

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS**  
**JUNE 21, 2023**  
**GENESIS 36**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Esau was the twin brother of Jacob who played a significant role in the history of Israel.
  - a) His name means “hairy” derived from his appearance at birth. (Gen. 25.25; 27.11)
  - b) His name was changed to Edom meaning “red” (Gen. 25.30).
  - c) He is mentioned 103 times in 88 verses. He is mentioned 100 times in the OT and 3 times in NT. (Rom. 9.13; Heb. 11.20; 12.16)
2. Three times in Genesis 36, Esau is referred to as Edom. (Gen. 36.1,8,9,19,43)

**I. THE FAMILY OF ESAU**

- A. **GENESIS 36.2:** *“Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan”*
  1. He chose as wives those who brought grief to his parents. (Gen. 26.34,35; 27.46)
  2. **GENESIS 36.2:** *“Adah...the Hittite”* and *“Anah...the Hivite.”* (Gen. 10.15,16)
  3. Why did the daughters of Canaan cause so much grief? (Deut. 20.17,18)
- B. Eliphaz, the firstborn son of Esau. (Gen. 36.15)
  1. **GENESIS 36.4:** *“Now Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel.”*
  2. Eliphaz is a name only mentioned in three places: Genesis 36, 1 Chronicles 5, Job)
  3. His firstborn son was Teman, known for his wisdom. (Job 2.11; Jer. 49.7)
- C. Amalek, the youngest son of Eliphaz.
  1. **GENESIS 36.12:** *“Now Timna was the concubine of Eliphaz...bore Amalek”*
  2. Amalek was the father of the Amalekites.
    - a) The Amalekites were the enemies of Israel who ambushed Israel. (Ex. 17.8-16)
    - b) Therefore, God destroyed them. (Deut. 25.17-19; 1 Sam. 15.1-3)
- D. The Location of Esau and the Edomites.
  1. At some point in history, Esau leaves Canaan and goes to Mount Seir.
    - a) **GENESIS 36.6:** *“Then Esau... went to a country away from the presence of his brother Jacob.”* Yet Jacob had not yet seen his brother (cf. Gen. 32.3).
    - b) Possibility: Esau heard his brother was coming home and left before he got there.
  2. **GENESIS 36.7:** *“For their possessions were too great for them to dwell together”*
  3. **GENESIS 36.8:** *“So Esau dwelt in Mount Seir. Esau is Edom.”*
    - a) Mount Seir was the home of the Horites, literally, cave dwellers. (Gen. 14.6)
    - b) **GENESIS 36.20:** *“These were the sons of Seir the Horite who inhabited the land”*
      - b) Mount Seir was given to Esau by God. (Deut. 2.1-5,12,22)
- D. The chiefs and kings of the Edomites. (Gen. 36.15-19,31-43)

**II. THE JUDGMENT OF THE EDMITES**

- A. The Edomites mistreated their brethren, the Israelites.
  2. **AMOS 1.11,12:** *“He pursued his brother with the sword, and cast off all pity.”*
  3. **EZEKIEL 25.12-14:** *“Because of what Edom did...by taking vengeance.”*
  4. **NUMBERS 20.14,17,18:** *“You shall not pass through out land...”*
- B. God destroyed the Edomites.
  1. **OBADIAH 1.10:** *“For violence against your brother Jacob, Shame shall cover you, And you shall be cut off forever.”* (Ps. 137.7)
  2. **OBADIAH 1.12-14:** *“You should not have...”*