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1 Isaac and Abimelech

Now there was a famine in the land — besides the previous famine in Abraham's time — and Isaac went to Abimelech King of the Philistines in Gerar. 2 The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, 'Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. 3 Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. 4 I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth shall be blessed, 5 because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions.' 6 So Isaac stayed in Gerar. 7 When the men of that place asked him about his wife, he said, 'She is my sister,'

because he was afraid to say, 'She is my wife.' He thought, 'The men of this place might kill me on account of Rebekah, because she is beautiful.'

⁸ When Isaac had been there a long time, Abimelek King of the Philistines looked down from a window and saw Isaac caressing his wife Rebekah. ⁹ So Abimelek summoned Isaac and said, 'She is really your wife! Why did you say, "She is my sister"?''

Isaac answered him, 'Because I thought I might lose my life on account of her.'

¹⁰ Then Abimelek said, 'What is this you have done to us? One of the men might well have slept with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us.'

¹¹ So Abimelek gave orders to all the people: 'Anyone who harms this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.'

¹² Isaac planked crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him. ¹³ The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. ¹⁴ He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵ So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth.

¹⁶ Then Abimelek said to Isaac, 'Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us.'

¹⁷ So Isaac moved away from there and camped in the Valley of Gerar, where he settled.

¹⁸ Isaac re-opened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham had died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.

¹⁹ Isaac's servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there. ²⁰ But

the herders of Gerar quarrelled with those of Isaac and said, 'The water is ours!' So he named the well Esek, because they disputed with him.²¹ Then they dug another well, but they quarrelled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah.²² He moved on from there and dug another well, and no-one quarrelled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, 'Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land.'

²³ From there he went up to Beersheba.²⁴ That night the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham.'

²⁵ Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well.

²⁶ Meanwhile, Abimelek had come to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his personal advisor and Phicol the commander of his forces. ²⁷ Isaac asked them, 'Why have you come to me, since you were hostile to me and sent me away?'

²⁸ They answered, 'We saw clearly that the Lord was with you; so we said, "There ought to be a sworn agreement between us" — between us and you. Let us make a treaty with you ²⁹ that you will do us no harm, just as we did not harm you but always treated you well and sent you away peacefully. And now you are blessed by the Lord.'

³⁰ Isaac then made a feast for them, and they ate and drank. ³¹ Early the next morning the men swore an oath to each other. Then Isaac sent them on their way, and they went away peacefully.

³² That day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well they had dug. They said, 'We've

found water! ³³ He called it Shibah, and to this day the name of the town has been Beersheba.

Jacob takes Esau's blessing

³⁴ When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and also Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite. ³⁵ They were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

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Isaac gave him his blessing

1. When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son;" and he answered, "Here I am."
2. He said, 'See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death.
3. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me.
4. Then prepare for me savoury food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die.'
- 5 Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it. ⁶ Rebekah said to her son Jacob, 'I heard your father say to your brother Esau, ⁷"Bring me game, and prepare for me savoury food to

eat, that I may bless you before the LORD before I die." ⁸ Now therefore, my son, obey my word as I command you. ⁹ Go to the flock, and get me two choice kids, so that I may prepare from them savoury food for your father, such as he likes; ¹⁰ and you shall take it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies. ¹¹ But Jacob said to his mother Rebekah, 'Look my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a man of smooth skin.' ¹² Perhaps my father will feel me. I shall seem to be mocking him, and bring a curse on myself and not a blessing.' ¹³ His mother said to him, 'let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my word, and get them for me. ¹⁴ So he went and got them and brought them to his mother; and his mother PREPARED SAVOURY FOOD, such as his father LOVED.

15 Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; ¹⁶ and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. ¹⁷ Then she handed the savoury food and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.

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So he went into his father, and said, 'My father'; and he said, 'Here I am; who are you, my son?'

Jacob said to his father, 'I am Esau, your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me.'

But Isaac said to his son, 'How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?' He answered, 'Because the Lord your God granted me success.'

21. Then Isaac said to Jacob, 'Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.' ²² So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, 'The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.' ²³ He did not recognize him because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him. ²⁴ He said, 'Are you really my son Esau?' He answered, 'I am.'

²⁵ Then he said bring it to me, that I may eat my son's game and bless ~~him~~ you.' so he brought it to him, wine, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank it.

26. Then his father Isaac said to him, 'Come near and kiss me, my son.'

²⁷ So he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his garments, and blessed him, and said, Ah the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed. ²⁸ May God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and of grain and wine. Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers,

and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!"³⁰

As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of his father Isaac, his brother Esau came in from his hunting.³¹ He who prepared savoury food, 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 bless me'.³² His father Isaac said to him, 'who are you?' He answered, 'I am your first born son, Esau'.³³ The Isaac trembled violently, and said, 'who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? yes, and blessed he shall be!?'^{34.}

When Esau heard his father's words, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, 'Bless me, me also, Father!'³⁵ But he said, 'Your brother came deceitfully,

and he has taken away your blessing.'

36. Esau said, 'Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright; and look, now he has taken away my blessing.' Then he said, 'Have you not reserved a blessing for me?'

37. Isaac answered Esau, 'I have already made him lord, and I have given him all his brothers, as servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?' 38 Esau said, to his father, 'Have you only one blessing, father? Bless me, me also, father!' And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

39. Then his father Isaac answered him:

'See, away from the fatness of the earth shall be home to you, and away from the dew of heaven on high.

40. By your sword you shall live,
and you shall serve your brother;
but when you ~~break~~ break loose,

you shall break his yoke from your neck.'

⁴¹ Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, 'The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.'⁴² But the words of her elder son Esau were told to Rebekah; so she sent and called her younger son Jacob and said to him, 'Your brother Esau is consoling himself by planning to kill you.'⁴³ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran,⁴⁴ and stay with him for a while, until your brother's anger against you turns away, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send, and bring you back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?'

⁴⁶ Then Rebekah said to Isaac, 'I am weary of my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women such as

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these, one of the women of the land, what good
will my life be to me?



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A stairway from earth to Heaven.

¹ Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, 'You shall not marry one of the Canaanite women.' ² Go at once to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel, your mother's father; and take as wife from there one of the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. ³ May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and numerous, that you may become a company of peoples. ⁴ May he give to you the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as an alien — land that God gave to Abraham. ⁵ Thus Isaac sent Jacob away; and went to Paddan-aram to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

⁶ Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he charged him, 'You shall not marry one of the Canaanite women,' ⁷ and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and gone to Paddan-aram. ⁸ So when Esau saw that

~~Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away the~~
Canaanite women did not please his father Isaac,

⁹ Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath daughter of Abraham's son Ishmael, and sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran.

¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for a night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring;

¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the

earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west
and to the east and to the north and to the
south: and all the families of the earth shall
be blessed in you and your offspring.

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever
you go, and will bring you back to this land; for
I will not leave you until I have done what I have
promised you.¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and
said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not
know it!' ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome
is this place! This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning and he
took the stone that he had put under his head
and set it up a pillar and poured oil on the top
of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name
of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made
a vow saying, 'If God will be with me, and will keep
me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to
eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to

my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.

~~29. Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east.² As he looked, he saw a well in the field and three flocks of sheep lying there beside it; for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large,³ and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth~~