

## Genesis 26.34-28.9 keywords and shape (chiasm from Craig A. Smith [2001])

### 26.34-35: Esau gains "women"

When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite; and they made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.

### 27.1-4: Isaac and Esau

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his great **son** Esau and said to him, "My **son**"; and he answered, "**Here I am.**" He said, "**here, I am** old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and **hunt game** for me. Then prepare for me **savory food**, such as I like, and bring it to me **to eat**, so that **my nefesh** may **bless** you before I die."

### 27.5-17: Rebekah and Jacob

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, Rebekah said to her **son** Jacob, "**Behold, I heard your father** say to your **brother** Esau, '**Bring me game**, and prepare for me **savory food to eat**, that I may **bless** you before YHWH before I die.' Now therefore, **my son, hear my voice** as I command you. Go to the flock, and get me two choice kids, so that I may prepare from them **savory food** for your **father**, such as he likes; and you shall take it to your **father to eat**, so that he may **bless** you before he dies." But Jacob said to his **mother** Rebekah, "Look, my **brother** Esau is a hairy man, and I am a man of smooth skin. Perhaps my **father** will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him, and bring a curse on myself and not a **blessing**." His **mother** said to him, "Let your curse be on me, **my son; only hear my voice**, and go, get them for me." So he went and got them and brought them to his **mother**; and his **mother** prepared **savory food**, such as his **father** loved. Then Rebekah took the best garments of her great **son** Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her small **son** Jacob; and she put the skins of the kids on his **hands** and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she handed the **savory food**, and the bread that she had prepared, to her **son** Jacob.

### 27.18-25: Isaac and Jacob

So he went in to 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 **your nefesh** may **bless** me." But Isaac said to his **son**, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my **son**?" He answered, "Because YHWH your God granted me success." 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." So Jacob **came near** to his **father** Isaac, who felt him and said, "The **voice** is Jacob's voice, but the **hands** are the **hands** of Esau." He did not recognize him, because his **hands** were hairy like his **brother** Esau's **hands**; so he **blessed** him. He said, "Are you really my **son** Esau?" He answered, "I am." Then he said, "**Bring it** to me, that **I may eat** of my **son's game** and **my nefesh** may **bless** you." So he brought it to him, and **he ate**; and **he brought** him wine, and he drank.

### 27.26-29: the blessing

Then his **father** Isaac said to him, "**Come near** and kiss me, my **son**." 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 YHWH has **blessed**. May God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and plenty 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!"

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### 27.30-41: Isaac and Esau

As soon as Isaac had finished **blessing** Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of his **father** Isaac, his **brother** Esau came in from his **hunting**. He also prepared **savory 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 **your nefesh** may **bless** me." His **father** Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your firstborn **son**, Esau." Then 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!" 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!**" But he said, "Your **brother** came deceitfully, and he has taken away your **blessing**." Esau said, "Is he not 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**." Then he said, "Have you not reserved a **blessing** for me?" Isaac answered Esau, "I have already made him your 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**?" Esau said to his **father**, "Have you only one **blessing, father?** **Bless** me, me also, **father!**" And Esau lifted up his **voice** and wept. Then his **father** Isaac answered him: "**Behold**, away from the fatness of the earth shall your home be, and away from the dew of heaven on high. By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your **brother**; but when you break loose, you shall break his yoke from your neck."

### 27.42-45: Rebekah and Jacob

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." But the words of her great **son** Esau were told to Rebekah; so she sent and called her small **son** Jacob and said to him, "**Behold**, your **brother** Esau is consoling himself by planning to kill you. Now therefore, **my son, hear my voice**; flee at once to my **brother** Laban in Haran, and stay with him a while, until your **brother's** fury turns away-- 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?"

### 27.46-28.1-7: Isaac and Jacob

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 these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?" Then Isaac called Jacob and **blessed** him, and charged him, "You shall not marry one of the Canaanite women. 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**. May God Almighty **bless** you and make you fruitful and numerous, that you may become a company of peoples. 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."

Thus Isaac sent Jacob away; and he went to **Paddan-aram**, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the **brother** of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's **mother**. 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," and that Jacob had obeyed his **father** and his **mother** and gone to **Paddan-aram**.

### 28.8-9: Esau gains "women"

*So when Esau saw that the Canaanite women did not please his **father** Isaac, 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.*