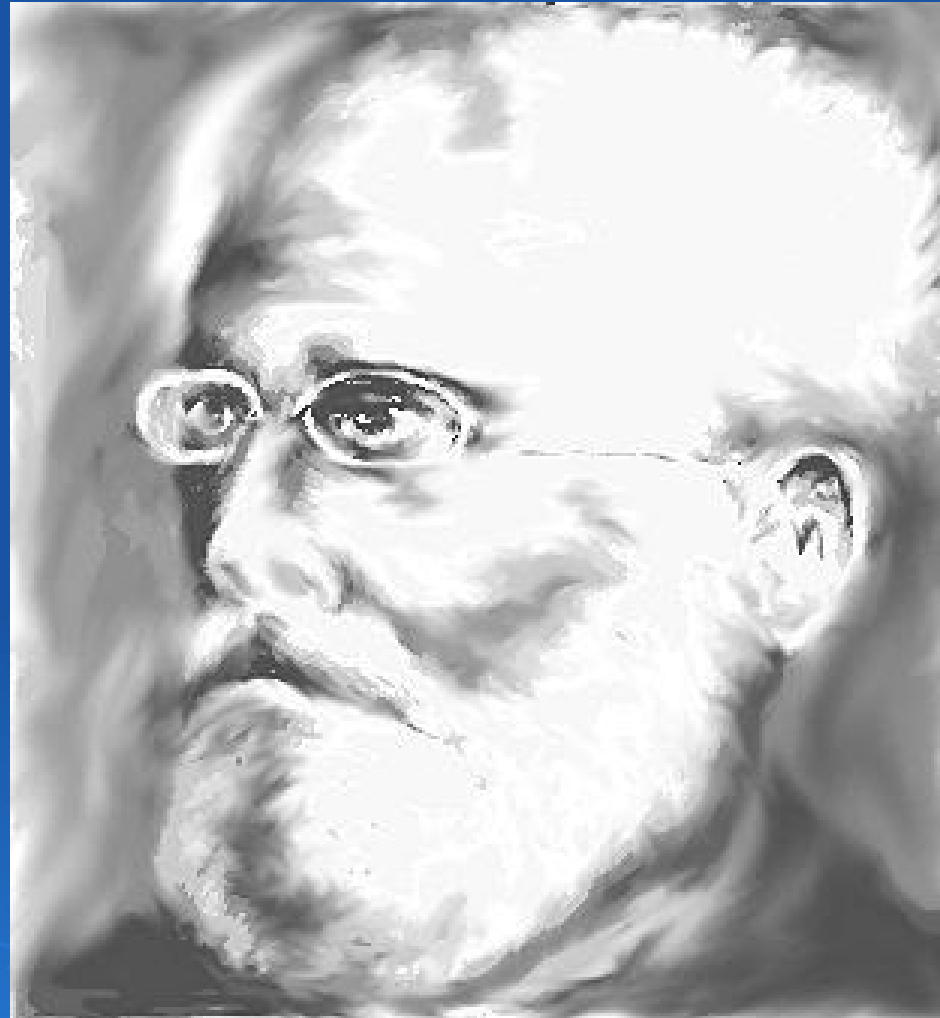


GENESIS 27: THE BLESSING

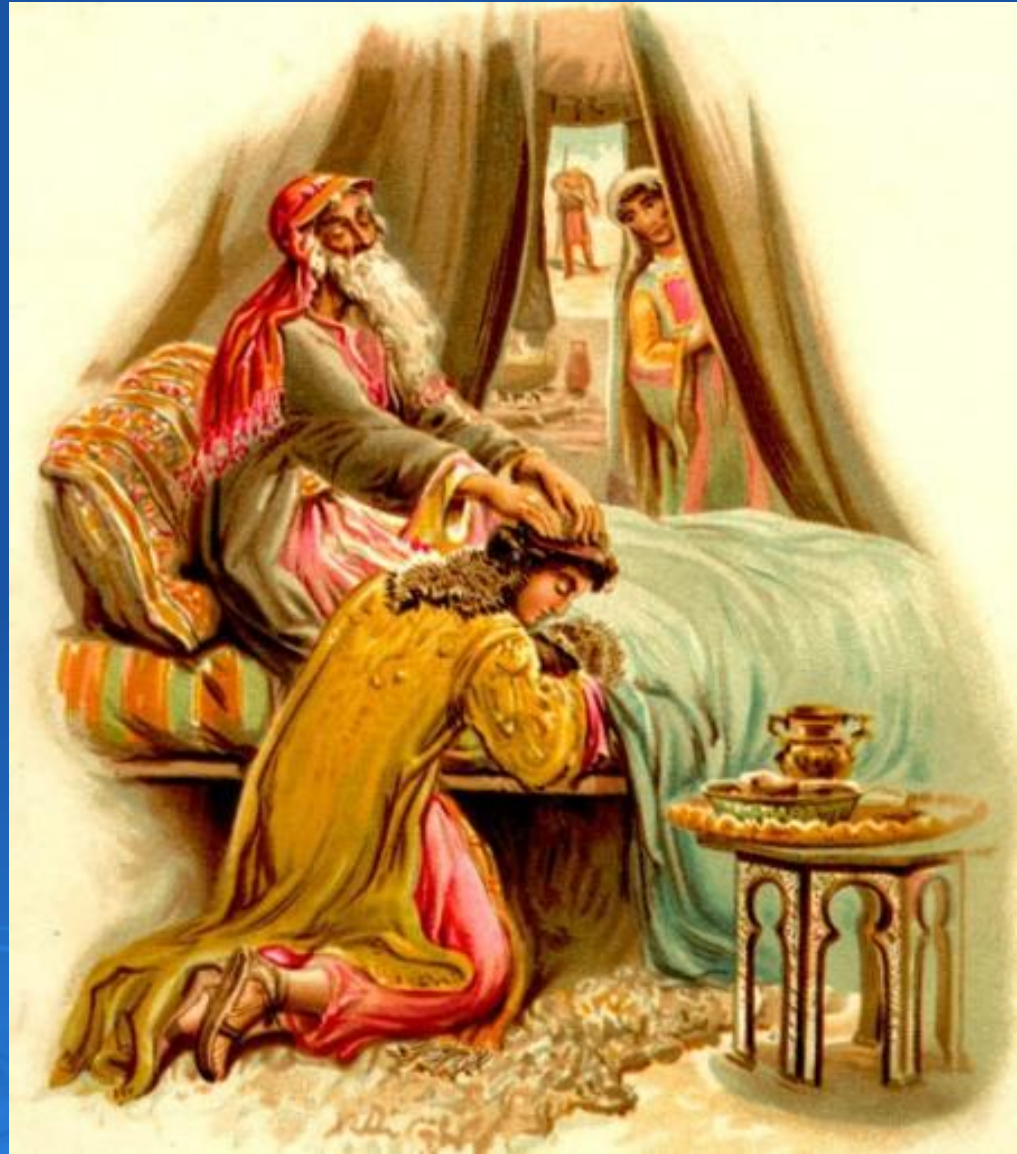
- *“If there is any point on which we should anxiously be on our guard, it is that of ‘tempting God’.....where God has decided, NEVER let us doubt, nor lag behind”*
- Isaac preferred a different decision about his sons than the one God had already made



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THE BIRTHRIGHT IS NOT THE REAL ISSUE IN THIS SCENE

- Matter of who would be *Bekhor* had ALREADY been settled
- NAS Genesis 27:36 *...for he has supplanted me these two times? He took away my birthright....now he has taken away my blessing.*“
- The Blessings and the Birthright are not necessarily connected
- The Birthright was established at the BIRTH of the heir



BLESSING AND BIRTHRIGHT ARE SEPARATE MATTERS



- Generally, birthright was NOT decided near the end of the life of current family leader
- Firstborn did NOT get everything
- ***Double portion*** could mean exactly double, but there was great latitude
- Matter in this chapter is about division of wealth

ISAAC IS 137 YEARS OLD!



- Esau and Jacob were NOT kids!
- They were probably 77 years old
- Rivka decided to help God, by means of deception
- Does the end justify the means?

JACOB DECEIVES ISAAC



- *Berakhah* = blessing
- THINKING it is Esau, Isaac blesses Jacob
- This was NOT about being the bechor
- This WAS about Isaac intending on giving Esau rights and privileges that rightfully should have been Jacob's

THE DEED IS DONE

- Jacob would have no sense of joy or humility
- Jacob's deception was SIN
- Esau comes back from the hunt, and discovers that he's been duped
- Esau says TWO things have been taken from him, 1) birthright, 2) blessing
- Esau didn't want to be the bekhhor, he just wanted the STUFF!



ISAAC BLESSES ESAU



- Isaac is limited in what he can do for Esau
- Blessings are NOT reversible
- VS. 39 (traditional) *“Your home will be the richness of the earth and the dew of heaven from above”*
- LITERALLY; *“Behold, AWAY from the richness of the earth and AWAY from the dew of heaven will be your home”*

EDOM'S "BLESSING" WAS ACTUALLY A "CURSE"



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EDOM

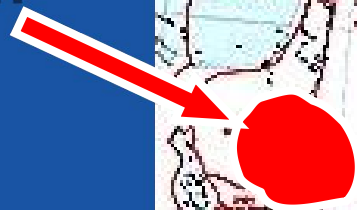
RASHI

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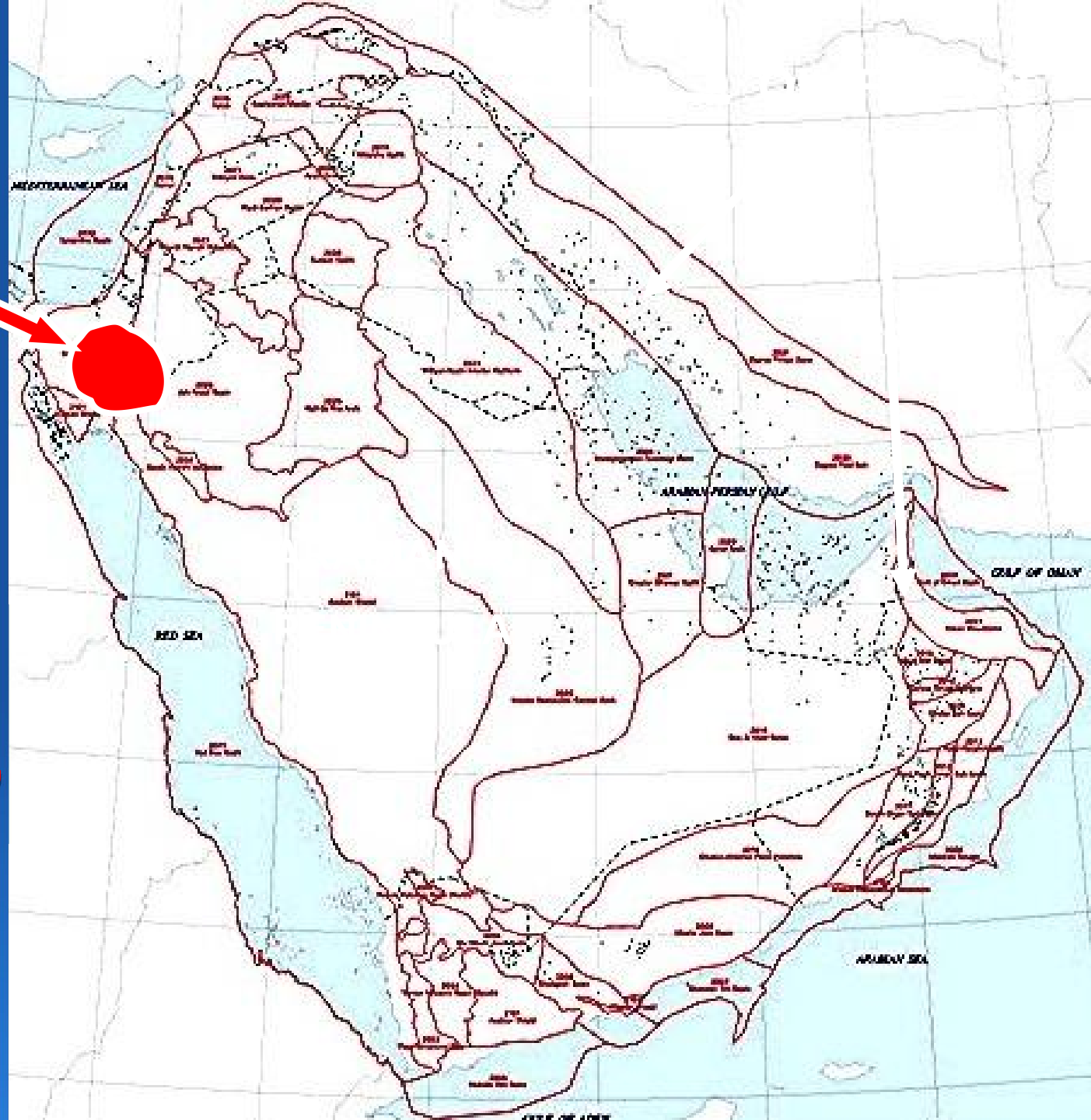
- Witnessed the Crusades
- Saw Esau as a “type”
- Equated Esau with the Catholic Church and Rome
- Rashi has much to do with modern-day Judaism views
- Rashi had sympathy for Esau’s plight YET
- He also knew Esau’s destiny was to be Israel’s enemy



**AREA OF
EDOM NEVER
HAD OIL!!**



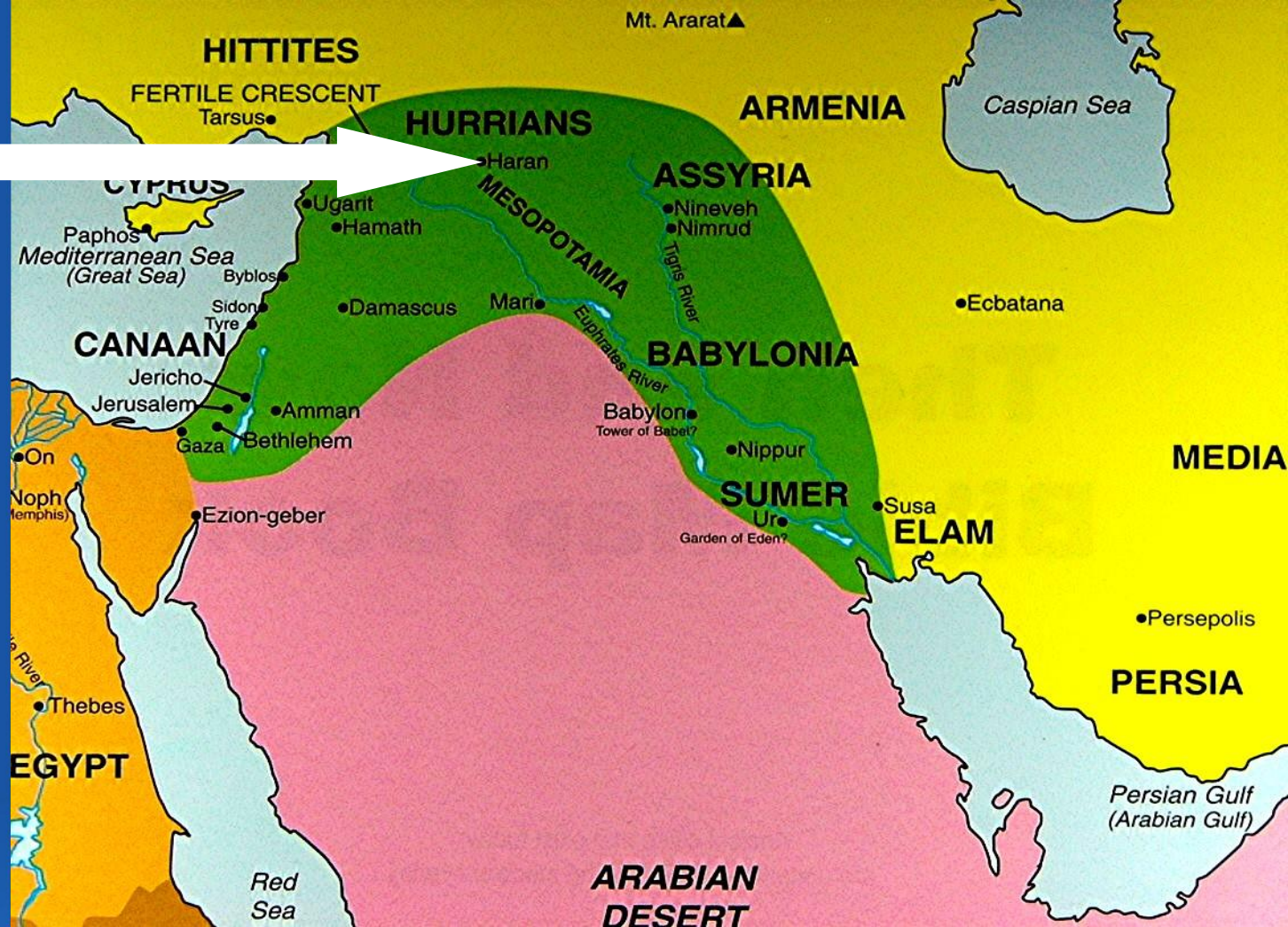
**Fatness is
NOT another
word for "OIL"**



HAD ESAU BEEN HAPPILY BLESSED, HE WOULD NOT WANT TO KILL JACOB!

- Esau = Edom
- King Herod the “Idumaeen”
- Idumaea is Greek for Edom
- Esau mixed with the descendants of Ishmael
- Much of the Arab world carries the genes of Esau
- Ottoman Turks, Syrians, Kurds of Iraq
- Turkey to play large role in End Times
- Majority of Muslims are related to Esau

**Jacob is sent
to his
mother's
family in
Haran of
Mesopotamia**



- King David was the first Israelite to rule over Esau's descendants 1000 B.C. to 735 B.C.
- Rivka appealed to Isaac's hatred of the Canaanite women to get him to agree to send Jacob away