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Gen 25:19-28:9 *Toledoth* Expanded Chiasm

1A) 25:19-20 And these are the generations of **ISAAC, ABRAHAM'S SON**:

Abraham begot Isaac. **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**;

1B.1) 25:21-22A 21 And Isaac entreated YHVH for his wife, because she was barren; and YHVH let Himself be entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. **22** And the children struggled together within her; [**CONTENTION BETWEEN THE SEED**];

1B.2) 25:22B And she said: If it be so, why do I live? And **SHE WENT TO INQUIRE OF YHVH**;

1C) 25:23 And YHVH said unto her: Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples shall be separated from your body; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and **THE ELDER SHALL SERVE THE YOUNGER**;

1D) 25:24-26 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. **25** And the first came forth ruddy, all over like a hairy mantle; and they called his name Esau. **26** And after that came forth his brother, and his hand had hold on Esau's heel; and **HIS NAME WAS CALLED JACOB**. And Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them;

1E) 25:27-34 ISAAC PREFERRED ESAU and REBEKAH PREFERRED JACOB / JACOB GAINED THE BIRTHRIGHT; Esau despised the birthright; {p}

1a) 25:27-33 Esau sold his birthright to Jacob;

1a) 25:27-31 And the boys grew; and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. **28** Now Isaac loved Esau, because he ate of his venison; and Rebekah loved Jacob. **29** And Jacob boiled pottage; and Esau came in from the field, and he was faint. **30** And Esau said to Jacob: Let me swallow, I pray you, some of this red, red pottage; for I am faint. Therefore was his name called Edom. **31** And Jacob said: *Sell me first your birthright*;

central axis) 25:32 And Esau said: Behold, I am at the point of death; and what profit shall the birthright be to me?

2a) 25:33 And Jacob said: Swear to me first; and he swore unto him; and *he sold his birthright unto Jacob*;

central axis) 25:34a And Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way;

2a) 25:34b So **Esau despised his birthright**; {p}

1F) 26:1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And **ISAAC WENT TO ABIMELECH**, king of the Philistines, to Gerar;

1G) 26:2-5 YHVH APPEARED TO ISAAC AND RENEWED THE COVENANT;

1a) 26:2-3a And YHVH appeared to him, and said: Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. **3** Sojourn in this land, and **I will** be with you, and will **bless you**;

1b) 26:3b For to you, and **to your seed, I will give all these lands**;
central axis) 26:3c-4a And I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father; **4** and I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven;

2b) 26:4b And **will give to your seed all these lands**;

2a) 26:4c-5 And **by your seed shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves**; **5** because that Abraham hearkened to My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws;

1H) 26:6 And **ISAAC DWELT IN GERAR**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 26:7-22 CONTENTION OVER ISAAC'S WIFE; PROSPERITY; WELLS [i.e., THE LIFE OF ISAAC REPEATS EVENTS FROM THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM];

1a) 26:7-11 The **Philistines contend with Isaac** over his wife;

1a) 26:7a And **the men of the place** asked him of his wife;

1b.1) 26:7b And he said: **She is my sister**;

1b.2) 26:7c For he feared to say: My wife; lest the men of the place **should kill me** for Rebekah, because she is fair to look upon;

central axis) 26:8-9a *And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was flirting with Rebekah his wife. 9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said: Behold, of a surety she is your wife,*

2b.1) 26:9b And how is it that you said: **She is my sister**?

2b.2) 26:9c And Isaac said to him: Because I said: **Lest I die** because of her;

2a) 26:10-11 **Abimelech's people** charged concerning Isaac and his wife;

1A) 26:10A And Abimelech said: What is this you have done to us? **ONE OF THE PEOPLE** might easily have lain with your wife;

CENTRAL AXIS) 26:10B AND YOU WOULD HAVE BROUGHT GUILT UPON US;

2A) 26:11 And Abimelech charged **ALL THE PEOPLE**, saying: He that touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death;

1b) 26:12-14 And **Isaac sowed** in that land, **and received in the same year a hundredfold**; and YHVH blessed him. **13** And the man waxed great, and grew more and more until he became very great. **14** And he had possessions of flocks, and

possessions of herds, and a great household; and the Philistines envied him;

1c) 26:15 Now all **the wells** which his father's servants had dug in the days **of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped** them, and filled them with earth;

1d) 26:16a And Abimelech said to Isaac: **Go from us;**

central axis) 26:16b **For you are much mightier than we;**

2d) 26:17 And **Isaac departed** from there, and encamped in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there;

2c) 26:18 And Isaac dug again **the wells of water**, which they had dug in the days **of Abraham his father**; for **the Philistines had stopped** them after the death of Abraham; and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them;

2b) 26:19 And **Isaac's servants** dug in the valley, and **found** there **a well of living water**;

2a) 26:20-22 The **Philistines contend with Isaac** over his wells of water;

1a) 26:20-21 And **the herdsmen of Gerar strove** with Isaac's herdsmen, saying: The water is ours. And he called the name of the well Esek; because they contended with him. **21** And they dug another well, and **they strove** for that also. And he called the name of it Sitnah;

central axis) 26:22a **And he moved from there, and dug another well;**

2a) 26:22b And for that **they strove not**. And he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said: For now YHVH has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land;

2H) 26:23 And **HE WENT UP** from there **TO BEERSHEBA**;

2G) 26:24-25A **YHVH APPEARED TO ISAAC AND RENEWED THE COVENANT**;

1a) 26:24a And **YHVH appeared to him** the same night;

1b) 26:24b And said: I am the God of **Abraham** your father;

central axis) 26:24c **Fear not, for I am with you, and will bless you, and multiply your seed;**

2b) 26:24d For My servant **Abraham's** sake;

2a) 26:25a And **he** built an altar there, and **called on the name of YHVH**, and pitched his tent there;

2F) 26:25B-33 **ABIMELECH CAME TO ISAAC** when YHVH had blessed him; {s}

1a) 26:25b And there **Isaac's servants dug a well**;

1b) 26:26 Then **Abimelech went to him** from Gerar, and Ahuzzath his friend, and Phicol the captain of his host;

1c) 26:27-29b Why have you come, seeing **you sent me away** from you?

1a) 26:27 And Isaac said to them: Why have you come to me, seeing you hate me, and **have sent me away** from you?

1b) 26:28a And they said: We saw plainly that **YHVH was with you**;

central axis) 26:28b **And we said: Let there now be an oath between us, even between us and you, and let us make a covenant with you**;

2b) 26:29a That **you will do us no hurt**, as we have not touched you, and as we have done to you nothing but good;

2a) 26:29b And **have sent you away** in peace;

central axis) 26:29c-31a You are now the blessed of YHVH. 30 And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink. 31 And they rose up early in the morning, and swore one to another;

2c) 26:31b And **Isaac sent them away**;

2b) 26:31c And **they departed from him** in peace;

2a) 26:32-33 And it came to pass the same day, that **Isaac's servants** came and **told him concerning the well which they had dug**, and said to him: We have found water. 33 And he called it Shibah. Therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day; {s}

2E) 26:34-27:34 **ISAAC PREFERRED ESAU** and **REBEKAH PREFERRED JACOB / JACOB GAINED THE BLESSING**, Esau sought the blessing with tears;

1a) 26:34-35 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 were a **bitterness of spirit** unto Isaac and to Rebekah; {s}

1b.1) 27:1-4 Isaac to Esau: **hunt venison** and **make me savory food, that my soul may bless you** before I die;

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 The deception planned;

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;

2A) 27:6B-7 Saying: 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 perhaps 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) 27:17C Into the hand of HER SON Jacob;

1c) 27:18-25 **Jacob came in** to 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 firstborn;**

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 truly 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 truly 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 [i.e., Isaac blessed Jacob with the firstborn 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-32 That Esau his brother came in from his hunting. 31 And **he** also **made savory food**, and brought it to his father; and he said to his father: **Let my father** arise, and **eat of his son's venison, that your soul may bless me**. 32 And Isaac his father said to him: Who are you? And he said: I am your son, your firstborn, Esau;

2b.2) 27:33 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said: Who then is he that has taken venison, and brought it to me, and I have eaten of all of it before you came, and have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed [i.e., **the deception perceived**];

2a) 27:34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with **an exceeding great and bitter cry**, and said to his father: Bless me, even me also, O my father;

2D) 27:35-36 And he said: Your brother came with guile, and has taken away your blessing. 36 And he said: **IS NOT HE RIGHTLY NAMED JACOB?** For he has supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he has taken away my blessing. And he said: Have you not reserved a blessing for me?

2C) 27:37-40 Isaac said unto Esau, **I HAVE MADE YOUR BROTHER YOUR LORD**, and all his brethren his servants;

1a) 27:37a And Isaac answered and said to Esau: Behold, **I have made him your lord**;

1b) 27:37b 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?

1c) 27:38a And Esau said to his father: Have you but one blessing, my father?

Bless me, even me also, O my father;

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

2c) 27:39-40a 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 [**Esau's blessing**];

2b) 27:40b And **you shall serve your brother**;

2a) 27:40c And it shall come to pass when you shall break loose, that **you shall shake his yoke from off your neck**;

2B.1) 27:41-45 Esau plans Jacob's murder; Rebekah plans Jacob's escape [**CONTENTION BETWEEN THE SEED**];

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 his brother's murder** after his father's death;

1a) 27:41c-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?

2B.2) 27:46 And Rebekah said to Isaac: I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these, of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life be to me? [**REBEKAH INQUIRED** of Isaac];

2A) 28:1-9 **JACOB SENT TO BETHUEL THE SYRIAN OF PADANARAM FOR HIS WIFE**; {s}

1a.1) 28:1a And **Isaac called Jacob**, and **blessed him**;

1a.2) 28:1b And charged him, and said to him: You shall not take a wife of **the daughters of Canaan**;

1b) 28:2 Arise, **go to Paddanaram, to the house of Bethuel** your mother's father; and take 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 Paddanaram to Laban, son of Bethuel** the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother;

2a.1) 28:6a Now Esau saw that **Isaac had blessed Jacob** and sent him away to Paddan-aram, to take him a wife from there; and that as he blessed him;

2a.2) 28:6b-9 Esau saw that **the daughters of Canaan** did not please Isaac his father;

1a) 28:6b 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;*

2a) 28:8-9 And Esau saw that *the daughters of Canaan did not please Isaac* his father; **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}