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Unit 9

Isaac, Jacob and Joseph
in Lorenzo Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise

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Gates of Paradise

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1425-1452

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- Sell one's birthright for a mess of pottage



- **Genesis 25:31**
- Jacob replied, "First sell me your **birthright**."
- **Genesis 25:32**
- "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the **birthright** to me?"
- **Genesis 25:33**
- But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his **birthright** to Jacob.
- **Genesis 25:34**
- Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his **birthright**.

birthright

- a particular right of possession or privilege a person has from birth, especially as an eldest son.
- Firstborn : successor to head of family
double portions of inheritance
significant role in redemption

- Jacob's voice in Esau's hand



- **Genesis 27:22**
- Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, “The **voice** is the **voice** of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.”

- Jacob's ladder

- **Genesis 28**

- **11** When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. **12** He had a dream in which he saw a **stairway** resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

- Israel

- **Genesis 32:28**
- Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but **Israel**, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”
- Israel (meaning, “he struggles with God”)

- a coat of many colors/Joseph's coat/ wear Joseph's coat

- Genesis 37
- **3** Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an **ornate[a]** **robe** for him. **4** When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

- Joseph's dream

- **Genesis 37**

- **5** Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. **6** He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: **7** We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."
- **9** Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

- Joseph's dream interpretation (cupbearer and baker)

- Pharaoh's dream



Joseph Interpreting Pharaoh's Dream-- **CORNELIUS**, *Peter* 1816

- Corn in Egypt

- Genesis 41
- **53** The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end, **54** and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all the other lands, but in the whole land of Egypt there was food. **55** When all Egypt began to feel the famine, the people cried to Pharaoh for food. Then Pharaoh told all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph and do what he tells you.”

- Benjamin's mess

- Genesis 43
- **33** The men had been seated before him in the order of their ages, from the firstborn to the youngest; and they looked at each other in astonishment. **34** When portions were served to them from Joseph's table, Benjamin's portion was **five times** as much as anyone else's. So they feasted and drank freely with him.

- A silver cup in a sack

- **Genesis 44**

- Now Joseph gave these instructions to the steward of his house: “Fill the men’s sacks with as much food as they can carry, and put each man’s silver in the mouth of his sack. ² Then put my cup, the silver one, in the mouth of the youngest one’s sack, along with the silver for his grain.” And he did as Joseph said.

- Genesis **44**:
- ³³ “Now then, please let your servant remain here as my lord’s slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers. ³⁴ How can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? No! Do not let me see the misery that would come on my father.”

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- fat of the land

- **Genesis 45:18**
- and bring your **father** and your families back to me. I will give you **the best of the land of** Egypt and you can enjoy **the fat of the land.**

- Ephraim

- **Genesis 46:20**
- In Egypt, **Manasseh and Ephraim** were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On.

- **Genesis 48:5**
- “Now then, your two sons born to you in Egypt before I came to you here will be reckoned as mine; **Ephraim** and Manasseh will be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine.
- **Genesis 48:14**
- But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on **Ephraim**’s head, though he was the younger, and crossing his arms, he put his left hand on Manasseh’s head, even though Manasseh was the firstborn.

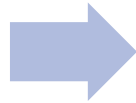
Tribes of Israel

Reuben	Dan
Simeon	Naphtali
Levi	Gad
Judah	Asher
Issachar	Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh)
Zebulun	Benjamin

Patriarchs

1900-1600 B.C.

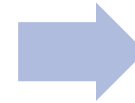
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Prophets

1400-1000 B.C.

- Moses
- Joshua



Judges

1000-0 B.C.

- Judges through Malachi

Exodus

- from Latin *exodus*
- from Greek *exodos*
- *ex-* “out”
- *hodos* “a way, path, track, road”
- → “a going out”

Part 2 Allusion in Context

The following paragraph is from Dan Brown’s novel *The Da Vinci Code*

Now, with the fire alarm silenced, Langdon could hear the sounds of DCPJ sirens tearing away from the Louvre. A police exodus. Fache had hurried off as well, leaving the Grand Gallery deserted.

- Moses and the burning bush



The Trials and Calling of Moses --**BOTTICELLI**, 1481-82