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## Edom: The Legacy of Feeding the Flesh • Part 1

Lesson 3 • Genesis 27:41; 36:1-43

### Edom's Family Tree Is Rooted in Fleshly Living

*Living to feed the flesh **FORFEITS** the blessings of God and leaves a **LEGACY** of feeding the flesh instead of walking in the Spirit.*

### A Family Feud Between the Flesh and the Spirit

- Battle of the Bulge – Genesis 25:19-23

*The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb; And two peoples will be separated from your body; And one people shall be stronger than the other; And the older shall serve the younger." Genesis 25:23*

- Birth of the Boys – Genesis 25:24-26

- Bargain for the Birthright – Genesis 25:27-34

*"Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright." Genesis 25:34*

- **BITTERNESS** over the Blessing – Genesis 27:29-41

### *The Only Blessing that Was Left for Esau Was an "Unblessing"*

1. Live **AWAY** from the good land.
2. Live by the **SWORD**.
3. **SERVE** your brother, Jacob = *Israel*.
4. **REBEL** against your brother's rule over you.

*"So Esau bore a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him; and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob." Genesis 27:41*

### The Legacy of Esau's Fleshly Lifestyle in Edom

#### 1. His Fleshly **CHILDREN**: *The House of Esau* Genesis 36:1-5; Obadiah 18

- Wives according to the flesh. Genesis 36:1-3; 26:34-35; 28:8-9
- Children according to the flesh. Genesis 36:4-5, 10-19, 31-43

#### 2. His Fleshly **COUNTRY**: *The Land of Edom* Genesis 36:6-8; Obadiah 3

- Location of Mount Seir. Numbers 34:3; Joshua 15:1, 21; Numbers 24:17-19
- LORD gave the land to the Edomites as their possession. Deuteronomy 2:12, 19-22
- Lay of the Land. Obadiah 3



### 3. His Fleshly CITIES: *The Mountains of Esau* Genesis 36:11; Obadiah 8-9

- **Bozrah** in the north with its fleshly WEALTH.
- **Temam** in the south with its fleshly WISDOM. Obadiah 8-9
- **Sela**, the capital, with its fleshly WARFARE/ STRENGTH. Obadiah 3



*“Match me such marvel save in Eastern clime, a rose-red city half as old as time.” – Poet John William Burgon, 1845*

### 4. His Fleshly CONFLICT: *The Family Feud with Israel*

- The covenant RELATIONSHIP by brotherly blood between Edom and Israel. Deuteronomy 23:7; 2:4-6
- The covenant RESPONSIBILITY to bless his brother, *Israel*. Genesis 12:1-3; 27:27-29
- The covenant REBELLION by Edom against his brother, *Israel*, results in a bitter national rivalry.

#### **The Family Feud Becomes a Bitter National Rivalry: *First Example of Many***

1. Edom is TERRIFIED by the news of Israel's exodus from Egypt! Exodus 15:14-18
2. Edom proudly REFUSES Israel's humble request to pass peacefully through their country on their way to the Promised Land! Numbers 20:14-21
3. Edom is CURSED yet again for proudly refusing to help his brother, Israel. Numbers 24:17-19

#### **Lessons from the Legacy of Esau's Fleshly Lifestyle in Edom**

- ☐ The Lord GOD REVEALS His Big Story in the Bible so we could see our story in His Story.
- ☐ The Lord GOD REMINDS us that His sovereignty is *not equal* to human responsibility but is *exalted over it without eliminating it*.
- ☐ The Lord GOD takes covenant keeping REALLY seriously and so should we.
  - Covenant of family by birth or adoption
  - Covenant of marriage by vows
  - Covenant of salvation by faith in the Humble Suffering Servant and Exalted Sovereign Savior: *Jesus Christ our LORD!*