

# “Toldot”

“Generations”

Genesis 25:19 – 28:9

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וְאֶלְهָ תֹּולְדֵת יַצְחָק, בֶּן־אַבְרָהָם:  
אַבְרָהָם, הַוִּلֵּיד אֶת־יַצְחָק.

Ve eleh tolidot Yitzak ben-Avraham:  
Avraham holid et-Yitzak

And these are the generations of Isaac son of  
Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac

# Outline ~ Gen. 25:19 - 34

- Yitzak marries Ribqah (Isaac & Rebecca)
- Yitzak prays *for Ribqah*. Twins!
- Ribqah prays, YHWH explains:
  - “*2 nations*. Older shall serve the younger.”
- Boys grow up. Each favored by different parents.
- Esau sells his birthright.

# Outline ~ Gen. 26

- Famine. Yitzak goes to Abimelech (Philistines)
- YHVH to Yitzak: “No Egypt!” Moves to Gerar.
- Yitzak lies about his wife to Abimelech.
- YHVH blesses Yitzak’s farming 100-fold.
- Wells issues, aggression, moves 3 times.
- YHVH appears to him at Beersheba, altar.
- Abimelech visits, they swear an oath.
- Found water in new well the same day.
- Esau marries Yehudith and Basemath (Hittites)

# Outline ~ Gen. 27

- Yitzak old and blind.
- Ribqah and Ya'aqob deceive Yitzak.
- Yitzak blesses Ya'aqob instead of Esau.
- Yitzak and Esau find out, 2nd blessing
- Esau hates Ya'aqob, plots to kill him.
- Ribqah miserable with daughter-in-laws.

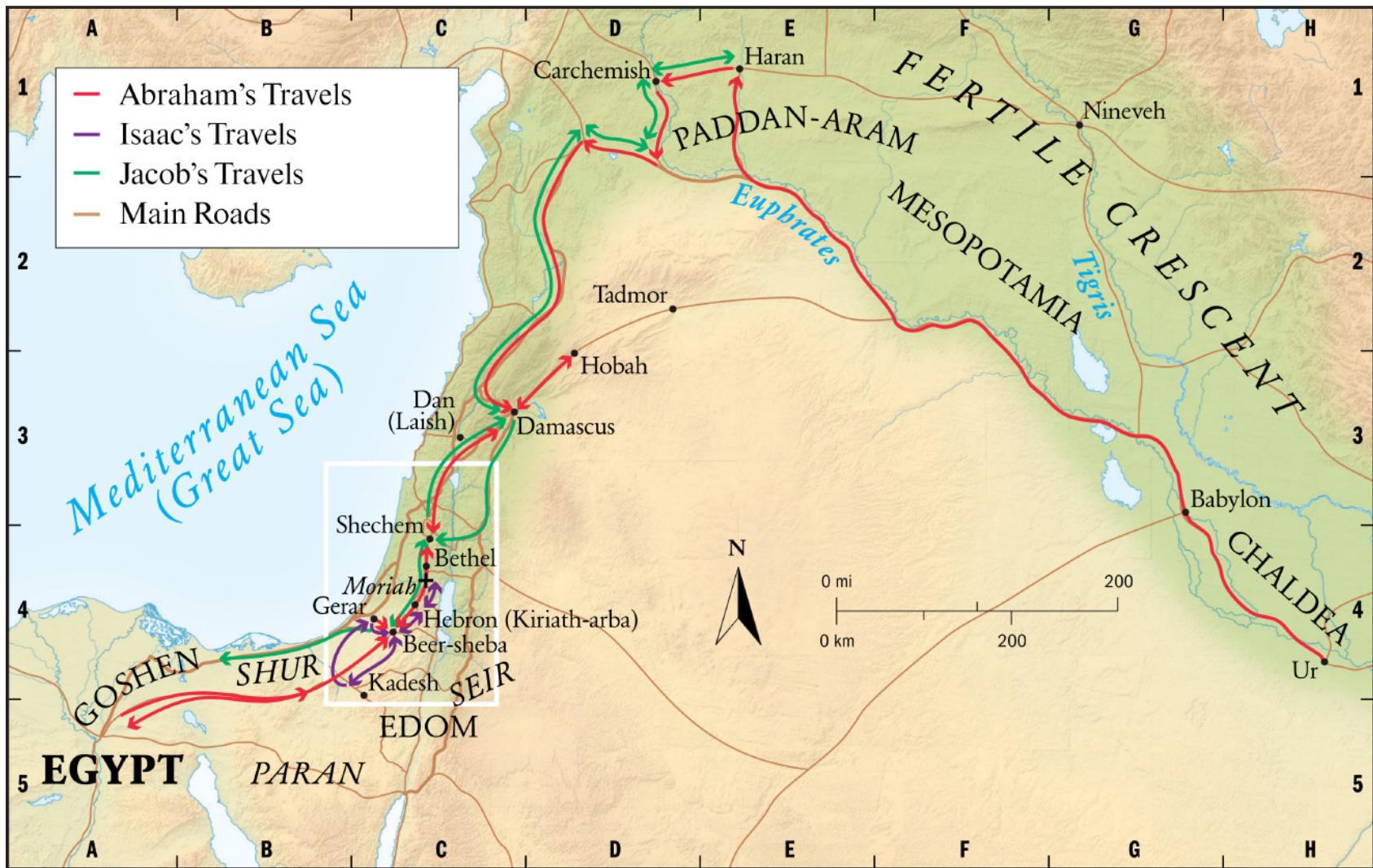
# Outline ~ Gen. 28:1-9

- Yitzak charges Ya'aqob to go to Paddan Aram for a wife.
- Esau marries Mahalath.

# Intriguing...

- Portion starts and ends with *wives*, with at least 6-7 mentions of them throughout.
- Isaac and Rebecca insist that Jacob take a wife from Paddan Aram, not Canaan.
- WHY?

# Paddan Aram



# Hittites



# Sarah – Gen. 12:11-16



And it came to be, when he was close to entering Mitsrayim, that he said to Sarai his wife, “See, I know that **you are a fair woman** to look at.

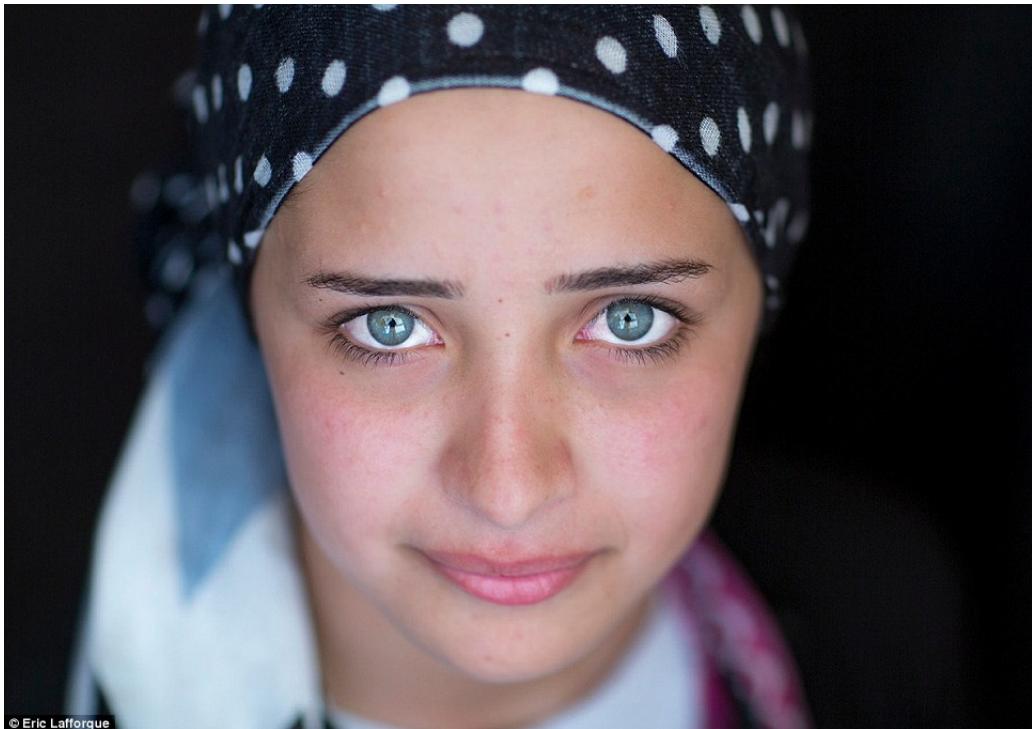
“And it shall be, when the Mitsrites see you, that they shall say, ‘This is his wife.’ And they shall kill me, but let you live.

“Please say you are my sister, so that it shall be well with me for your sake, and my life be spared because of you.”

And it came to be, when Abram came into Mitsrayim, that **the Mitsrites saw the woman, that she was very fair.**

15And Pharaoh’s officials saw her and praised her before Pharaoh, and the woman was taken to Pharaoh’s house.

# Rebecca – Gen. 24:5-16

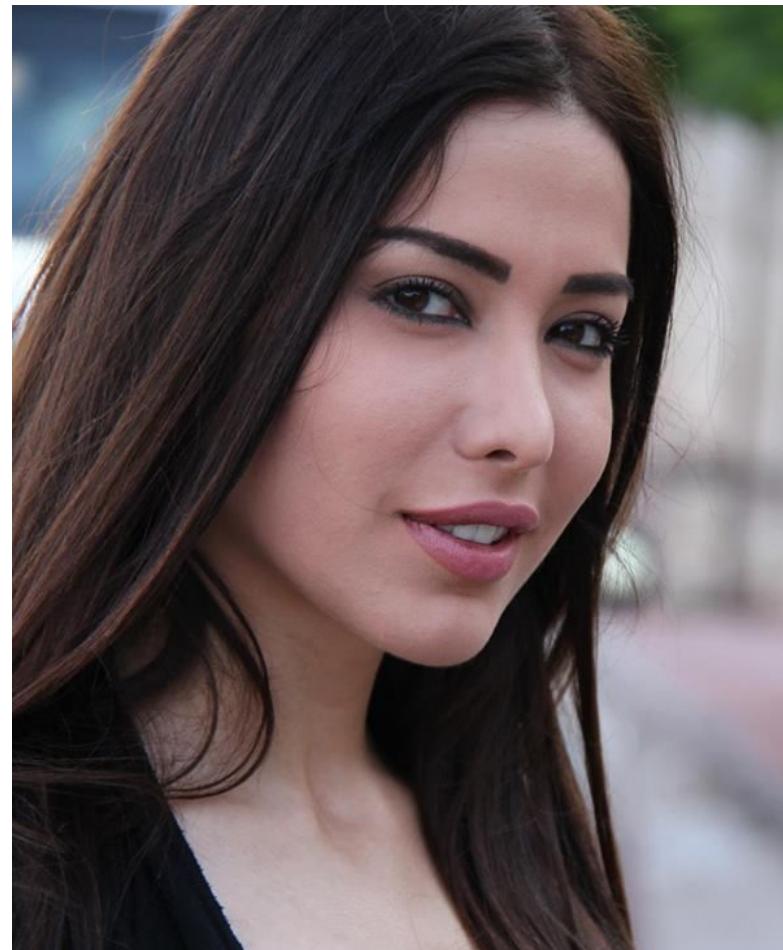
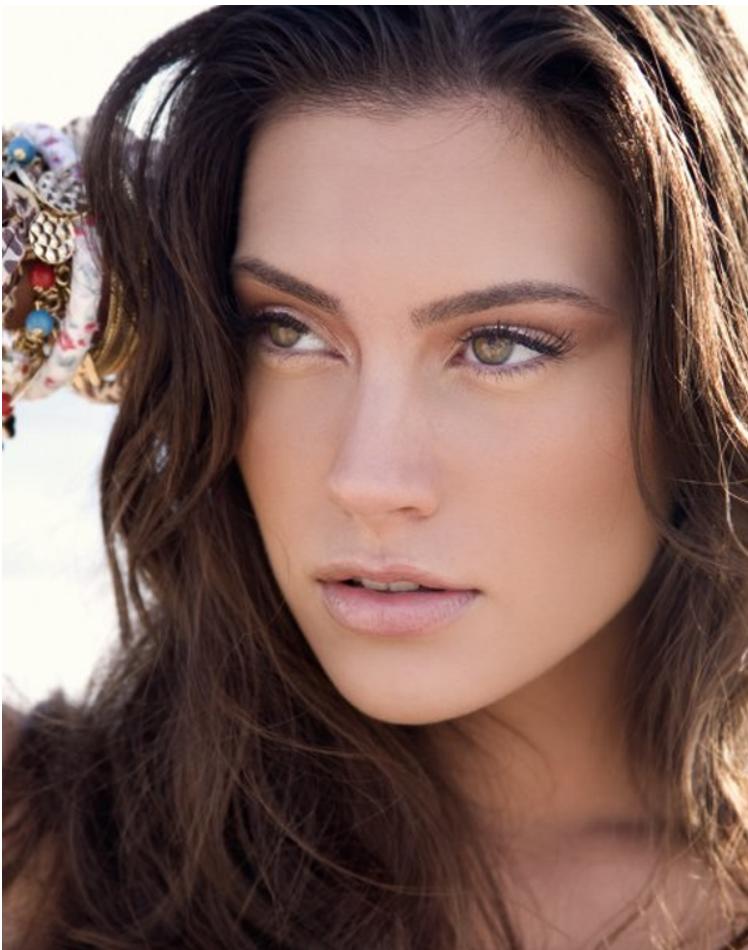


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And it came to be, before he had ended speaking, that see, Ribqah, who was born to Bethu'ěl, son of Milkah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her jar on her shoulder.

And **the young woman was very good-looking**, a maiden, no man having known her. And she went down to the fountain, filled her jar, and came up.

# Rachel & Leah



# Syrian Descent



Carlos Menem, Paul Anka, Steve Jobs...

# Syrian Descent



Paula Abdul, Tiffany, Shannon Elizabeth...

# Hittite Women



Judith and Basemath

# Family Lines

- Aramaic women were from the line of **Shem**.
- Canaanite women from the line of **Ham**, and Canaan, whom Noah *cursed*.
- YHVH's plan was for Jacob to be the son of the covenant.
  - Had to make Isaac blind.
  - Had to make Jacob a “trickster.”
  - Had to make Esau...hungry.

# Firstborns Removed

- Cain → Able (& Seth)
- Ishmael → Isaac
- Esau → Jacob
- Reuben → Joseph
- Manassah → Ephraim
- (Levi →) Gershom → Kohath (→Amram)
- Aaron → Moses
- Firstborns → Levites

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