



1. Bereishit 25:29-34

And Yaakov cooked stew, and Esav came from the field, and he was tired. And Esav said to Yaakov: Pour down my throat now (or: please) of this red (*adom*), red stuff, for I am tired. Therefore he/it was called Edom.

And Yaakov said: Sell me, today, your birthright.

And Esav said: Behold, I am going to die, what is a birthright to me?

And Yaakov said: Swear to me today.

And he swore to him, and he sold his birthright to Yaakov.

And Yaakov gave Esav bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went. And Esav scorned the birthright.

2. Did Esav really sell the birthright for a bowl of stew?

- Yaakov gave the stew from the beginning (Rabbi Shimshon Raphael Hirsch, HaKtav v'haKabbalah)
- The meal was to mark the transaction, which was made with money (Radak's father, Chizkuni, Hadar Zekeinim)
- Yaakov presented the sale as taking responsibility for Esav, as the "older" brother (Abarbanel)

3. Talmud, Sanhedrin 106b

אמר ליה מר בריה דרבינא לבריה: בכולהו לא תפיש למדרש לבר מבלעם הרשע דכמה דמשכחת ביה דרוש ביה:

Mar son of Raveina told his son: Don't increase your *derashot* about any of them, except wicked Bilam. As much as you can find to say about him, say it.

4. Examples

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| • Shemuel I 6:12 | וישרנה | "And they went straight" | "And they sang" |
| • Shemuel I 14:47 | ירשיע | "He destroyed" | "He ruined" |
| • Shemuel I 16:12 | אדמוני | "Ruddy" | "Like Esav" |