

Genesis 28-33

The Jacob Cycle

Journey Through Genesis

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This section of Genesis begins the
"Jacob Cycle"

Genesis 24: Isaac and Rebekah

Genesis 25: Hello Keturah and Goodbye Abe
Ishmael's and Issac's Genealogy
Esau and Jacob

Genesis 26: Sister Fib **PART 3**

Genesis 27: Issac Blesses Jacob (and Esau)
Jacob Flees

Jacob Cycle Themes



- Covenants
- Blessings
- Sister Fibs....
- Barren Wife
- "Younger Son"
- Naming
- Being Chased for Stolen Goods

Many of these motifs are repeated

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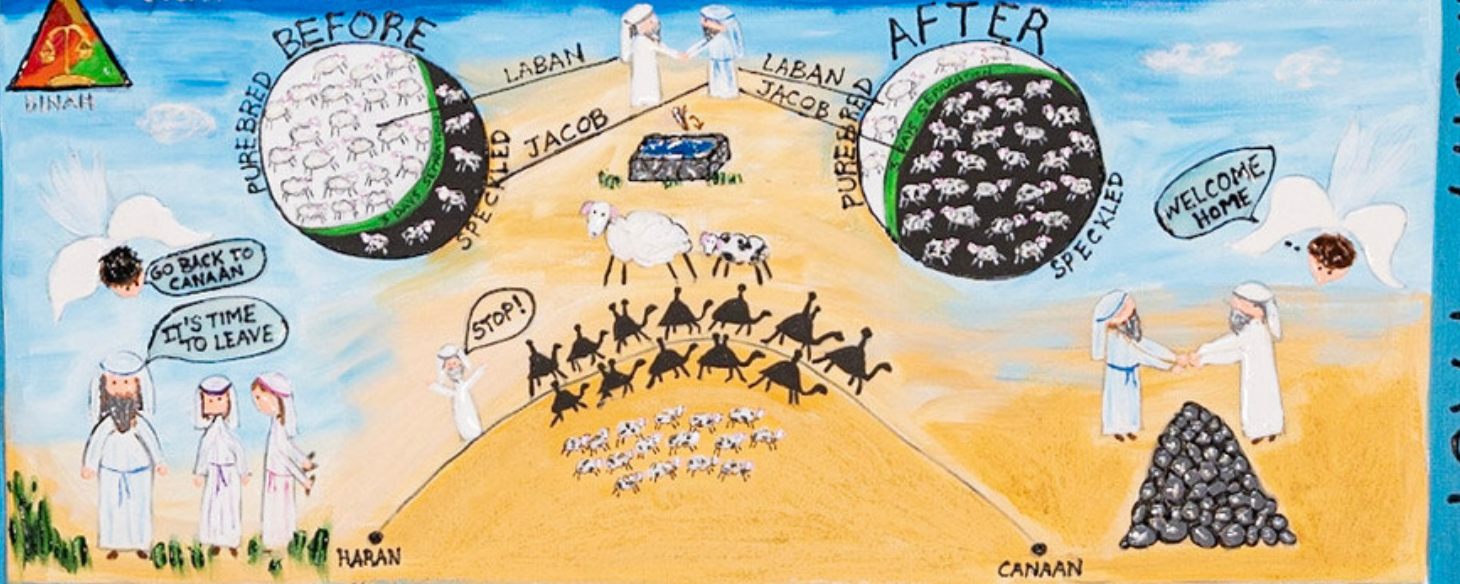
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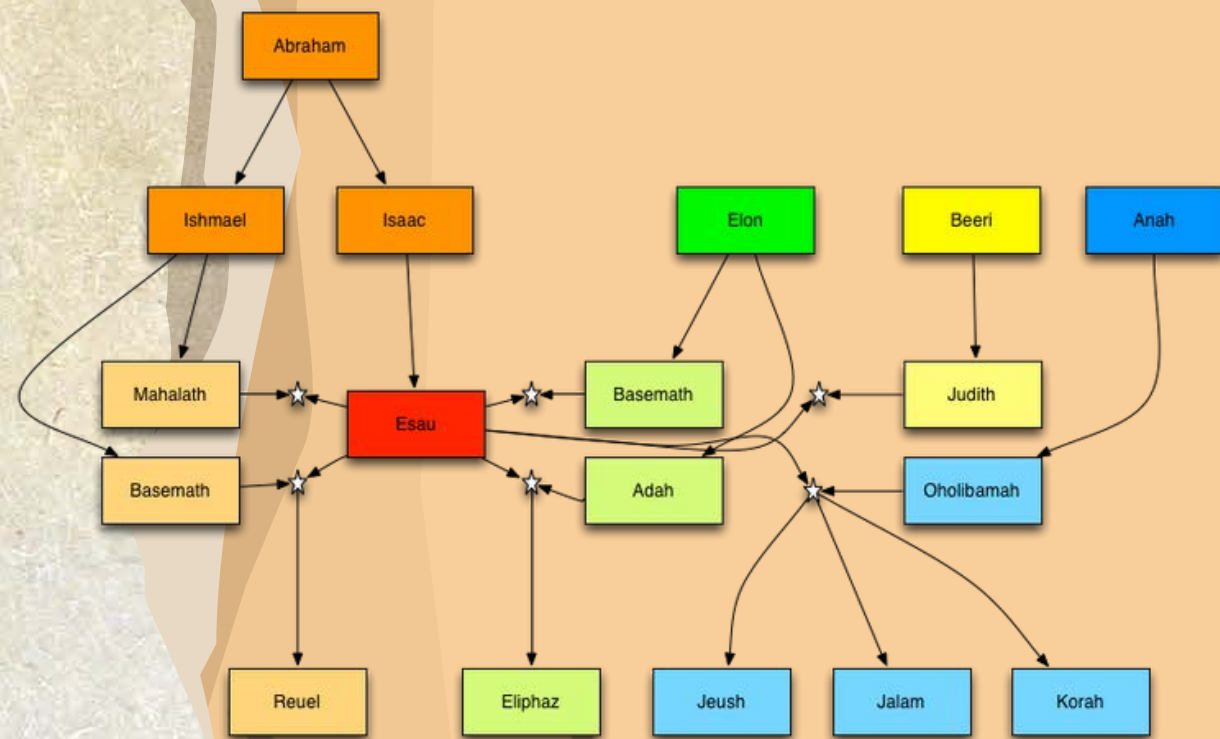
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Genesis 28: All About Marriage



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Cousin Marriage (from Wiki)

Today, more than 10% of all marriages are cousin marriages*.

Due to the benefits of these marriages, they are actively encouraged and sought out in many cultures. Benefits: 1) keep cultural values intact, 2) preserve family wealth, 3) maintain geographic proximity, 4) keep tradition, 5) strengthen family ties, and 6) maintain family structure or a closer relationship between the wife and her in-laws.

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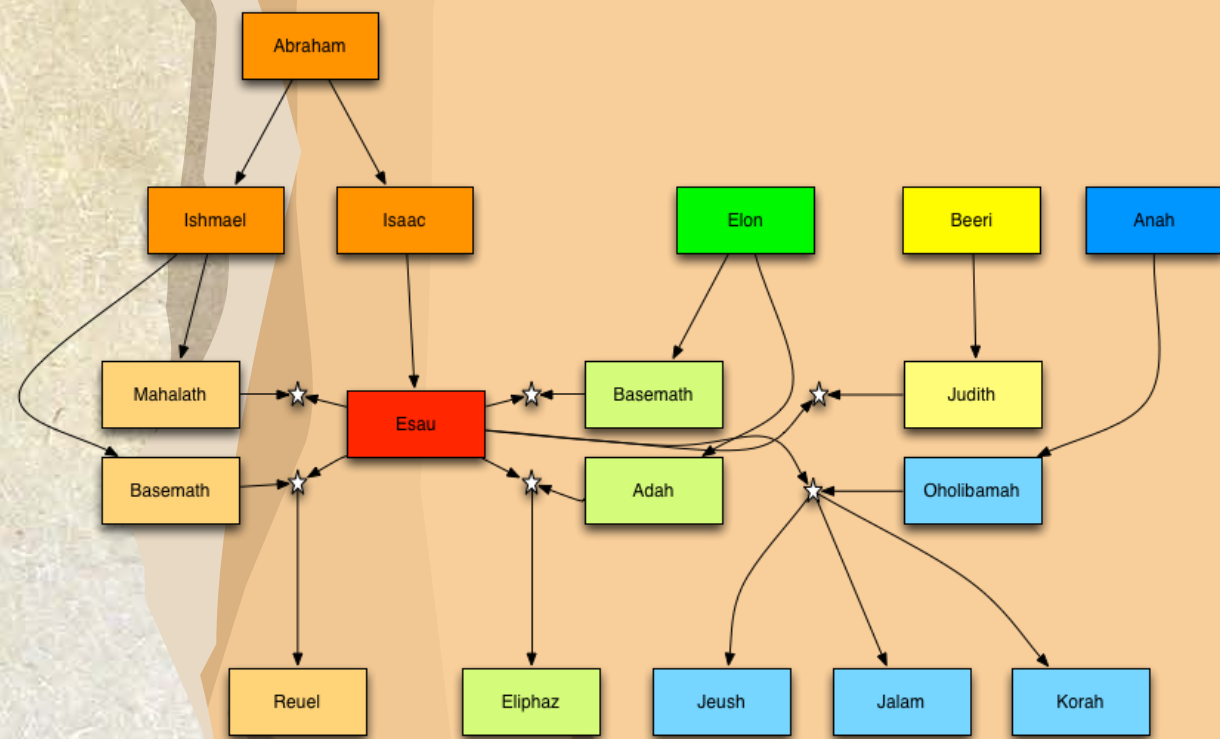
Cousin marriage has been allowed throughout the Middle East for all recorded history. Some Anthropologists view it as the defining feature of the Middle Eastern kinship system. In some cities, 70% of marriages were cousin marriages.

Across the Western world, cousin marriages declined in the 19th C as women gained more independence and arranged marriages decreased. At one point, the Catholic Church banned marriages within the 4th degree.

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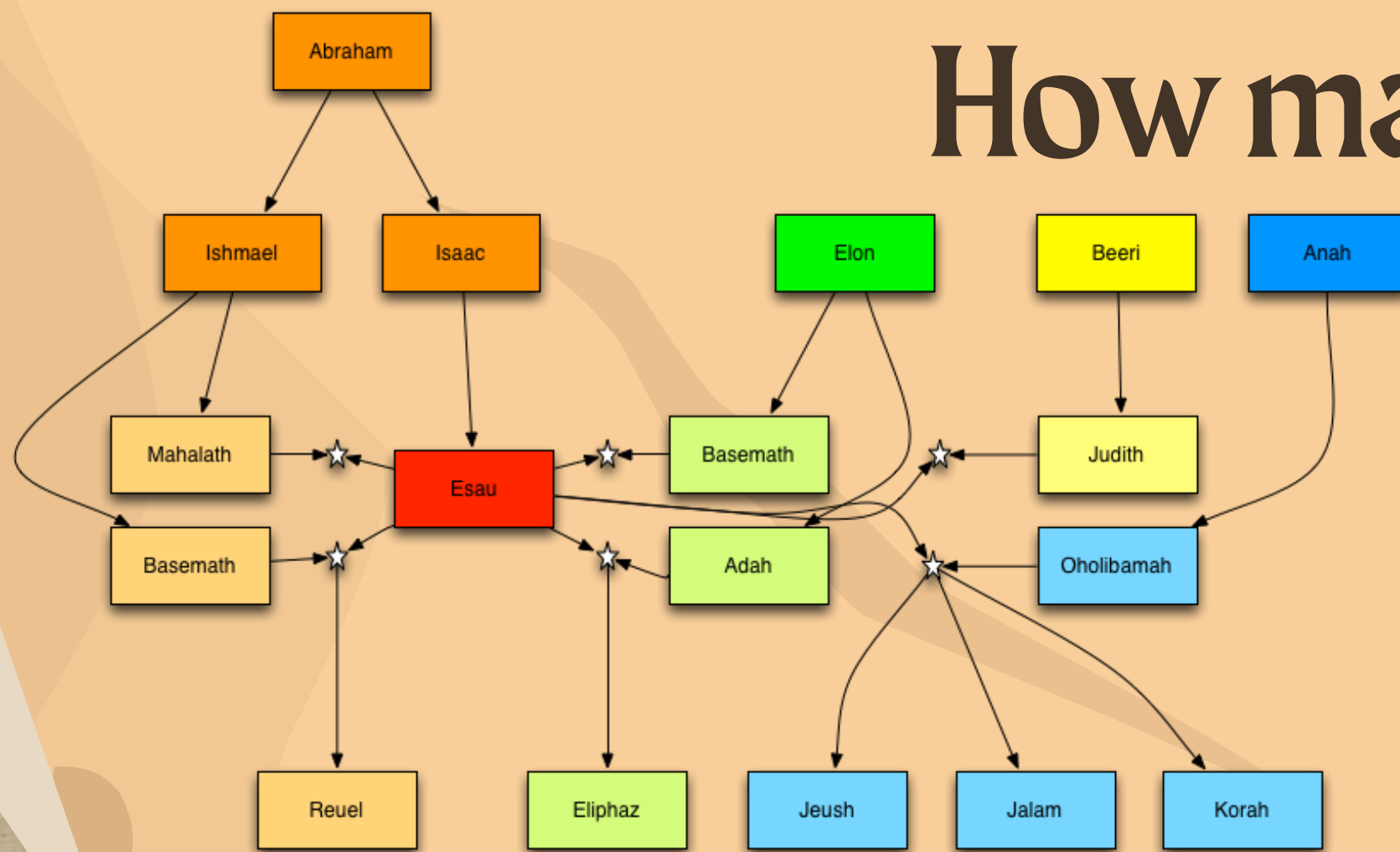


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How many wives did Esau have?



ESAU'S DESCENDANTS

Esau's 3 Wives

Adah

Basemath

Oholibamah

Esau's 5 Sons

Eliphaz

Ruel

**Jeush
Jalam,
Korah**

Esau's 10 Grandsons

**Teman
Omar
Zepho
Gatam
Kenez**

**Nahath
Zerah
Shammah
Mizzah**

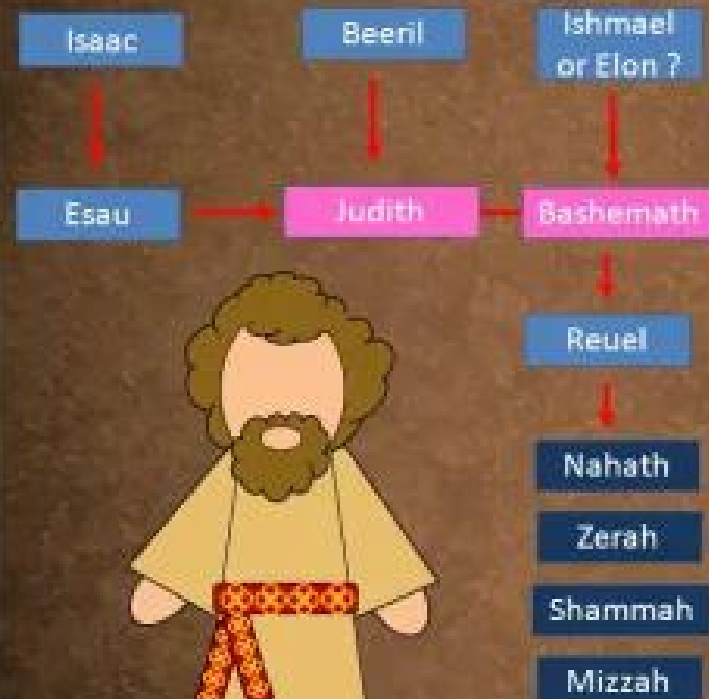
Amalek (by Timna)



Genesis 36:10-14

Esau's Descendants

Hittites



Hivite



Horite



Speculation that Mahalath and Bashemath are the same person.

Dukes

Edomites

They dwell in Mt Seir and intermarriages took place between the sons and daughter of Esau and the sons and daughters of Seir, the Horite

This is my own interpretation of Genesis 26, 28, and 36. Needless to say that Esau had many descendants.

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Genesis 28: Dream of Ladders

- God comes to Jacob in a dream
- The Covenant is renewed with Jacob
- This becomes an important symbol how how God speaks to people
- Beth-el
- House of God
- Icon of Mary
- Theophany



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Genesis 29-30: Jacob, Laban & His Daughters

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 BE'ER SHEBA
 7 years of work for Rachel your youngest daughter.
 I can't believe this guy has come empty handed
 BRACHOT
 7 YEARS OF WORK → 🙄 → 7 DAYS + 7 MORE YEARS OF WORK
 ZILPAH
 RACHHEL
 REUBEN
 SIMEON
 LEVI
 DAN
 GAD
 JOSEPH
 JUDAH
 ISSACHAR
 ZEBULON
 NAPHTALI
 ASHER

JACOB'S FAMILY											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
REUBEN	SIMEON	LEVI	DAN	GAD	JOSEPH	JUDAH	ISSACHAR	ZEBULON	NAPHTALI	ASHER	

Genesis 29-30: Jacob, Laban & His Daughters

Judah: Praise the Lord
Reuben: He has looked on my affliction
Gad: good fortune comes
Asher: happy and blessed am I
Naphtali: my wrestling
Manasseh: has made me forget my sorrow

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Simeon: God hears me
Levi: has joined me
Issachar: rewarded me
Zebulun: exalted me
Joseph: adding to me
Benjamin: the Son of His right hand

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Genesis 30-31: Jacob Flees and "Idol" Encounter

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JACOB'S FAMILY

H A E L	 REUBEN	 SIMEON	 LEVI	B I L H A H	 DAN	Z I L P A H	 GAD	R A C H E L	 JOSEPH
	 JUDAH	 ISSACHAR	 ZEBULON		 NAPHTALI		 ASHER		

BEFORE **AFTER**

HARAN **CANAAN**

LABAN JACOB LABAN JACOB

PUREBRED SPECKLED PUREBRED SPECKLED

GO BACK TO CANAAN
IT'S TIME TO LEAVE
STOP!
WELCOME HOME

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- Play video
- A bribe of two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty milch camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys

Genesis 32: Jacob Encounters Esau



- Esau comes with 400 MEN!
- Jacob divided his family incase they are killed putting his favorite in the back...
- Esau and Jacob make peace and go there separate ways
- Jacob names the place Succoth (shelter) which is what the Feast of Tabernacles

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Wrestling with God



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Jacob's Journey So Far

