

Genesis 36

Lord of Every Nation

This week – INVITED to Teach Bible at Sm Gp nearby UNI

1 Young Man who came Friendly MUSLIM Student – Members INVITED

Respectfully listened, looking Carefully at Bible Verses, then said at End...

“I am glad to see Christians taking Bible study seriously, and I need to read it too. You are Xtian because you were BORN into Xtian fam. I was born Muslim”

End Genesis 35 TWIN Sons of ISAAC – United to BURY their Elderly Father

Isaac breathed his last, and he died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. *And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.* Genesis 35.29

ESAU – OLDER Twin & JACOB – Younger – HONORED Covenant Head

TRACED Story for Several MONTHS - **“Faith Grows in our Faithful God”**

Whole Bible: Saved, Grace, thru Faith, seen Undeserved MERCY Isaac & Jacob

COVENANT Line CONTINUES thru Younger Twin JACOB Chosen ONE

Jacob lived in the land of his father’s sojournings, in the land of Canaan. These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old... Genesis 37.1,2

But WHAT ABOUT Other Twin? OLDER Twin Brother ESAU?

MOSES Tidies up NARRATIVE – NO Lose Ends // Ishmael Summarized ch 25

The brotherhood of Esau and Jacob, living on in the nations of Edom and Israel, is never forgotten in the Old Testament. Derek Kidner

What LEARN from BORING BIT of Bible?? Use B word / **Boring** Carefully...

ALL Bible INSPIRED: “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” 2 Timothy 3.16

Not Equally INTERESTING – heard some SNORING as MAX read Genesis 36!

Not Equally IMPORTANT: ESAU is for Eager Beavers! **ZGC Best, brightest**

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 1 Corinthians 10.11

What do we learn from Esau & his Nation?? 1. Powerful, but Not Humble
 PROMISE of God given About BOTH Twins TO their Mother REBEKAH:

And the LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger.”
 Genesis 25.23

BLESSING of God even on ESAU - Twin SON who is NOT COVENANT Son
 ESAU / OLDER would BE a NATION and HE would be STRONGER

ESAU married 40 years BEFORE JACOB – Jacob babies, Esau GRANDbabies
 Esau 5 SONS, read 2 of them had 10 Sons > CHIEFs / DUKEs / GREAT Men
 Line of SEIR > lists 29 - Sons, Grandsons, Daughters > Powerful DYNASTY

NO Mention INFERTILITY Esau’s Wives: plagued Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel
 While Edom Prospered JACOB fam Caught in FAMINE – Favored son PRISON

Line of ESAU PROBLEM Free – Healthy, Virile, Powerful, Unstoppable

I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.
 Psalm 73.3-9

“WHO Needs God when you HAVE IT ALL?”

Just as JACOB’S Personal Name is Transformed into National Name ISRAEL

ESAU’s Personal Name is Transformed into National Name EDOM = RED

Like AMERICAN’S called their Capital WASHINGTON

v. 1 These are the generations of Esau (that is, Edom).

v. 8 (Esau is Edom.)

v. 9 These are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.

v. 19 These are the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these are their chiefs.

v. 43 these are the chiefs of Edom (that is, Esau, the father of Edom), according to their dwelling places in the land of their possession.

Name **EDOM** occurs **6 more X's**/ **SEIR** synonym for EDOM found **5 X's more**

v. 31 These are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, before any king reigned over the Israelites. *Textual GLOSS added during MONARCHY Period*

MAP 1000 yrs BEFORE Israelites had their OWN king > EDOM had **KINGS**



1st to Receive message of Genesis 36? Moses: Author

Audience: People of God from Egypt to Promised Land

Most PLEASANT & DIRECT way to Promised Land

KING'S Hwy STRAIGHT thru MIGHTY Kingdom EDOM



Dayna & I DROVE KING'S Hwy 2013 – JORDAN / Aquaba
STRAIGHT, SMOOTH, SAFE Higher Altitude Cooler Way

Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom: “Thus says your brother Israel: You know all the hardship that we have met...the Egyptians dealt harshly with us and our fathers...here we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your territory. Please let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or vineyard, or drink water from a well. We will go along the King's Highway. We will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left until we have passed through your territory.” But Edom said to him, “You shall not pass through, lest I come out with the sword against you”...Edom came out against them with a large army and with a strong force. Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his territory, so Israel turned away from him. Numbers 20.14-21

People of God FORCED to Take Long WAY – thru Inhospitable DESERT!

SNAKES Biting Them – Met Hostile KINGS - Lack of WATER and FOOD

500 yrs Earlier: JACOB – 4 Wives, 12 young children heading thru Esau’s Land

Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom... ‘I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now. I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.’” And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him.” Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed.

Genesis 32.3-7

If JUDGED SPIRITUAL Position by MATERIAL Blessing / **Prosperity Gospel**

ESAU – Not Jacob // EDOM – Not ISRAEL > Looks MOST BLESSED of God

DANGEROUS to Judge STATE of a SOUL by OUTWARD APPEARANCES

Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. And Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!” (Therefore his name was called Edom.) Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright now.” Esau said, “*I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?*” Jacob said, “Swear to me now.” So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. *Thus Esau despised his birthright.* Genesis 25.29-34

Jacob takes ADVANTAGE – Impatient, Impulsive, Unthinking, Sensual, Brother

Esau Lives for the Moment His APPETITE robbed him of WISDOM

Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?”

1st-Born > Responsibility – Promises on him, Head of Family, Leads in Worship

He REJECTS All BLESSINGS in Life: Home, Family, Church, Fellowship

ALL LOST in Moment of Self-Gratification: BOWL of STEW, Very Expensive

DESPISED the Promises > FORFEITED the Blessings

PHYSICAL APPETITES were More IMPORTANT than Spiritual Privileges

He lives for the HERE & NOW – Not trusting in UNSEEN, Spiritual WORLD

STRIKING Sequence: 5 Straight Verbs > Ate, Drank, Got Up, Left, Despised

See to it...that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. Hebrews 12.15,16

ESAU – and later Nation of EDOM -- Powerful, but Not Humble

Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom...The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, “Who will bring me down to the ground?” Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, declares the LORD. Obadiah 3.4

2. Passionate, but Not Holy

Many Christians using word PASSION - *intense or overpowering emotion*

CAN be GOOD Thing – Esp when Passion is CONSECRATED, Christ-Centered

ESAU was PASSIONATE Man – NOT in the GOOD SENSE of the Word

vs. 2,3 Esau took his wives from the Canaanites...Ishmael's daughter...

Lots of ALARM Bells would GO OFF in Ears of God-Fearing Israelite Listener

CANAAN: Future Land of PROMISE – Present Land SPIRITUAL Pollution

Canaanites SO BAD, God will EXTERMINATE them from His HOLY Territory

ISHMAEL – like Esau – Son of ABE who DID NOT have Covenant Blessing

Esau FURTHER AFOUL of Covenant Holiness, Marries Ishmael's Daughter

When Esau was forty years old, he took Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite to be his wife, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and *they made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.* Genesis 26.34,35

DISAPPOINTMENT of Any Righteous PARENT, Child makes Wrong Choice

VIOLATED Accepted Patriarchal PRACTICE > Contracted his OWN Marriages

NOT Seek WISDOM & BLESSING of Parents, **ONE** w/ Godless Canaanites

Is ANYONE/THING in WORLD want so Much, Reject GOD to Have? Esau did

Esau demonstrates the wrong way of relating to those around us who are not believers: marrying them...acquiring not one but three pagan wives. Thus he became a source of grief to his parents. Iain Duguid

More ESAU Indulged his PHYSICAL APPETITES > Further drifted from GOD

REJECTED his BIRTHRIGHT / BLESSING was RIPPED-OFF

Probably BITTER, DISAPPOINTED w/ God's Plan - Demoted to # 2 SON

v. 8 Esau settled in the hill country of Seir. – NATIONAL Territory of EDOM

Moved AWAY from PROMISED LAND & PROMISE of God's COVENANT

RESTRAINT of Parents Now LIFTED > They are DEAD, No more GUILT!

GOD is NOT DEAD! – His Standard is ETERNAL – Justice EVERLASTING

Fatal Flaw – Married Canaanites / like ISHMAEL cut himself off from Covenant

Like LOT he CHOSE to Leave PROMISED Land in Search of PROSPERITY

Your SOUL is Worth MORE than a MEAL, or a MOVIE, or a One Night Stand

ESAU failed to PASS ON Spiritual Truth to his SONS or his NATION > Names

Waiting ANY Day BLAIR Tribe will INCREASE – Call from Portland, Oregon

Son Nathan wife Heather have 2nd Grandchild > Tutu Dayna Packed to Fly

Do Not Know GENDER – Waiting to Learn NAME – What will Name Mean??

MODERN Western Families – Names given to SOUND Good, Popular Names

Many Places in WORLD – in World of BIBLE - Name reveal Parents HOPES

81 Names in Gen 36 – Only 2 have ANY CONNECTION to God, EL, JE = God

These R 2 Sons named when Esau still Lived near Parents

Reuel – “friend of God” // **Jeush** – “God helps”

Other Names emphasize Worldly, Sensual Pleasures:

Ornament, Morning, Where the Deer are Found, Hyena, Perfume, Pure Gold, Rest, Rising, East, Gazelle, Wicked, Bald, Hawk, Revenger, Advantage, Turtle, Swift, Mountain Goat, Jubilation, Fold, Mouse....

Jacob's children, who were exiles in Paddan Aram, by faith possess the land, and Esau's children who were born in it, walk away from it... The church, the chosen today, is scattered abroad, but it will possess the Promised Land that never passes away.

Bruce Waltke

3. Promise and Hope for Every Man and Nation is Jesus Christ

Gen 36 lists GREAT NAMES of their DAY – Sons of ESAU, Mighty EDOM Fearsome KINGS & CHIEFS - Even thirsty Israelite Army STAYED OUT! Names FORGOTTEN in our Day – NOT SURE How to Pronounce Them

Narrator interested in Relationship of Edomite clans, Political Org / Development Kings listed End Ch 36 - NONE of Edom's Kings is the SON of his Predecessor Each KING – One Timer, One Hit Wonder – NO DYNASTY Emerges

SUCCESSION by ELECTION?? More Likely INSTABILITY, Infighting

Today EDOM is a Wasteland – It's People are GONE – Prophecies FULFILLED

I will make Mount Seir a waste and a desolation, and I will cut off from it all who come and go... I will make you a perpetual desolation, and your cities shall not be inhabited. Then you will know that I am the LORD. Ezekiel 35.7,9

DESOLATE DRIVE along KING'S HWY Today

If PERSON tries to Forget God – like Esau did – Might Think God Forget Them Esau DESPISED Birthright, Shows No Spiritual Interest, God Never Forsook him

Although Esau despised spiritual things, God nevertheless honored His promises concerning Esau. Human sin does not change God's plan. James Boice

NO Matter how BADLY Edomites treated Israel – God refused them REVENGE

“You shall not abhor an Edomite, for he is your brother.” Deuteronomy 23.7

...even while the line of Esau is outside the promise, it is not outside the reach of God’s mercy. If all nations will be blessed through Abraham, may that blessing not begin with Abraham’s wider family...Outsiders too may receive God’s mercy and grace and be added to the family of God. Iain Duguid

When EDOM ALREADY had KINGS and CHIEFS

God PROMISED Jacob a King would come from him...

God said to him, “I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. Genesis 35.11

500 yrs Later MOSES tells us MORE About this PROMISED, COMING KING

“a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;...Edom shall be dispossessed; Seir also, his enemies, shall be dispossessed. Israel is doing valiantly” Numbers 24.16-18

People of God waited for Righteous KING – Rule on David’s Throne Forever
WAITED, CRYING OUT for God’s FINAL KING to Come – Reign and Rule
King RULES over WIND and WAVES – King who COMMANDS DEATH

1 day in History – Fullness of TIME - 2 Kings met for FIRST TIME

1 King at Pinnacle of his Power – Name HEROD ANTIPAS – Idumean, Edomite

FATHER – Herod the GREAT who Killed BABIES of Bethlehem

ANTIPAS Not much BETTER – BEHEADED John Baptist cover Sordid Affair

Annual INCOME 1st C equiv 10 million USD today – Had Anything he Wanted

Other KING was Descendent of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob – Heir of DAVID
KING over all the OTHER KINGS of EARTH

Hardly LOOKED KINGLY – looked more Like CLOWN than a KING
REJECTED by His People – Would soon DIE Felon’s Death on CROSS
Could have Called Heaven’s Armies to VINDICATE Him – Destroy HEROD

MISSION was to Stand Alone and SUFFER – Give His LIFE AWAY
Selfless Act – Incalculable PRICE – Royal Blood of King of HEAVEN
REDEEM Sinful – Israelites & Edomites, Americans, Africans, ALL Peoples
Died on a CROSS – Vindicated by God – ROSE from Dead – Here NOW!

Herod continued SELFISH Revelry till REMOVED from Post by ROMANS
Banished to LYON, FRANCE where he DIED in LONELY, MISERY

No Herod’s Today – No Edomites – No Idumeans – GONE FOREVER
Jesus LIVES – GAINS New Followers every SINGLE DAY around WORLD

In spite of Esau’s unbelief, his descendants have a future. Under God they have a story. Today, in Christ, the remnant of Edom has been reconciled to his brother and has become a member of Christ’s kingdom... If kings come from Esau’s loins, how much more will Jesus Christ reign until his kingdom is coextensive with the creation and every tongue confess him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.
Bruce Waltke

Muslim Friend – Met in Sm Gp this Week – Born a Muslim, Why I am Muslim
Not born Xtian fam. – Met SAVIOR invited me JUMP OFF their Sinking SHIP
Told him Jesus Christ came for Every Man of Every Nation – New Birth in Him
God PROMISED: Esau’s Grandfather Abraham:

“in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed” Genesis 12.3

Genesis 36:¹ This is the account of Esau (that is, Edom).² Esau took his wives from the women of Canaan: Adah daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah daughter of Anah and granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite—³ also Basemath daughter of Ishmael and sister of Nebaioth.⁴ Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, Basemath bore Reuel,⁵ and Oholibamah bore Jeush, Jalam and Korah. These were the sons of Esau, who were born to him in Canaan.⁶ Esau took his wives and sons and daughters and all the members of his household, as well as his livestock and all his other animals and all the goods he had acquired in Canaan, and moved to a land some distance from his brother Jacob.⁷ Their possessions were too great for them to remain together; the land where they were staying could not support them both because of their livestock.⁸ So Esau (that is, Edom) settled in the hill country of Seir.⁹ This is the account of the family line of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.¹⁰ These are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz, the son of Esau's wife Adah, and Reuel, the son of Esau's wife Basemath.¹¹ The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam and Kenaz.¹² Esau's son Eliphaz also had a concubine named Timna, who bore him Amalek. These were grandsons of Esau's wife Adah.¹³ The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were grandsons of Esau's wife Basemath.¹⁴ The sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah daughter of Anah and granddaughter of Zibeon, whom she bore to Esau: Jeush, Jalam and Korah.¹⁵ These were the chiefs among Esau's descendants: The sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau: Chiefs Teman, Omar, Zepho, Kenaz,¹⁶ Korah, Gatam and Amalek. These were the chiefs descended from Eliphaz in Edom; they were grandsons of Adah.¹⁷ The sons of Esau's son Reuel: Chiefs Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were the chiefs descended from Reuel in Edom; they were grandsons of Esau's wife Basemath.¹⁸ The sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah: Chiefs Jeush, Jalam and Korah. These were the chiefs descended from Esau's wife Oholibamah daughter of Anah.¹⁹ These were the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these were their chiefs.²⁰ These were the sons of Seir the Horite, who were living in the region: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,²¹ Dishon, Ezer and Dishan. These sons of Seir in Edom were Horite chiefs.²² The sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam. Timna was Lotan's sister.²³ The sons of Shobal: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho and Onam.²⁴ The sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. This is the Anah who discovered the hot springs in the desert while he was grazing the donkeys of his father Zibeon.²⁵ The children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah daughter of Anah.²⁶ The sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran and Keran.²⁷ The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan and Akan.²⁸ The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.²⁹ These were the Horite chiefs: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,³⁰ Dishon, Ezer and Dishan. These were the Horite chiefs, according to their divisions, in the land of Seir.³¹ These were the kings who reigned in Edom before any Israelite king reigned:³² Bela son of Beor

became king of Edom. His city was named Dinhabah.³³ When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah from Bozrah succeeded him as king.³⁴ When Jobab died, Husham from the land of the Temanites succeeded him as king.³⁵ When Husham died, Hadad son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the country of Moab, succeeded him as king. His city was named Avith.³⁶ When Hadad died, Samlah from Masrekah succeeded him as king.³⁷ When Samlah died, Shaul from Rehoboth on the river succeeded him as king.³⁸ When Shaul died, Baal-Hanan son of Akbor succeeded him as king.³⁹ When Baal-Hanan son of Akbor died, Hadad^[e] succeeded him as king. His city was named Pau, and his wife's name was Mehetabel daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-Zahab.⁴⁰ These were the chiefs descended from Esau, by name, according to their clans and regions: Timna, Alvah, Jetheth,⁴¹ Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon,⁴² Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar,⁴³ Magdiel and Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom, according to their settlements in the land they occupied. This was Esau, the father of the Edomites.