

## Genesis 28:6-9 **Esau Marries Mahalath**

<sup>6</sup>“Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan," <sup>7</sup> and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Padan Aram. <sup>8</sup> Also Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac. <sup>9</sup> So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.” NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ Esau desired his parents approval but acted on his own without consulting them.
- ✧ He realized that his parents were not pleased with his wives from Canaan so he went to his relatives through the concubines of Abraham who like himself were outside the covenant line and married a third wife.
- ✧ **Mahalath** (means: **stringed instrument, sickness**) was the daughter of Ishmael, son of Abraham through Hagar the Egyptian. [[Genesis 16:15-16](#)]
- ✧ **Nebajoth** (means: **fruitfulness, heights**) Mahalath's brother, was the firstborn of Ishmael. [[Genesis 25:13](#)]