### Genesis 25:19-34

#### Genesis 25:19 – These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac,

	3327 [e]	853 [e]	3205 [e]	85 [e]		85 [e]		1121 [e]	3327 [e]	8435 [e]	428 [e]	
	yiş·ḥāq.	'e <u>t</u> -	hō·w·lîd	'ab∙rā∙hām		'ab∙rā·hām;		ben-	yiṣ∙ḥāq	tō·wl·dōt	wə·'êl·leh	
-	:בְּחָק:	אָת־	הוֹלִיד	אַבְרָהָם	:	אַכְרָהֶם	-	⊊ן־	יִצְחָק:	תוֹלְדָת	ואַלָה	19
	Isaac	-	begat	Abraham		of Abraham		son	of Isaac	the generations	And these [are]	
	N-proper-ms	DirObjM	V-Hifil-Perf-3ms	N-proper-ms		N-proper-ms		N-msc	N-proper-ms	N-fpc	Conj-w   Pro-cp	

- 1. The next section, genealogy, history or narrative DOCUMENT begins here with TOWLEDOT
  - a. תּוֹלְדָה "TOWLDAH" (to-led-aw) "generations, genealogical registration, genealogies, account, birth, order of their birth"
  - b. See back page of notes

# 25:20 – and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.



# 25:21 – And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren. And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived.



"iš-tòw. rib-qāh wat-ta-har Yah-weh,
בְּלְהַרָּהְ
his wife Rebekah and conceived Yahweh
N-fsc | 3ms N-proper-fs Conj-w | V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3fs N-proper-ms

- "Prayer" עֻתַּר `athar (aw-thar') "make supplication, entreat, entreated, made supplication, moved by prayer, pray"
  - a. Some say "athar" indicates fervency of the prayer
- 2. All of the wives of the patriarchs that produced the heir to the promise were barren until YHWH intervened: Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel
  - a. So, everytime the firstborn, natural son was NOT the heir of the promise:
    - i. Isaac, NOT Ishmael
    - ii. Jacob, NOT Esau

- iii. Joseph, NOT sons #1-10
- 3. Isaac is the only patriarch (A, I, J) to have just one wife

# 25:22 – The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.



- 1. "struggled together"
  - a. אָבְץְ "ratsats" (raw-tsats') "crushed, oppressed, broke, bruised, crush, crushing, struggled"
  - b. Another strong term meaning "crushed" each other
- 2. "she went"
  - a. הַלֶּךְ "halak" (haw-lak') "to go, went, walk, walked, come, departed, gone"
  - b. indicates she traveled to a location: a sanctuary, a prophet, a priest
  - c. Where?
    - Beer LaHoiRoi ("Well of the Living One who sees me") where Hagar heard the Lord
    - ii. Bethel
    - iii. Hebron, trees of Mamre
    - iv. Salem (Jerusalem) to Melchizedek or his descendant
  - d. Note Laban's (Rebekah's brother) divination and use of household gods:
    - i. Gen. 30:27 -

As soon as Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country. Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, that I may go, for you know the service that I have given you." But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your sight, I have learned by divination that the Lord has blessed me because of you. Name your wages, and I will give it."

ii. Gen. 31:34 -

Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his kinsmen pitched tents in the hill country of Gilead. And Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done, that you have tricked me and driven away my daughters like captives of the sword? Why did you flee secretly and trick me, and did not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with mirth and songs, with tambourine and lyre? And why did you not permit me to kiss my sons and my

daughters farewell? Now you have done foolishly. It is in my power to do you harm. But the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.' And now you have gone away because you longed greatly for your father's house, but why did you steal my gods?" Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force. Anyone with whom you find your gods shall not live. In the presence of our kinsmen point out what I have that is yours, and take it." Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them." So Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent and into the tent of the two female servants, but he did not find them. And he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's. Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them in the camel's saddle and sat on them. Laban felt all about the tent, but did not find them. (Gen. 31:25-34)

- 3. "Inquire of the Lord" דָרַשׁ darash (dah-RAHSH) #1875
  - a. Can mean:
    - i. Depending on the Lord instead of other deities or entities:
      - Isaiah 31:1 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the Lord!
      - 2. Jeremiah 10:21 For the shepherds are stupid and do not <u>inquire</u> of the Lord; therefore they have not prospered, and all their flock is scattered.
    - ii. Formal act of asking for an Oracle from YHWH through a legitimate prophet
    - iii. Visiting a Shrine or temple
      - 1. 2 Kings 8:7-15 Now Elisha came to Damascus. Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick. And when it was told him, "The man of God has come here," the king said to Hazael, "Take a present with you and go to meet the man of God, and inquire of the Lord through him, saying, 'Shall I recover from this sickness?" So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, all kinds of goods of Damascus, forty camels' loads. When he came and stood before him, he said, "Your son Ben-hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, 'Shall I recover from this sickness?" And Elisha said to him, "Go, say to him, 'You shall certainly recover,' but[a] the Lord has shown me that he shall certainly die." And he fixed his gaze and stared at him, until he was embarrassed. And the man of God wept. And Hazael said, "Why does my lord weep?" He answered, "Because I know the evil that you will do to the people of Israel. You will set on fire their fortresses, and you will kill their young men with the sword and dash in pieces their little ones and rip open their pregnant women." And Hazael said, "What is your servant, who is but a dog, that he should do this great thing?" Elisha answered, "The Lord has shown me that you are to be king over Syria." Then he departed from Elisha and came to his master, who said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" And he answered, "He told me

that you would certainly recover." But the next day he took the bed cloth and dipped it in water and spread it over his face, till he died. And Hazael became king in his place.

#### 25:23 – And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger."

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#### 25:24 - When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb.

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in her womb	twins	and indeed [there were]	to give birth	her days	So when were fulfilled	
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#### 25:25 – The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau.

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:עַשָּׂו	יַשְׁמָוֹ	וַיִּקרְאָּוּ -	עַּעָר –	כְאַדֶּרֶת	כַּלְוֹ	אַדְמוֹנִי	יָּרָאִשׁוֹן	וַיֵּצֶא	25
Esau	his name	so they called	hairy	like a cloak	all over	ruddy	the first	And came out	
N-proper-ms	N-msc   3ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3mp	N-ms	Prep-k   N-fsc	N-msc   3ms	Adj-ms	Art   Adj-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms	

#### 1. Names

- a. Sometimes names reflect or remember a situation at birth
- b. Names can also indicate destiny and the true meaning of the name is revealed latter during life

#### 2. Esau

- a. Born "hairy like a garment
  - i. Wordplay:
    - 1. 'esaw red
    - 2. Se'ar "hair"

25:26 – Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.



- 1. Jacob was named for his action → Grasping
  - a. אָת achaz /a-khaz/ "seized, take hold, held, caught, fastened, hold, seizes"

# 25:27 – When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents.



#### 25:28 - Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

	157 [e] way·ye·'ĕ·ha <u>b</u>	3327 [e] yiş∙ḥāq	853 [e] 'e <u>t</u> -	6215 [e] 'ê·śāw	3588 [e] kî-	6718 [e] şa·yi₫	6310 [e] bə·pîw;	7259 [e] wə∙rib∙qāh	157 [e] 'ō·he·be <u>t</u>	853 [e] 'e <u>t</u> -
28	וַיֶּאֶהָב	יִּצְחָק	אָת־	ַ עַשָּׂו	בֿנב	<u>אַ</u> יִּד	בְּכֵיו	וְרַבָּקָה 🕟	אֹהֶכֶת	דֶאָת־
	And loved	Isaac	-	Esau	because	[of the] game	he ate	but Rebekah	loved	-
	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms	N-proper-ms	DirObjM	N-proper-ms	Conj	N-ms	Prep-b   N-msc   3ms	w   N-proper-fs	V-Qal-Prtcpl-fs	DirObjM

3290 [e] ya·ʻă·qōb. יַעֲקֶב: Jacob N-proper-ms

## 25:29 – Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted.

5889 [e] 'ā·yêp.	1931 [e] wə·hū	7704 [e] haś·śā·deh	4480 [e] min-	6215 [e] 'ê·śāw	935 [e] way·yā·ḇō	513: nā	8 [e] zîd;	3290 [e] ya·'ă·qōḇ	2102 [e] way-yā-zed	
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[was] weary	and he	the field	from	Esau	and came in	as	tew	Jacob	And cooked	
Adj-ms	Conj-w   Pro-3ms	Art   N-ms	Prep	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms	N	l-ms	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Hifil-ConsecImperf-3ms	

# 25:30 – And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.)

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	way·yō·mer	'ê∙śāw	'el-	ya∙'ă∙qōbৣ,	hal·'î·ţê·nî	nā	min-	hā·'ā·dōm	hā·'ā·dōm	haz·zeh,	kî	ʻā∙yê̄p
30	וַיּאמֶר	עֶעֶֿינ	אֶל־	יַעֲלְב	הַלְעִימֻנִי .	בָּא	ַ מָן־	הָאָלָם	הָאָדֹם	ក‡្ច	, כָּי	ֿעָיֵטָ
	And said	Esau	to	Jacob	feed me	please	with	red	[stew]	this	for	weary
	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms	N-proper-ms	Prep	N-proper-ms	V-Hifil-Imp-ms   1cs	Interjection	Prep	Art   Adj-ms	Art   Adj-ms	Art   Pro-ms	Conj	Adj-ms

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Edom	his name	was called	thus	upon		l [am]
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#### 25:31 – Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now."

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	to me	your birthright	-	as of this day	Sell		Jacob	But said	
	Prep   1cs	N-fsc   2ms	DirObjM	Prep-k, Art   N-ms	V-Qal-Imp-ms   3fs		N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms	

1. "sell me your birthright"

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5889 [e] 3588 [e]

- a. Primogeniture /pri·muh·jeh·nuh·chr/ = privilege of firstborn for inheritance
  - i. Not universally practiced
  - ii. Default position of many cultures
- b. Other ancient examples of inheritance:
  - i. Youngest son is favored
  - ii. Inheritance equally divided
- 2. "Birthright" referred to the material inheritance
  - a. Firstborn receives a double share
    - i. This comes with responsibility of the extended family:
      - 1. Mother
      - 2. Unmarried sisters
      - 3. Burial plots of deceased
- 3. Notice red appears again in the color of the stew Esau desires and is the color of the land (Edom) that Esau will inherit

#### 25:32 - Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?"

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	birthright	to me	this	so what [is]	to die	about	l [am]	behold	Esau	And said	
	N-fs	Prep   1cs	Pro-ms	Conj-w, Prep-I   Interrog	Prep-I   V-Qal-Inf	V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Pro-1cs	Interjection	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms	

#### 25:33 – Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob.



# 25:34 – Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.



- 1. Four verbs in Hebrew (unusual) in sequence present the image of a short lived experience of quickly filling his stomach with no thought: ATE, DRANK, ROSE, WENT
- 2. "Despised" http://despised.careless.contempt.contemp

## ATE + DRANK + ROSE + WENT = DESPISE

"Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears."

- Hebrews 12:14-17

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#### Genesis 2:4

HEB: אַלֵּה תוֹלְדָוֹת הַשָּׁמֵיִם וְהָאָרֵץ

NAS: This is the account of the heavens

KJV: These [are] the generations of the heavens INT: This is the account of the heavens and the earth

#### Genesis 5:1

אָדֶם בִּיוֹם HEB: זֵה סֵׁפֶר תּוֹלְדְׂת אָדֶם בִּיוֹם

NAS: is the book of the <u>generations of Adam</u>. KJV: [is] the book of the generations of Adam.

INT: This is the book of the generations of Adam the day

#### Genesis 6:9

HEB: אֲלֶה תּוֹלְדָת נֿחַ נֿחַ

NAS: These are [the records of] the generations of Noah.

KJV: These [are] the generations of Noah: INT: These the generations of Noah Noah

#### Genesis 10:1

HEB: וַאֵלֵה תּוֹלְדֹת בְּנֵי־ נֹחַ

NAS: Now these are [the records of] the generations of Shem,

KJV: Now these [are] the generations of the sons INT: now these the generations the sons of Noah

#### Genesis 10:32

HEB: בְּנֵי־ נָחַ לְתוֹלְדֹתָם בְּגוֹיֵהֶם וּמֵאֵׁלֶה

NAS: of Noah, according to their genealogies, by their nations;

KJV: of Noah, after their generations, in their nations:

INT: of the sons of Noah to their genealogies their nations of these

#### Genesis 11:10

HEB: אֱלֶה תּוֹלְדָׂת שֵׁם שֵׁם

NAS: These are [the records of] the generations of Shem.

KJV: These [are] the generations of Shem: INT: These the generations of Shem Shem

#### Genesis 11:27

HEB: וְאֵלֶּהֹ תּוֹלְדָׁת הֶּׁרַח הֶּבַח

NAS: Now these are [the records of] the generations of Terah.

KJV: Now these [are] the generations of Terah: INT: now these the generations of Terah Terah

Genesis 25:12

HEB: וְאֵלֵּה תֹּלְדָת יִשְׁמָעֵאל בֶּן־

NAS: Now these are [the records of] the generations of Ishmael,

KJV: Now these [are] the generations of Ishmael, INT: now these the generations of Ishmael son

Genesis 25:13

HEB: יִשְׁמָעֵאל בִּשְׁמֹתָם לְתוֹלְדֹתֶם בְּכֹּר יִשְׁמָעֵאל

NAS: by their names, in the order of their birth: Nebaioth,

KJV: by their names, <u>according to their generations</u>: the firstborn INT: of Ishmael their names the order the firstborn of Ishmael

Genesis 25:19

HEB: אֶלֶה תּוֹלְדָׂת יִצְחָק בֶּן־

NAS: Now these are [the records of] the generations of Isaac,

KJV: And these [are] the generations of Isaac, INT: now these the generations of Isaac son

Genesis 36:1

HEB: וְאֶלֶּה תֹּלְדָוֹת עֲשָׂו הְוּא

NAS: Now these are [the records of] the generations of Esau

KJV: Now these [are] the generations of Esau, INT: now these the generations of Esau he

Genesis 36:9

HEB: אֲלֶה תֹּלְדָוֹת עֵשָׂו אֲבָי

NAS: These then are [the records of] the generations of Esau

KJV: And these [are] the generations of Esau INT: These the generations of Esau the father

Genesis 37:2

HEB: אֲלֶה וּ תֹּלְדָוֹת יַעֲלֶב יוֹסֵׁף

NAS: These are [the records of] the generations of Jacob.

KJV: These [are] the generations of Jacob. INT: These the generations of Jacob Joseph