

Gen 26:34-28:9 {s+s} Chiasm



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1A) 26:34-35 {s} And when Esau was forty years old, he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. **35** And they **[ESAU'S WIVES] WERE A BITTERNESS OF SPIRIT UNTO ISAAC AND TO REBEKAH.** {s}

1B.1) 27:1-4 ISAAC COMMANDED ESAU TO BRING HIM GAME AND RECEIVE THE FIRSTBORN BLESSING;

1a) 27:1-2 And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his elder son, and said to him: My son; and he said to him: Here am I. **2** And he said: Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of **my death**;

central axis) 27:3-4a Now therefore take, I pray you, your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and bring me venison; **4** and make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat;

2a) 27:4b That my soul may bless you before **I die**;

1B.2) 27:5-17 REBEKAH TOLD JACOB WHAT SHE HEARD AND FORMULATES A PLAN;

1a) 27:5-7 Rebekah conceived the deception;

1A) 27:5A And **REBEKAH HEARD**;

1B) 27:5B When **ISAAC SPOKE TO ESAU HIS SON**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 27:5C AND ESAU WENT TO THE FIELD TO HUNT FOR VENISON, AND TO BRING IT;

2B) 27:6A And **REBEKAH SPOKE TO JACOB HER SON**, saying;

2A) 27:6B-7 Behold, **I HEARD** your father speak to Esau your brother, saying: **7** Bring me venison, and make me savory food, that I may eat, and bless you before YHVH before my death;

1b) 27:8-10 Now therefore, my son, **hearken to my voice** according to that which I command you. **9** Go now to the flock, and fetch me from there two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savory food for your father, such as he loves; **10** and you shall bring it to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death;

1c) 27:11-12a And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother: Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. **12** My father per-adventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a mocker; and **I shall bring a curse upon me**;

central axis) 27:12b And not a blessing;

2c) 27:13a And his mother said to him: **On me be your curse**, my son;;

2b) 27:13b Only **hearken to my voice**, and go fetch them for me;

2a) 27:14-17 Rebekah prepared the deception;

1A) 27:14A And HE WENT, AND FETCHED, and BROUGHT THEM TO HIS MOTHER;

1B) 27:14B And HIS MOTHER MADE;

1C) 27:14C SAVORY FOOD such as his father loved;

CENTRAL AXIS) 27:15-16 AND REBEKAH TOOK THE CHOICEST GARMENTS OF ESAU HER ELDER SON, WHICH WERE WITH HER IN THE HOUSE, AND PUT THEM ON JACOB HER YOUNGER SON. 16 AND SHE PUT THE SKINS OF THE KIDS OF THE GOATS ON HIS HANDS, AND UPON THE SMOOTH OF HIS NECK;

2C) 27:17A And she gave the SAVORY FOOD and the bread,

2B) 27:17B Which SHE HAD PREPARED;

2A) 27:17B INTO THE HAND OF HER SON JACOB;

1C) 27:18-25 JACOB CAME IN TO THE PRESENCE OF ISAAC HIS FATHER;

1a.1) 27:18-19a And he came to his father, and said: My father; and he said: Here am I; who are you, my son? 19 And Jacob said to his father: **I am Esau your first-born;**

1a.2) 27:19b-20 I have done according as you have bidden me. Arise, I pray you, sit and **eat of my venison, that your soul may bless me.** 20 And Isaac said to his son: How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son? And he said: Because YHVH your God sent me good speed;

1b) 27:21 And Isaac said to Jacob: Come near, I pray you, that I may feel you, my son, **whether you be verily my son Esau** or not;

1c) 27:22 And Jacob went near to Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said: The voice is the voice of Jacob, but **the hands are the hands of Esau;**

central axis) 27:23a And he discerned him not;

2c) 27:23b Because **his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands;** so he blessed him;

2b) 27:24a And he said: **Are you verily my son Esau?**

2a.1) 27:24b And he said: **I am;**

2a.2) 27:25 And he said: Bring it near to me, and **I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless you.** And he brought it near to him, and he did eat; and he brought him wine, and he drank;

1D) 27:26-27A And his father Isaac said to him: Come near now, and kiss me, my son. 27 And he came near, and kissed him. And he smelled the smell of his raiment, and **BLESSED HIM;**

CENTRAL AXIS) 27:27B-29 And said: See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which YHVH has blessed. 28 So God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fat places of the earth, and plenty of corn

and wine. 29 Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brethren, and let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be every one that curses you, and blessed be every one that blesses you [ISAAC BLESSED JACOB WITH THE FIRST-BORN BLESSING];

2D) 27:30A And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of BLESSING JACOB;

2C) 27:30B And JACOB WAS yet scarce GONE OUT FROM THE PRESENCE OF ISAAC HIS FATHER;

2B.1) 27:30C-40 ESAU BROUGHT ISAAC HIS GAME AND RECEIVED A BLESSING (not the firstborn);

1a) 27:30c-33 Esau returns and asks his father for his blessing;

1A.1) 27:30C-31A That Esau his brother came in from his hunting. 31 And he also made savory food, and BROUGHT IT TO HIS FATHER;

1A.2) 27:31B And he said to his father: Let my father arise, and EAT OF HIS SON'S VENISON, THAT YOUR SOUL MAY BLESS ME;

1B) 27:32A And Isaac his father said to him: WHO ARE YOU?

CENTRAL AXIS) 27:32B AND HE SAID: I AM YOUR SON, YOUR FIRST-BORN, ESAU;

2B) 27:33A And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said: WHO THEN IS HE;

2A.1) 27:33B That has taken venison, and BROUGHT IT TO ME;

2A.2) 27:33C And I HAVE EATEN OF ALL OF IT before you came, and HAVE BLESSED HIM? Yes, and he shall be blessed;

1b) 27:34a When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceeding great and bitter cry;

1c) 27:34b-36 Bless me, even me also, O my father. ... Have you not reserved a blessing for me?

1A) 27:34B And said to his father: BLESS ME, EVEN ME ALSO, O my father;

1B) 27:35 And he said: Your brother came with guile, and has TAKEN AWAY YOUR BLESSING;

CENTRAL AXIS) 27:36A AND HE SAID: IS NOT HE RIGHTLY NAMED JACOB? FOR HE HAS SUPPLANTED ME THESE TWO TIMES;

2B) 27:36B He took away my birthright; and, behold, now he has TAKEN AWAY MY BLESSING;

2A) 27:36C And he said: Have you not reserved A BLESSING FOR ME?

central axis) 27:37 And Isaac answered and said to Esau: Behold, I have made him your lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him; and what then shall I do for you, my son?

2c) 27:38a And Esau said to his father: Have you but one blessing, my father? **Bless me, even me also, O my father;**

2b) 27:38b And **Esau lifted up his voice, and wept;**

2a) 27:39-40 And Isaac his father answered and said to him: Behold, of the fat places of the earth shall be your dwelling, and of the dew of heaven from above; 40 And by your sword shall you live, and you shall serve your brother; and it shall come to pass when you shall break loose, that you shall shake his yoke from off your neck [**Isaac blessed Esau, but not with the firstborn blessing**];

2B.2) 27:41-45 REBEKAH TOLD JACOB WHAT SHE HEARD AND FORMULATES A PLAN;

1a) 27:41a And **Esau hated Jacob;**

central axis) 27:41b Because of the blessing with which his father blessed him;

2a) 27:41c-45 **Esau planned to murder his brother** after his father's death;

1A) 47:41C-42 And Esau said in his heart: Let the days of mourning for my father be at hand; then **WILL I SLAY MY BROTHER JACOB**. 42 And the words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah; and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him: Behold, **YOUR BROTHER ESAU** comforts himself concerning you, **PURPOSING TO KILL YOU**;

1B) 27:43-44A Now therefore, my son, hearken to my voice; and arise, **FLEE TO LABAN MY BROTHER IN HARAN**; 44 and tarry with him a few days;

CENTRAL AXIS) 27:44B-45A **UNTIL YOUR BROTHER'S FURY TURN AWAY; 45 UNTIL YOUR BROTHER'S ANGER TURN AWAY FROM YOU, AND HE FORGETS THAT WHICH YOU HAVE DONE TO HIM**;

2B) 27:45B Then I will send, and **FETCH YOU FROM THERE**;

2A) 27:45C **WHY SHOULD I BE BEREAVED OF YOU BOTH** in one day?

2A) 27:46-28:9 {s} JACOB'S WIFE/ ESAU'S WIVES;

1a) 27:46 If **Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth** ... what good will my life be to me?

1a) 27:46a And Rebekah said to Isaac: **I am weary of my life**;

1b) 27:46b Because of **the daughters of Heth**;

central axis) 27:46c If Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth;

2b) 27:46d Such as these, of **the daughters of the land**;

2a) 27:46e **What good shall my life be to me?**

1b) 28:1-2 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. 2 Arise, **go to Paddan-aram**, to the house of **Bethuel your mother's father**; and take you a wife from there of the daughters of Laban **your mother's brother**;

central axis) 28:3-4 And God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, that you may be a congregation of peoples; 4 and give

you the blessing of Abraham, to you, and to your seed with you; that you may inherit the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham;

2b) 28:5 And Isaac sent away Jacob; and he went to Paddan-aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother;

2a) 28:6-9 {s} Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father, so he took the daughter of Ishmael to wife;

1a) 28:6a Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram, to take him a wife from there;

1b) 28:6b And that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying: You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

central axis) 28:7 And that Jacob hearkened to his father and his mother, and was gone to Paddan-aram;

2b) 28:8 And Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;

2a) 28:9 So Esau went to Ishmael, and took along with the wives that he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife. {s}