

I. Concealed Identity

Genesis 27:15-19

(15) Rebekah then took the best clothes of her older son Esav, which were there in the house, and had her younger son Jacob put them on; (16) and she covered his hands and the hairless part of his neck with the skins of the kids. (17) Then she put in the hands of her son Jacob the dish and the bread that she had prepared. (18) He went to his father and said, "Father." And he said, "Yes, which of my sons are you?" (19) Jacob said to his father, "I am Esav, your first-born; I have done as you told me. Pray, sit up and eat of my game, that you may give me your innermost blessing."

בראשית כ"ז:ט"ו-ט"ט

(טו) וַתִּקַּח רִבְקָה אֶת־בְּגָדֵי עֵשָׂו בְּנֵהּ הַגָּדֹל הַחֲמֻדִּים אֲשֶׁר אֶתֶּה בְּבַיִת וַתִּלְבַּשׁ אֶת־יַעֲקֹב בְּנֵהּ הַקָּטָן: (טז) וְאֵת עֹרֹת גְּדֵי הָעֵיטִים הַלְבִּיֶשָׁה עַל־יָדָיו וְעַל חֻלְקֵת צְוֹאֲרוֹ: (יז) וַתִּתֵּן אֶת־הַמִּטְעָמִים וְאֶת־הַלֶּחֶם אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂתָה בְּיַד יַעֲקֹב בְּנֵהּ: (יח) וַיָּבֹא אֶל־אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנִי מִי אַתָּה בְּנִי: (יט) וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֶל־אָבִיו אָנֹכִי עֵשָׂו בְּכֹרֶךָ עָשִׂיתִי כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְתָּ אֵלַי קוּם־נָא נֹשֶׂה וְאָכְלָה מִצִּידִי בְּעֵבֹר תִּבְרַכְנִי נַפְשִׁי:

Esther 2:10 | Esther 4:16-5:1

(10) Esther did not reveal her people or her kindred, for Mordecai had told her not to reveal it.

(16)... "Then I shall go to the king, though it is contrary to the law; and if I am to perish, I shall perish!" (1) On the third day, Esther put on royal apparel and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, while the king was sitting on his royal throne in the throne room facing the entrance of the palace.

אסתר ב' | אסתר ד':ט"ז

(י) לֹא־הִגִּידָה אֶסְתֵּר אֶת־עַמָּהּ וְאֶת־מִוְלָדָתָהּ כִּי מֵרַדְכַּי צִוָּה עָלֶיהָ אֲשֶׁר לֹא־תִגִּיד: {ס} (טז) ... וּבָיִן אָבֹא אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר לֹא־כָדַת וְכַאֲשֶׁר אֶבְדַּתִּי אֶבְדַּתִּי: (א) וַיְהִי אִ בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי וַתִּלְבַּשׁ אֶסְתֵּר מְלֻכוֹת וַתַּעֲמֵד בַּחֲצַר בֵּית־הַמֶּלֶךְ הַפְּנִימִית נֹכַח בֵּית הַמֶּלֶךְ וְהַמֶּלֶךְ יוֹשֵׁב עַל־כִּסֵּא מְלֻכוֹתוֹ בְּבַיִת הַמְּלָכוֹת נֹכַח פֶּתַח הַבַּיִת:

II. Irrevocability

Genesis 27:33-38

(33) Isaac was seized with very violent trembling. "Who was it then," he demanded, "that hunted game and brought it to me? Moreover, I ate of it before you came, and I blessed him; now he must remain blessed!" (34) When Esau heard his father's words... he said, "Bless me too, Father!"... (37) Isaac answered, saying to Esav, "But I have made him master over you: I have given him all his brothers for servants, and sustained him with grain and wine. **What, then, can I still do for you, my son?**" (38) And Esav said to his father, "Have you but one blessing, Father? Bless me too, Father!"

בראשית כ"ז:ל"ג-ל"ח

(לג) וַיַּחֲרֵד יִצְחָק חֲרָדָה גְּדֹלָה עַד־מָאֹד וַיֹּאמֶר מִי־אִפְּוֹא הוּא הַצֹּדֵצִיִּי וַיָּבֹא לִי וְאֵכַל מִכֹּל בְּטָרֵם תָּבוֹא וְאָבְרַכְהוּ גַם־בְּרוּךְ יִהְיֶה: (לד) כַּשְּׂמַע עֵשָׂו אֶת־דִּבְרֵי אָבִיו... וַיֹּאמֶר לְאָבִיו בְּרַכְנִי גַם־אֲנִי אָבִי: (לז) וַיִּנְעַן יִצְחָק וַיֹּאמֶר לְעֵשָׂו הֵן גְּבִיר שָׂמַתִּי לָךְ וְאֶת־כָּל־אֲחָיו נָתַתִּי לּוֹ לְעֹבָדִים וְדָגַן וְתִירָשׁ סִמְכֵתִיו וְלִבְּהָ אִפְּוֹא מָה אֶעֱשֶׂה בְּנִי: (לח) וַיֹּאמֶר עֵשָׂו אֶל־אָבִיו הַבְּרָכָה אַחַת הוּא־לָךְ אָבִי בְּרַכְנִי גַם־אֲנִי אָבִי...

Esther 8:8-11

(8) And you may further write with regard to the Jews as you see fit. [Write it] in the king's name and seal it with the king's signet, **for an edict that has been written in the king's name and sealed with the king's signet may not be revoked.**" (10) [Mordechai] had [a new edict] written in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed with the king's signet... (11) to this effect: The king has permitted the Jews of every city to assemble and fight for their lives...

אסתר ח':ח-י"א

(ח) וְאַתֶּם כְּתוּבוֹ עַל־הַיְהוּדִים כְּטוֹב בְּעֵינֵיכֶם בְּשֵׁם הַמֶּלֶךְ וְחִתְמוּ בְּטַבַּעַת הַמֶּלֶךְ כִּי־כָתוּב אֲשֶׁר־נִכְתָּב בְּשֵׁם־הַמֶּלֶךְ וְנִחְתָּמוֹ בְּטַבַּעַת הַמֶּלֶךְ אֵין לְהָשִׁיב: (י) וַיִּכְתֹּב בְּשֵׁם הַמֶּלֶךְ אַחַשְׁוֵרֶשׁ וַיְחַתֵּם בְּטַבַּעַת הַמֶּלֶךְ... (יא) אֲשֶׁר נָתַן הַמֶּלֶךְ לַיהוּדִים אֲנֹכִי בְּכָל־עִיר־וָעִיר לְהִקָּהֵל וְלָעֲמֹד עַל־נַפְשָׁם...

III. Descendants

Genesis 36:12

(12) Timna was a concubine of Esav's son Eliphaz; she bore **Amalek** to Eliphaz.

בראשית ל"ו:י"ב

(יב) וַתִּמְנַע אֶת־הַיְתֵה פִּילְגֶשֶׁת לְאֵלִיפָז בֶּן־עֵשָׂו וַתֵּלֶד לְאֵלִיפָז אֶת־עַמְלֵק...

Esther 3:1

(1) Some time afterward, King Ahasuerus promoted Haman son of Hamdata the Agagite... (Agag was the King of Amalek several generations prior).

אסתר ג':א

(א) אַחֲרַי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה גָּדַל הַמֶּלֶךְ אַחַשְׁוֵרֶשׁ אֶת־הָמָן בֶּן־הַמְּדַתָּה הָאֲגָגִי...

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Timna sought to convert. She came before Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and they did not accept her. She went and became a concubine of Eliphaz, son of Esau... Ultimately, Amalek, son of Eliphaz, emerged from her, and that tribe afflicted the Jewish people. What is the reason that the Jewish people were punished by suffering at the hand of Amalek? It is due to the fact that they should not have rejected her when she sought to convert.

סנהדרין צ"ט ב

בעיא לאיגיורי באתה אצל אברהם יצחק ויעקב ולא קבלוה הלכה והיתה פילגש לאליפז בן עשו... נפק מינה עמלק דצערניהו לישראל מאי טעמא דלא איבעי להו לרחקה

IV. A Great and Bitter Sobbing

Genesis 27:34

(34) When Esau heard his father's words, **he burst into great and bitter sobbing**, and said to his father, "Bless me too, Father!"

בראשית כ"ז:ל"ד

(לד) כִּשְׁמַע עֵשָׂו אֶת־דְּבָרֵי אָבִיו וַיִּצְעַק צְעָקָה גְּדוּלָה וּמָרָה עַד־מְאֹד וַיֹּאמֶר לְאָבִיו בְּרַכְנִי גַם־אֲנִי אָבִי:

Esther 4:1

(1) When Mordecai learned all that had happened, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes. He went through the city, and **he burst into a great and bitter sobbing.**

אסתר ד':א

(א) וּמָרְדֳּכָי יָדַע אֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר נַעֲשָׂה וַיִּקְרַע מְרֹדְכָי אֶת־בְּגָדָיו וַיִּלְבַּשׁ שָׂק וַיֵּאפֶר וַיֵּצֵא בַּתּוֹךְ הָעִיר וַיִּצְעַק זַעֲקָה גְּדוּלָה וּמָרָה:

