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So he called it ⁷Shebah. Therefore the name of the city is ⁸Beersheba to this day. Again, this was already named such by Moses earlier in the book (21:33). Another possibility is that this is a 2nd well with the same name.

26:34-35

^oWhen Esau was forty years old, Let's remind ourselves that Exodus 12:40, along with 1 Kings 6:1, with a secular date of 966 B.C. for the building of Solomon's temple we have an approximate date by simply adding 25 years between the start of the 430 years (in Abraham's 75th year in Genesis 12)¹ mentioned in Exodus 12:40 and Isaac's birth, the 60 years of Isaac's life that pass before Esau's birth and now these **forty years** to get an approximate date of 1751 B.C.

he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon

These marriages are discussed more in Genesis 36, and we see that Ishmael is involved as well. Yet another concern. **the Hittite**. The reader must take note of the last verse of the next chapter and see my note there. ³⁵ **And ^pthey were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.** He married two Hittites, and it irritated his parents. So much that Genesis 28 shows us their sending Jacob off to be sure he did not do the same (along with their fear of Esau's retribution).

One reason for this grief—other than their paganism—is that they are promised death (Genesis 15:18-20).

27 Now it came to pass, when Isaac was ^aold and ^bhis eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.”

And he answered him, “Here I am.”

² **Then he said, “Behold now, I am old. I ^cdo not know the day of my death.** If Esau is still 40 here then we have no doubt that Isaac lives another 80 years! Even if this is closer to what will be found as the departure of Jacob near his 80th birthday Isaac still lives another 40 years! What declining health! On the other hand, Abraham lives another 35 years after Isaac gets married and Isaac is already taking over the family business which means that Abraham feels quite old. ³ **Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me. ⁴ And make me ¹savory food, such as I love, and bring *it* to me that I may eat, that my soul ^emay bless you before I die.”**

⁵ **Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt game and to bring *it*. ⁶ So Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, “Indeed I**

⁷ Lit. *Oath* or *Seven*

⁸ Lit. *Well of the Oath* or *Well of the Seven*

^o Gen. 28:8; 36:2

¹Which gives us a date of 1876 B.C. for Abraham's 75th year. At this point we use the genealogies of Genesis 5 and Genesis 11 to get a date of creation.

^p Gen. 27:46; 28:1, 8

^a Gen. 35:28

^b Gen. 48:10; 1 Sam. 3:2

^c [Prov. 27:1; James 4:14]

^d Gen. 25:27, 28

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^e Gen. 27:19, 25, 27, 31; 48:9, 15, 16; 49:28; Deut. 33:1; Heb. 11:20

heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying, ⁷ ‘Bring me game and make ²savory food for me, that I may eat it and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.’

⁸ Now therefore, my son, ^fobey my voice according to what I command you. ⁹ Go now to the flock and bring me from there two choice kids of the goats, and I will make ^gsavory food from them for your father, such as he loves. ¹⁰ Then you shall take *it* to your father, that he may eat *it*, and that he ^hmay bless you before his death.”

¹¹ And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Look, ⁱEsau my brother *is* a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth-skinned man. ¹² Perhaps my father will ^jfeel me, and I shall seem to be a deceiver to him; and I shall bring ^ka curse on myself and not a blessing.”

¹³ But his mother said to him, ^l“Let your curse *be* on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get *them* for me.” ¹⁴ And he went and got *them* and brought *them* to his mother, and his mother ^mmade ³savory food, such as his father loved. ¹⁵ Then Rebekah took ⁿthe choice clothes of her elder son Esau, which *were* with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. We need to remember these boys are at least 40 years old. ¹⁶ And she put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. ¹⁷ Then she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

¹⁸ So he went to his father and said, “My father.”

And he said, “Here I am. Who *are* you, my son?”

¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, “I *am* Esau your firstborn; I have done just as you told me; please arise, sit and eat of my game, ^othat your soul may bless me.”

²⁰ But Isaac said to his son, “How *is it* that you have found *it* so quickly, my son?”

And he said, “Because the LORD your God brought *it* to me.”

²¹ Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come near, that I ^pmay feel you, my son, whether you *are* really my son Esau or not.” ²² So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, “The voice *is* Jacob’s voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau.” ²³ And he did not recognize him, because ^qhis hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands; so he blessed him.

²⁴ Then he said, “*Are* you really my son Esau?”

He said, “I *am*.” His 3rd lie in this episode.

²⁵ He said, “Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son’s game, so ^rthat my soul may bless you.” So he brought *it* near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. ²⁶ Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come near now and kiss me, my son.” ²⁷ And

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^f Gen. 27:13, 43

^g Gen. 27:4

^h Gen. 27:4; 48:16

ⁱ Gen. 25:25

^j Gen. 27:21, 22

^k Gen. 9:25; Deut. 27:18

^l Gen. 43:9; 1 Sam. 25:24; 2 Sam. 14:9; Matt. 27:25

^m Prov. 23:3; Luke 21:34

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ⁿ Gen. 27:27

^o Gen. 27:4

^p Gen. 27:12

^q Gen. 27:16

^r Gen. 27:4, 10, 19, 31

he came near and ^skissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said:

“Surely, ^tthe smell of my son

Is like the smell of a field

Which the LORD has blessed.

²⁸ Therefore may ^uGod give you

Of ^vthe dew of heaven,

Of ^wthe fatness of the earth,

And ^xplenty of grain and wine.

²⁹ ^yLet peoples serve you,

And nations bow down to you. Which Jacob, in turn, says about Judah (Genesis 49:10).

Be master over your brethren,

And ^zlet your mother’s sons bow down to you.

^aCursed *be* everyone who curses you,

And blessed *be* those who bless you!”

³⁰ Now it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. ³¹ He also had made ⁴savory food, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, “Let my father arise and ^beat of his son’s game, that your soul may bless me.”

³² And his father Isaac said to him, “Who *are* you?”

So he said, “I *am* your son, your firstborn, Esau.”

³³ Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, “Who? Where *is* the one who hunted game and brought *it* to me? I ate all *of it* before you came, and I have blessed him—^c*and* indeed he shall be blessed.”

³⁴ When Esau heard the words of his father, ^dhe cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, “Bless me—me also, O my father!”

³⁵ But he said, “Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing.”

³⁶ And *Esau* said, ^e“Is he not rightly named ⁵Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!” And he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?”

³⁷ Then Isaac answered and said to Esau, ^f“Indeed I have made him your master, Nevermind that it was a blessing that wasn’t intended for **Jacob**; it was binding. This reminds us

^s Gen. 29:13

^t Song 4:11; Hos. 14:6

^u Heb. 11:20

^v Gen. 27:39; Deut. 33:13, 28; 2 Sam. 1:21; Ps. 133:3; Prov. 3:20; Mic. 5:7; Zech. 8:12

^w Gen. 45:18; Num. 18:12

^x Deut. 7:13; 33:28

^y Gen. 9:25; 25:23; Is. 45:14; 49:7; 60:12, 14

^z Gen. 37:7, 10; 49:8

^a Gen. 12:2, 3; Zeph. 2:8, 9

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^b Gen. 27:4

^c Gen. 25:23; 28:3, 4; Num. 23:20; Rom. 11:29

^d [Heb. 12:17]

^e Gen. 25:26, 32–34

⁵ Supplanter or *Deceitful*, lit. *One Who Takes the Heel*

^f 2 Sam. 8:14

of the promise of Joshua to the Gibeonites (Joshua 9:1-9; 2 Samuel 21:1-2) which was binding even though it was misspoken, and we find application in things as simple as marriage vows that “weren’t a good idea.” **and all his brethren I have given to him as servants; with ^ggrain and wine I have ⁶sustained him. What shall I do now for you, my son?”**

³⁸ And Esau said to his father, “Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me—me also, O my father!” And Esau lifted up his voice ^hand wept.

³⁹ Then Isaac his father answered and said to him:

“Behold, ⁱyour dwelling shall be of the ⁷fatness of the earth,
And of the dew of heaven from above.

⁴⁰ By your sword you shall live,

And ^jyou shall serve your brother;

And ^kit shall come to pass, when you become restless,
That you shall break his yoke from your neck.”

⁴¹ So Esau ^lhated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, ^m“The days of mourning for my father ⁸are at hand; ⁿthen I will kill my brother Jacob.”

⁴² And the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, “Surely your brother Esau ^ocomforts himself concerning you *by intending* to kill you. ⁴³ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice: arise, flee to my brother Laban ^pin Haran. ⁴⁴ And stay with him a ^qfew days, until your brother’s fury turns away, ⁴⁵ until your brother’s anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereaved also of you both in one day?”

⁴⁶ And Rebekah said to Isaac, ^r“I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; ^sif Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, This is exactly 26:34’s point and probably the opposing end of this section. In other words, what we read in between the two mentionings may be related to the two. Or, the reason we know what transpired between 26:34 and here is because of how much grief Esau’s choice of wife brought to his mother. **like these *who are the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?***” Whatever consternation Rebekah has concerning Esau’s choice of women we have to remember it was exacerbated by the word she received from the Lord (Genesis 25:23). Did she feel as though she felt like she was supposed to help fulfill it?

^g Gen. 27:28, 29

⁶ provided support for

^h Heb. 12:17

ⁱ Gen. 27:28; Heb. 11:20

⁷ fertility

^j Gen. 25:23; 27:29; 2 Sam. 8:14; [Obad. 18–20]

^k 2 Kin. 8:20–22

^l Gen. 26:27; 32:3–11; 37:4, 5, 8

^m Gen. 50:2–4, 10

⁸ are soon here

ⁿ Obad. 10

^o Ps. 64:5

^p Gen. 11:31; 25:20; 28:2, 5

^q Gen. 31:41

^r Gen. 26:34, 35; 28:8

^s Gen. 24:3