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Basemath meant “balsam or perfumed oil or fragrant”.

No. 1:

She was one of the wives of Esau. She was the daughter of Elon, the Hittite. She was a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah as she was a Canaanite. In Genesis 36:2, we read Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite. So, Basemath could either be Adah or a sister of Adah. It’s not clear here. If both were the same person, then, she had a son, Eliphaz, the firstborn of Esau.

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Genesis 26:34,35; Genesis 36:1-3, 10;

Genesis 26:34,35 - ³⁴When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. ³⁵And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.

Genesis 36:1-3 - Now this *is* the genealogy of Esau, who is Edom. ²Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite; Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; ³and Basemath, Ishmael’s daughter, sister of Nebajoth.

Genesis 36:10 - These *were* the names of Esau’s sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, and Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau.

No. 2:

She was the daughter of Ishmael and sister of Nebajoth. She was also called as Mahalath. She had a son, Reuel.

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Genesis 28:9; Genesis 36:3,4, 10,13

Genesis 28: 9 - 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.

Genesis 36:3, 4, 10, 13



³ and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth. ⁴ Now Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel.

¹⁰ These *were* the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, and Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau.

¹³ These *were* the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

No. 3:

She was the daughter of Solomon and wife of Ahimaaz, the food governors whom Solomon appointed over all Israel.

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1 Kings 4:15

1 Kings 4:15 - Ahimaaz, in Naphtali; he also took Basemath the daughter of Solomon as wife;

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