



Parshas Toldos Overview

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- Overall theme of this Parsha: The Development of 2 **Generations**: Yaakov & Eisav in Eretz Yisroel
- Yitzchak Develops the Attribute of Discipline/Strength [Gevurah]
- Yaakov Develops his personality of Kindness [Chesed]
- Eisav does not develop his personality of Discipline/Strength [Gevurah]
- Yaakov proves that he can be deceptive and is worthy to develop the Eisav personality of Gevurah
- Potential partnership between Yaakov & Eisav can not be achieved due to Eisav's failure

1. Birth and Development of Yaakov & Eisav

- Rivkah and Yitzchak are childless for 20 years
- Hashem answers the prayers of Yitzchak
- Difficult pregnancy for Rivkah
- Rivkah finds out the future from Shem and Ever
- Birth of Eisav ["complete"] and Yaakov ["heal"] to Yitzchak at age 60
- Yitzchak loves Eisav; Rivkah loves Yaakov
- Yaakov is a tent dweller [studies Torah] and Eisav is a man of the field
- Actual death of Avraham and Nimrod
- Eisav sells his birthright for a pot of beans – known as "Edom"

2. Yitzchak in the Land of the Philistines

- Famine in the land forces Yitzchak to move to Gerar
- Hashem forbids Yitzchak to leave the land of Canaan
- Yitzchak successfully takes up residence in Gerar
- Avimelech sends Yitzchak out of Gerar
- Yitzchak digs 7 wells
- Avimelech reaffirms his old treaty with Yitzchak in Be-er Sheva
- Eisav marries two evil wives at age 40

3. The Blessings of Yitzchak to his sons

- Yitzchak grows old and becomes blind
- Yitzchak wants to bless Eisav at age of 123
- Rivkah instructs Yaakov to usurp the blessings
- "The voice is the voice of Yaakov, yet the hands are the hands of Eisav."
- Yitzchak blesses Yaakov to successfully take on the role destined for Eisav
- Yitzchak blesses Eisav with anti-Semitism to Jews
- Eisav wishes to kill Yaakov
- Yaakov is sent to Lavan in Charan to find a wife
- Eisav marries "Machalas" the daughter of Yishmael – The day of marriage affords the opportunity of forgiveness for all of one's sins.
- Yaakov spends 14 years studying in the Yeshiva of Shem and Ever before going to Lavan