

Genesis 25:31-34

וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב מְכֹרָה כִּיּוֹם אֶת־בְּכֹרְתְךָ לִי: 32 וַיֹּאמֶר עֲשׂוּ הֲנֵה אָנֹכִי
הוֹלֵךְ לָמוֹת וְלִמְהֵרָה לִי בְכֹרָה: 33 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב הַשְּׂבֵעָה לִי כִּיּוֹם
וַיִּשְׂבַּע לוֹ וַיִּמְכֹּר אֶת־בְּכֹרְתוֹ לְיַעֲקֹב: 34 וַיַּעֲקֹב נָתַן לְעֵשָׂו לֶחֶם וּגְזִיד
עֲדָשִׁים וַיֹּאכַל וַיִּשְׂתֶּ וַיִּקָּם וַיֵּלֶךְ וַיִּבֹז עֲשׂוּ אֶת־הַבְּכֹרָה: 34

Vocabulary

Verse 31

מכר verb (*Qal* imperative ms): “sell”

בכרה “right of the firstborn, birthright” (BDB, 114)

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מכר verb (*Qal waw*-consecutive imperfect 3ms): “sell”

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Verse 34

גזיד “boiled leguminous soup” (BDB, 268)

עדשה “lentil” (BDB, 727)

בזה verb: “despise” (BDB, 102)

בכרה “right of the firstborn, birthright” (BDB, 114)

Syntax & Misc.

Verse 31

- Sentence Typology 1 (וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב מְכֹרָה כִּיּוֹם אֶת־בְּכֹרְתְךָ לִי): V-S-O
 - The object is direct speech.
- Sentence Typology A (מְכֹרָה כִּיּוֹם אֶת־בְּכֹרְתְךָ לִי): V-M-O-IO
 - The הָ suffix may be attached to the masculine singular imperative without any apparent semantic alteration. The initial vowel may be o-class, כְּתָבָה, or i-class as in this verse. Cf. GKC 48i.
 - The temporal (or sequential, “now,” cf. GKC 35n) marker, כִּיּוֹם “now,” is adverbial.

Verse 32

- Sentence Typology 1 (וַיֹּאמֶר עֲשׂוּ הֲנֵה אָנֹכִי הוֹלֵךְ לָמוֹת וְלִמְהֵרָה לִי בְכֹרָה): V-S-O
 - The object is direct speech.
- Sentence Typology A (הֲנֵה אָנֹכִי הוֹלֵךְ לָמוֹת): S-V-M
- Sentence Typology B (וְלִמְהֵרָה לִי בְכֹרָה): S-P
 - The interrogative is “strengthened” by the conjoined demonstrative.

Verse 33

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- Sentence Typology 1 (וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב הַשְּׁבִעָה לִּי בַיּוֹם): V-S-O
 - The object is direct speech.
- Sentence Typology A (הַשְּׁבִעָה לִּי בַיּוֹם): V-IO-M
 - The suffix is also attached to this *Niphal* imperative.
 - The *dagesh* of לִּי is conjunctive.
- Sentence Typology 2 (וַיִּשְׁבַּע לוֹ): V-IO
- Sentence Typology 3 (וַיִּמְכֹּר אֶת־בְּכֹרְתּוֹ לְיַעֲקֹב): V-O-IO

Verse 34

- Sentence Typology 1 (וַיַּעֲקֹב נָתַן לְעֵשָׂו לֶחֶם וְגִזְיִד עַד־יָשִׁים): S-V-IO-O
 - The compound object is joined by a simple *waw*.
- Sentence Typology 2 (וַיֵּאבָל): V
- Sentence Typology 3 (וַיִּשְׁתָּ): V
- Sentence Typology 4 (וַיִּקָּם): V
- Sentence Typology 5 (וַיִּלְדָּ): V
- Sentence Typology 6 (וַיִּבְּזוּ עֵשָׂו אֶת־הַבְּכֹרָה): V-S-O
 - The final *he* of the *waw*-consecutive of בָּזָה apocopates (i.e. shortened).