

Toldot, Genesis 25:19 - 28:9

Rivka (Rebecca) gives birth to Eisav (Esau) and Yaakov (Jacob). Eisav sells the birthright to Yaakov for a bowl of lentil soup. Yitzchak (Isaac) sojourns in Gerar with Avimelech (Avimelech), king of the Philistines. Eisav marries two Hittite women bringing great pain to his parents (because they weren't of the fold).

Yaakov impersonates Eisav on the counsel of his mother in order to receive the blessing for the oldest son from his blind father, Yitzchak. Eisav, angry because of his brother's deception caused him to lose the firstborn blessings, plans to kill Yaakov, so Yaakov flees to his uncle Lavan (Laban) in Padan Aram – on the advice of his parents. They also advise him to marry Lavan's daughter.

Eisav understands that his Canaanite wives are displeasing to his parents, so he marries a third wife, Machlath, the daughter of Ishmael.