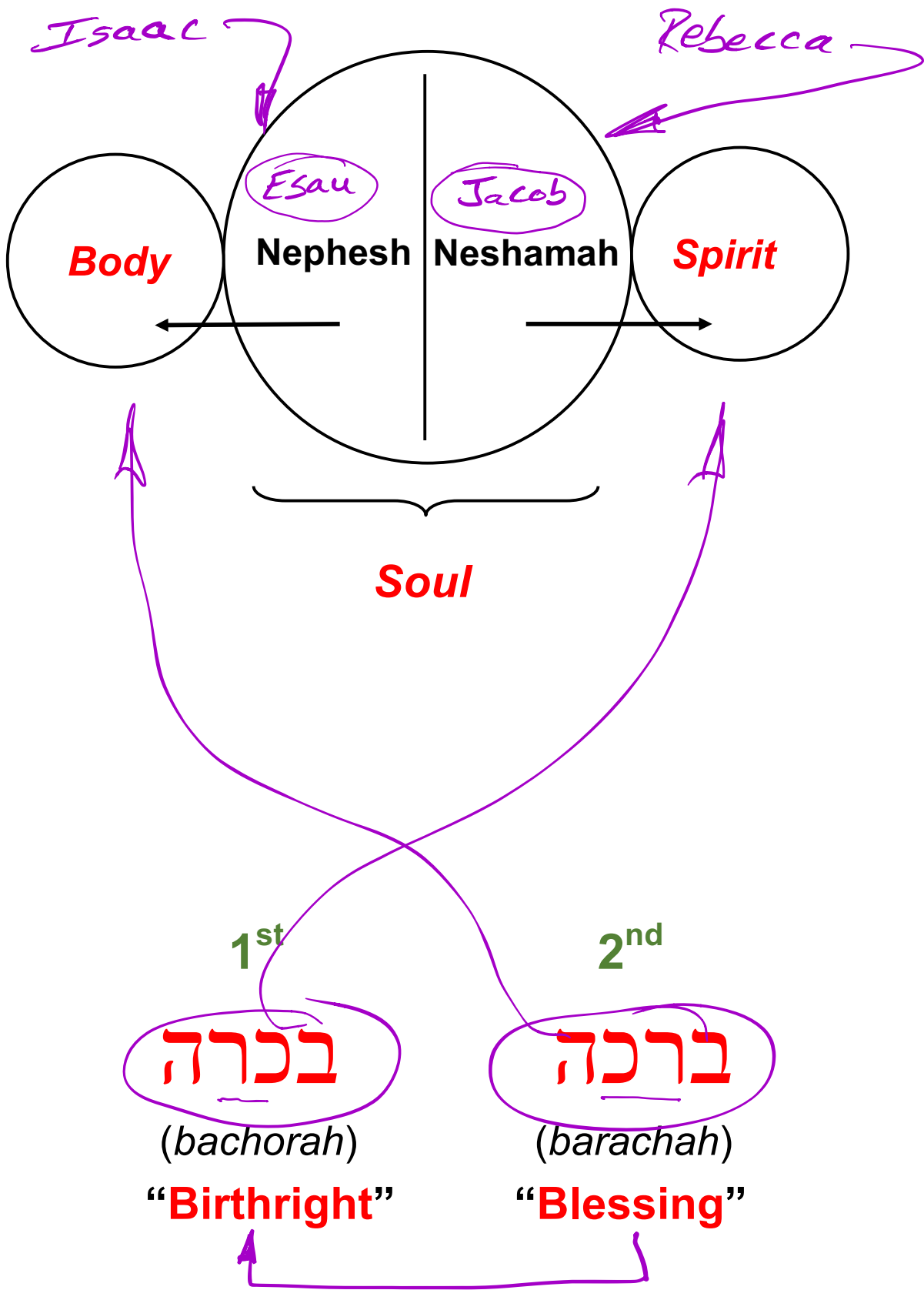


The Torah Project

Genesis 27

Genesis 25:23-27

Adonai said to her, “Two nations are in your womb; and two peoples will be separated from your body; and one people shall be stronger than the other; and the older shall serve the younger.” When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. Now the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came forth with his hand holding on to Esau’s heel, so his name was called Jacob; and Isaac was sixty years old when she gave birth to them. When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, but Jacob was a peaceful man, living in tents.



1 Chronicles 26:10

Also Chosah, one of the sons of Merari had sons: Shimri the first (although he was not the firstborn, his father made him first)...

Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation.

Q: What kind of man was Esau?

A: Hebrews 12:16-17

...that *there be* no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

Romans 7:18

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh;

Genesis 27:27

So he came close and kissed him; and when he smelled the smell of his garments, he blessed him and said, "See, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field blessed of Adonai.

Isaiah 11:3

And He will delight in the fear of Adonai, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear.

והריחו ביראת יהוה ...

Or...

He will have fear of Adonai in his sense of smell...

∞ R' Shabtai Sabato

Three Points of View

Isaac's P.O.V.:

- Like it or not, Esau is my firstborn and, therefore, gets the blessing.
- (I would prefer Jacob got the blessing, but what can I do?!)
- Esau's single skill is hunting, so, I might as well make the most of it.
- I "trembled" (v.33) when I thought the birthright and the blessing had been divided between my sons. This is *never* done!
- Only when Esau cried out (v.36) did I realize that he had sold his birthright to Jacob. Esau is unworthy of the blessing!
- Therefore, I am at peace with Jacob having the blessing, and I will give him the blessing of Abraham as well. (28:1-4)

Esau's P.O.V.:

- Who needs the birthright! Yeah, I get extra stuff, but who needs all the responsibility that goes with it!
- The blessing is what I want. It comes with no strings attached!

- Yeah, I know it's supposed to be a package deal, but Dad will never believe that I sold my birthright to Jacob for a pot of beans. I mean, that didn't really count. Did it?
- Besides, I know Jacob never told Dad. That kid never gossips.
- And, if Dad asks, I'll just deny it.

Jacob's P.O.V.:

- Adonai established a blood covenant with my grandfather. He passed it on to my father. And, according to Mom, it will some-how pass on to me. There is nothing I want more than this!
- Esau cares nothing for his godly heritage. He spurned his birthright and sold it to me for a pot of beans. Who does such a thing!
- Since Esau sold me his birthright, the blessing becomes mine, as well.
- Dad needs to know that I am now his firstborn son. But, how do I tell him? Would he even believe such a story?
- Mother will know what to do. After all, Adonai gave her a prophecy about our destinies before Esau and I were even born.

Two goats died so that Jacob could appear before his father

Leviticus 16:7-8

He shall take the two goats and present them before Adonai at the doorway of the tent of meeting. Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for Adonai and the other lot for the scapegoat.

Goat #1

Sacrificed so that its blood would cleanse the Temple from the contaminations of the people.

Blessings

Goat #2

Driven into the wilderness bearing upon itself all the sins of the people.

*Bride + Children
+ Wealth + More
Blessings*