us ample space (ample space Heb. hirib, connected with "Rehoboth.") to increase in the land."
 - ביע: ניָעל מִשָּׂם בְּאָר שְבַע: 23 From there he went up to Beer-sheba.

- 24 וַיֵּרָא אֵלִיו יִהוָה בַּלָּילָה הַהוֹא וַיֹּאמֵר אָנכִי אֱלֹהֵי אַברָהָם אָבִיךָ אַל־תִירָאַ כִּי־אָתְדָ אַנֹכִי וּבַרַכַתִּידָ וָהַרְבֵּיתִי אֵת־זַרְעַךָ בַּעֲבַוּר אַברָהָם עַבדִי:
 - That night הוהי appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham's [house]. Fear not, for I am with you, and I will bless you and increase your offspring for the sake of My servant Abraham."
 - 25 וַיָּבֵן שָם מִזְבַּחַ וַיִּקרָא בּשָם יְהוֹה וַיֵט־שָם אָהֵלָו וַיִּכְרוּ־שַם עַבְדֵי־יִצְחָק בְאֵר:
 - So he built an altar there and invoked הוהי by name. Isaac pitched his tent there and his servants started digging a well.

 - 26 And Abimelech came to him from Gerar, with נאָביִמֹּלְרָ הָלָרָ אָלִיו מַגַּרָר וַאָחַזָּת מַרֵעָהוּ וּפִיכַל שַר־צַבְאוֹ: Ahuzzath his councilor and Phicol chief of his troops.
 - וַיָּאמֵר אַלַהֵם יִצִּחָלָק מַדּוּעַ בָּאתָם אַלַי וִאַתֵּם שֹׁנֵאתָם אֹתִי וַתשַלחוני מֵאתכֶם:
 - Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, seeing that you have been hostile to me and have driven me away from you?"
 - וַיאמְרוּ רָאַוּ רָאִינוּ כִי־הָיָה יְהוָה וּ עִמְרְ וַנֹּאמֶר תְהִי נָא אָלָה בִינותִינו בִינִינו ובִינַך ונכרתַה ברית עמַך:
- And they said, "We now see plainly that הוהי has been with you, and we thought: Let there be a sworn treaty between our two parties, between you and us. Let us make a pact with you
- 29 אָם־תַּצַעוֹה עָמַנוּ רָעָה כַאֲעוֹר לָא נָנַעַנוּך וַכַאֲעוֹר עָשִינוּ עַמַךָ רַק־טוב וַנִּשַלֶּחַךָ בִשַלְום אַתַה עַתַה בַרוּך יְהוַה:
 - that you will not do us harm, just as we have not molested you but have always dealt kindly with you and sent you away in peace. From now on, be you blessed of הוהי"
 - וַיַעש לַהָם משתה וַיאכלו וַישתו:
- 30 Then he made for them a feast, and they ate and drank.
 - מאתו בשלום:
 - וַיַשַׂלְחָם יַצַחְׂק וַיַּלְכָּוּ (וַיַשַׂבְעוּ אַיש לִאָחָיו וַיִשַּלְחָם יַצַחְׂק וַיַלְכָּוּ (וַיַשַׂבְעוּ אַיש לִאָחָיו וַיִשַּלְחָם יַצַחְׂק וַיֵּלְכָּוּ (וַיַשַׂבְעוּ אַיש לִאָחָיו וַיִשַּלְחָם יַצַחְׂק וַיֵּלְכָּוּ (וֹיַשְׂבְעוּ אַיש לִאָחָיו וַיִשַּלְחָם יִצַחְׂק וַיֵּלְכִּוּ then bade them farewell, and they departed from him in peace.
- 32 ניהי ו ביום ההוא ניבאו עבדי יצחק ניגדו לו על־אדות הבאר אַשֵר חַפַּרוּ וַיִּאמִרוּ לוּ מַצַאנוּ מַיִם:
- That same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water!"
- 33 וַיִּקרָא אתָה שֹבַעָה עַל־כַן שַם־הָעִיר בָאֵר שַׂבַע עַד הַיִּוֹם הַזֵּה:
 - He named it Shibah; (Shibah As though "oath.") therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba to this day.
- וַיִהִי עַשַוֹּ בֵּן־אַרבָעִים שַׁנָה וַיִּקח אְשַה אֵת־יִהוּדִית בַּת־בַּאַרִי הַחַתִּי וָאֶת־בַשֹּׁמַת בַת־אֵילוָ הַחַתִי:
 - When Esau was forty years old, he took to wife Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite;
 - 35 נתהיין מרת רוח ליצחק ולרבקה:
 - and they were a source of bitterness to Isaac and Rebekah.

- ַוּיְהִיֹּ כִי־זָקוָ יִצְחָלָק וַתִּכְהָין עֵינָיו מֵרְאֶת וַיִּקרָּא אֶת־עֵשַוּ ו בְּנָוֹ הַנָּדֹל וַיָּאמֵר אַלִיוֹ בַּנִי וַיִּאמֵר אֵלִיו הְנֵנִי:
- When Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see, he called his older son Esau and said to him, "My son." He answered, "Here I am."

- וַיֹּאמֵר הנָה־נָא זָקנתִי לֹא יַדַעתִי יִום מותי:
- And he said, "I am old now, and I do not know how soon I may die.
- ועתה שַא־נָא כֵלֵיךָ תַלִיךָ וִקשֹתַךָ וִצֵא הַשַּׁבֶה וִצְוּדָה לִּי)צידה(:]ציד[
- Take your gear, your quiver and bow, and go out into the open and hunt me some game.
- וַעֲשֵבּוֹלִי מַטעמִים כַאֲשֶר אָהָבִתִי וַהְבַיאָה לִּי וִאכַלָה בַּעֲבֵוֹר תברכך נפשי בטרם אמות:
- Then prepare a dish for me such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my innermost blessing before I die."
- ורבקה שמעת בדבר יצחק אל־עשו בנו נילך עשו השלה לצוד צַיִד לִהַבִיא:
- Rebekah had been listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau had gone out into the open to hunt game to bring home,
- וְרִבְקָהֹ אָמְלָה אֶל־יַצְקֹב בְּנָה לֵאמֵר הִנָּה שָׁמַׁעְתִּי אֶת־אָבִיךָ מְדַבֵּר אַל־עשו אַחִיךַ לַאמֹר:
 - Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I overheard your father speaking to your brother Esau, saying,
- הָבִיאָה לָּי צָיִד וַעֲעוַֹה־לָי מַטְעָמִים וְאֹכֵלָה וַאֲבַרֶכְכָה לִפְנֵי יִהֹוָה
- 'Bring me some game and prepare a dish for me to eat, that I may bless you, with הוהי's approval, before I die.'
- ועתה בני שמע בקלי לאַשר אַני מצוַה אתר:
- Now, my son, listen carefully as I instruct you.
- לַדְינָאֹ אֵל־הַצֹּאן וִקְח־לָי מִשָּׁם שׁנֵי גִּדְיֵי עִזְים טֹבִים וִאֲעֲשֵׂה אֹתְם מַטעמים לאביך כאַשר אַהָב:
- Go to the flock and fetch me two choice kids, and I will make of them a dish for your father, such as he likes.
- יברכך לפני מותו: 10 Then take it to your father to eat, in order that he may bless you before he dies."
- וַיָּאמֵר יַעַקֹב אֵל־רִבַקה אָמֵוֹ הָן עַשָוֹ אָחִיּ אֵישׁ שַׂעֹר וִאַנֹכִי אֵישׁ
- Jacob answered his mother Rebekah, "But my brother Esau is a hairy man and I am smooth-skinned.
- אוּלָי קּלָה עָרָי וְהַבָּאתִי עָלָי וְהָרָיתִי בְעֵינְיו כִּמְתַעְתָּעַ וְהַבֵּאתִי עָלָי קּלָלָה 12 If my father touches me, I shall appear to him as
 - a trickster and bring upon myself a curse, not a blessing."
 - 13 But his mother said to him, "Your curse, my son, וָתָאמֵר לוֹ אָמוֹ עַלִי קַלְלְתְרָ בַּנִי אָךָ שׁמֵע בַּקְלִי וַלָּךְ קְח־לִי:
 - be upon me! Just do as I say and go fetch them for me."

 - אָהֶב אָמֶן וְתַעָשׁ אָמוֹ מַטַעְמִים כַאֲשֵׁר אָהָב 14 He got them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared a dish such as his father liked.
- 15 וַתְקָח תְּבְלָּה אֶת־בִּגְדֵי עֲשָׂו בִּנָה הַגָּדֹל הַחֲמֵדֹת אֲשֵׂר אִתַה בַּבַּיִת וַתַלבש אַת־יַעקב בנה הַקטן:
- Rebekah then took the best clothes of her older son Esau, which were there (there Or "in her charge"—an acknowledgment of authority; Heb. 'itah, lit. "with her.") in the house, and had her younger son Jacob put them on;

 - וואָת על הַלְבִישָה עַל־יָדִיו וְעַל חֲלָקת צַוָּארַיו: 16 and she covered his hands and the hairless part of his neck with the skins of the kids.
 - 17 וַתַתון אֶת־הַמַטעמִים ואָת־הַלַחֵם אָשֵר עשתה ביַד יַעַקב בנָה:
 - Then she put in the hands of her son Jacob the dish and the bread that she had prepared.

 - 18 He went to his father and said, "Father." And he וָיָבָא אֱל־אָבִיו וַיָּאמֶר הְנֵּנִי מֵי אַתָּה בִּנִי: said, "Yes, which of my sons are you?"

- 19 וַיֹּאמֵר יַעַקֹב אֱל־אָבִיו אָנכי עשו בכרֶך עשיתי כַאֲשֶׁר דְבַּרְתְ אַלִי קוּם־נָא שַבַּה וָאַכַלָה מצֵידִי בַעבור תַבַרְכַנִי נַפְשֵׁךָ:
 - Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau, your first-born; I have done as you told me. Pray sit up and eat of my game, that you may give me your innermost blessing."
- 20 וַיָּאמֵר יִצַחָלָ אֱל־בַּנוֹ מַה־זֶה מהָרַתְ לִמצָא בַנִי וַיֹּאמֵר כִי הִקרָה יהוה אלהיך לפני:
- Isaac said to his son, "How did you succeed so quickly, my son?" And he said, "Because your God granted me good fortune."
 - :עשו אם־לא
 - נְיָאמֵר יִצַחָל אַל־יַעַלְב גִּשָה־נָא וַאָמַשׁךָ בַּנָי הָאַתָּה זָה בַּנִי 121 Isaac said to Jacob, "Come closer that I may feel you, my son—whether you are really my son Esau or not."
 - 22 וַיִּגָשׁ יַעַקב אֱל־יִצַחָק אָבִיו וַיִּמְשַהוּ וַיֹּאמֵר הַקּל קול יַעַקב וָהַיַּדַיִם יִדֵי עֲשַׂו:
- So Jacob drew close to his father Isaac, who felt him and wondered. "The voice is the voice of Jacob, yet the hands are the hands of Esau."
 - 23 ולא הכירו כי היו ידיו כידי עשו אחיו שערת ויברכהו:
- He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; and so he blessed him.

 - ניאמר אָתָה זָה בַּנִי עשוּ ויַאָאמַר אָנִי: 24 He asked, "Are you really my son Esau?" And when he said, "I am,"
 - 25 וַיֹאמֵר הַגָּשָה לִּיֹ וִאְכַלָה מִצֵּיד בַּנִי לִמַעָן תִבַּרֵכַךְ נַפְּשַי וַיָגַש־לוֹ וַיֹּאכַל וַיָבַא לֵוֹ יַיִן וַיַשׁתִּ:
 - he said, "Serve me and let me eat of my son's game that I may give you my innermost blessing." So he served him and he ate, and he brought him wine and he drank.
 - 26 וַיִּאמֵר אֲלִיו יצַחָק אָבַיו גַּשָה־נָּא וּשִׁקָה־לִּי בִּנִי:
- Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come close and kiss me, my son";
 - וַיִּגַשׁ וַיִּשַק־לוֹ וַיָּרַח אֵת־רֶיחַ בִּגָּדִיוֹ וַיִּבַרְכָהוּ וַיֹּאמֵר ראֵה רֶיחַ בלי ככית שלה אשר ברכו יהוה:
- and he went up and kissed him. And he smelled his clothes and he blessed him, saying, "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of the fields that has blessed.
- 28 וִיְתֵּן־לְּלָ הָאֵלֹהִים מִטַל הַשָּׁמִים וּמְשִׁמַנֵּי הָאָרֵץ וִרְב דָּגָן וִתִירְשׁ:
- "May God give youOf the dew of heaven and the fat of the earth, Abundance of new grain and wine.
- יַעָבִדְוּךָ עַמִּיִם)וישתחו(]וִיְשֹׁתַחֵוָוּ[לִּךָּ לִאָמַׂיִם הֵוָה גִבִיר לִאַחֵׂיךָ וִישֹתַחֲוָוּ לְדָ בְּנֶי אִמֶּךָ אֹרְרֶיךָ אַלוּר וִּמְבַרְכֶיךָ בַּרְוּךְ:
- Let peoples serve you, And nations bow to you; Be master over your brothers, And let your mother's sons bow to you. Cursed be they who curse you, Blessed they who bless you."
- וַיִהִי כַאֲשֵוֹר כַלָּה יִצַחָק לבָרָך אַת־יַעַקב וַיִהי אָך יָצָא יָצָא יַעַקב מֵאֶת פְנֵי יִצְחָק אָבֵיו וְעֲשַׂו אָחֹיו בָא מִצֵידְוֹ:
 - No sooner had Jacob left the presence of his father Isaac—after Isaac had finished blessing Jacob—than his brother Esau came back from his hunt.
- וַיָעשׁ גַּם־הוּאֹ מַטִעַמִּים וַיָּבֵא לִאָבִיו וַיָּאמֵר לִאָבִיו יָקם אָבִי וִיאכַל מציד בנו בעבר תברכני נפשך:
 - He too prepared a dish and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father sit up and eat of his son's game, so that you may give me your innermost blessing."
 - 22 וַיִּאמֵר לֵו יצחָק אָבִיו מי־אַתָּה וַיֹּאמֵר אֲנֵי בִּנְךָ בַכְרְךָ עְשַׁו:
- His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" And he said, "I am your son, Esau, your first-born!"

- ניָחֱלַד יִצְחָק חֲרָדָהٌ גְּדֹלָה עָד־מְאוֹ הַיִּאבּוֹא הַוּא הַצָּד־צַּיִּדُ 33 Isaac was seized with very violent trembling. "Who וַיָּבֵא לִי וַאכַל מכֵל בּטַרֶם תַבוֹא וַאֲבַרכַהוּ גַם־בַּרוּך יְהַיֶה:
 - was it then," he demanded, "that hunted game and brought it to me? Moreover, I ate of it before you came, and I blessed him; now he must remain blessed!"
 - כשַמִע עשוֹ אַת־דִבַרָי אָבִיו וַיִּצעָק צַעָלְה גִּדֹלָה וּמַרָה עַד־מַאַד וַיִאמֵר לִאַבִּיו בַרכַנִי גַם־אַנִי אַבִי:
- 34 When Esau heard his father's words, he burst into wild and bitter sobbing, and said to his father, "Bless me too, Father!"
- 35 But he answered, "Your brother came with guile and ניאמר בא אחיך במרמה ניקח ברכתך: took away your blessing."
- 36 וַיאמר הַכיּ קרָא שַמוּ יַעַקב וַיַעקבני זָה פַעַמַיִם אַת־בַּכרָתִי לָקח וָהְנָה עָתָה לָקח בַּרְכַתִי וַיֹּאמֵר הֵלֹא־אַצַלְתַ לִּי בַּרְכַה:
 - [Esau] said, "Was he, then, named Jacob that he might supplant (supplant Heb. 'aqab, connected with "Jacob.") me these two times? First he took away my birthright and now he has taken away my blessing!" And he added, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"
- וַיַּען יִצִחָלָק וַיָּאמֵר לִעשוּ הָן גִבּיר שַׁמַתְיו לָךָ וִאַת־כַּל־אַחָיו נָתְתִי לוֹ לַעֲבַדִּים וִדָגַן וִתִירִשׁ סִמַכִתִיו וּלְכַה אֲפּוֹא מַה אֲעֲשֵה בִּנִי:
- Isaac answered, saying to Esau, "But I have made him master over you: I have given him all his brothers for servants, and sustained him with grain and wine. What, then, can I still do for you, my son?"
- וַיֹּאמֵר עֵשָׂו אֵל־אָבִיו הַבַּרָכָּה אַחַת הוא־לַךָּ אָבִי בַּרַכָנִי גַם־אָנִי אָבַי וִישַא עשו קלו וַיַבַרָ:
- And Esau said to his father, "Have you but one blessing, Father? Bless me too, Father!" And Esau wept aloud.
- ַוּיָען יִצְחָק אָבִיו וַיָּאמֶר אֵלְיו הִנֵּה מִשְׁמַנַּי הָאָּרֶץ יִהְיָה מִוֹשָׁבֶּן ומטל השמים מעל:
- And his father Isaac answered, saying to him, "See, your abode shall enjoy the fat of the earthAnd (enjoy the fat of the earth / And Others "be away from the fat of the earth and from.") the dew of heaven above.
- ַ וְעַל־חַרְבַּךְ תְחְיֶה וְאֶת־אָחִיךְ תַּעֲבֹד וְהָיָה כַאֲשֶׂר תִּרִיד וּפָּרַקתְ 40 עלו מעל צוארד:
- Yet by your sword you shall live, And you shall serve your brother;But when you grow restive,You shall break his yoke from your neck."
- וַיִשִׂטִם עשוֹ אַת־יַעַקֹב עַל־הַבַּרָלָה אַשֵר בַּרְכוּ אָבַיו וַיֹּאמֵר עשוֹו בלבו יקרבו ימי אבל אבי ואהרגה את־יעקב אחי:
- Now Esau harbored a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing which his father had given him, and Esau said to himself, "Let but the mourning period of my father come, and I will kill my brother Jacob."
- 42 וַיָּגָּד לִרְבַקֹה אֵת־דִבַרָי עשו בִּנָה הַגַּדַל וַתְּשׁלַח וַתִּקְרָא לִיַעַקְבֹּ בַנָה הַקַּטַׂן וַתִּאמֵר אֱלַיו הַנֵּה עֲשַׁו אַחִיך מִתְנַחֵם לְדָ לִהַרְגַדְ:
 - When the words of her older son Esau were reported to Rebekah, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him, "Your brother Esau is consoling himself by planning to kill you.
 - ועתה בני שמע בקלי וקום ברח־לך אל־לבן אחי חרנה:
- 43 Now, my son, listen to me. Flee at once to Haran, to my brother Laban.
 - :יָשַבַתָּ עָמוֹ יָמֵים אַחָדִים עָד אַשור־תָשוֹב חַמָת אָחִיך:
- Stay with him a while, until your brother's fury subsides—

- עד־שוֹּב אַף־אָחִיךְ מִמְךְ וְשִׁכַּחֹ אָת אֲשֶׂר־עָשֵׂיתִ לּוֹ וְשַׁלַחְתְי או until your brother's anger against you subsides—and he forgets what you har
 - 45 until your brother's anger against you subsides—and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will fetch you from there. Let me not lose you both in one day!"
- 46 וַתְּאמֶר רִבְקהֹ אֶל־יִצְחָק קצְתִי בְחַלֵּי מִפְנֶי בְּנָוֹת חֲת אִם־לֹקח ַיַּצְקְבׁב אִשָּׂה מִבְּנָוֹת־חָת כָּאֵלֶה מִבְּנָוֹת הָאָרֶץ לְמָה לִּי חַיִּים:
- 46 Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am disgusted with my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries a Hittite woman like these, from among the native women, what good will life be to me?"

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- וַיִּקרָא יִצְחָק אֶל־יַעֲקֹב וַיְבַרֶךְ אֹתֵוֹ וַיְצַוֵּּהוֹּ וַיַּאמֶר לוֹ לְא־תִקח אַשָּׁה מִבְּנִוֹת כָּנָעָן:
- 1 So Isaac sent for Jacob and blessed him. He instructed him, saying, "You shall not take a wife from among the Canaanite women.
- קוּם לַךְּ פַדֶּנָה אֲרָם בָּיתָה בְתוּאָל אֲבִי אִמְדָ וִקְח־לְדָ מִשָּׁם אִשְׂה מבִנוֹת לָבַן אֲחַי אִמֵּך:
- 2 Up, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel, your mother's father, and take a wife there from among the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother.
- ואַל שַהַּי יִבַרֶךְ אָתְרָ וַיַפַרְךָ וַיִּרְבַּךְ וָהַיִיתְ לִקְהָל עַמִים:
- 3 May El Shaddai (El Shaddai See note at 17.1.) bless you, make you fertile and numerous, so that you become an assembly of peoples.
- וְיְתֶּן־לְךָּ אֶת־בִּרְכָּת אַבְרָהַם לְךָ וּלְזַרְאַךָ אִתְּךָ לְרִשְׁתְּךָּ אֶת־אֶרֶץ מגַבִּיךָ אַשַרינִתַן אֵלֹהִים לִאַברִהַם:
- 4 May you and your offspring be granted the blessing of Abraham, that you may possess the land where you are sojourning, which God assigned to Abraham."
- וַיִּשְׂלָח יִצְחָלָ אֶת־יַצְלָב וַיֶּלֶךְ פַּדֶּנָה אֲרֶם אֶל־לִבְן בֶּן־בְּתוּאֵל הָאָרַמִּי אֲחַי רִבַלָּה אָם יַצַקֹב וְעַשָׁו:
- 5 Then Isaac sent Jacob off, and he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, mother of Jacob and Esau.
- וַיָּרָא עֵשָׂו כִּי־בֵרָךְ יִצְחָקٌ אֶת־יַעֲקֹבٌ וְשִׁלָּח אֹתוֹ פַדֶּנָה אֲלָם לָקחַת־לָוֹ מִשָּׁם אִשֶּׁה בְּבָרְכַוֹ אֹתוֹ וַיְצִוּ עָלִיוֹ לֵאמֹר לְא־תִקח אִשְׁה מִבִּנִוֹת כִּנָעַן:
- 6 When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him off to Paddan-aram to take a wife from there, charging him, as he blessed him, "You shall not take a wife from among the Canaanite women,"
- ַנִּשֹׂמָע יַעֲקֹב אֶל־אָבִיו וְאֶל־אִמֵוֹ וַיֶּלֶךְ פַדֶּנָה אֲרְם:
- 7 and that Jacob had obeyed his father and mother and gone to Paddan-aram,
- וַיָּרָא עֲשָׂו כָּי רָעִוֹת בַּנָוֹת כַנָען בַעִינֵי יִצְחַק אָבִיו:
- 8 Esau realized that the Canaanite women displeased his father Isaac.
- וַיֶּלֶךְ עַשִּׂו אֶל־יִשְּׁמִעֲאל וַיִּקְׂח אֶת־מִחֲלָת וּ בַּת־יִשְׂמִעַּאל בֶּן־אַבְרָהְם אַחִוֹת נָבַיֵוֹת עַל־נַשִּׂיו לִוֹ לִאִשָּה:
- 9 So Esau went to Ishmael and took to wife, in addition to the wives he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael son of Abraham, sister of Nebaioth.