

Esau's Family Tree

Genesis 36:1-43

Introduction

I The Account of Esau

- A. The **wives** of Esau
 - 1. Canaanite wives
 - 2. Daughter of Ishmael
- B. The **sons** of Esau
 - 1. Esau's sons through the Canaanite wives
 - 2. Esau's sons through the lineage of Ishmael
- C. The **relocation** of Esau - Matt 5:45; Acts 14:17
 - 1. He moved away from Jacob - Phil 2:3-4
 - 2. He moved to the hill country of Seir
 - a. He was also referred to as Edom

II The Account Of The Edomites

- A. The **grandchildren** of Esau
 - 1. Esau's descendants through Canaanite wives
 - a. Esau's two sons
 - b. The sons of Eliphaz
 - 1. Through his wife
 - 2. Through his concubine
 - c. The sons of Reuel
 - 2. Esau's **descendants** through Ishmael
 - a. Chiefs through Eliphaz - Gen 27:40
 - b. Chiefs through Reuel
 - c. Chiefs through Ishmael's lineage
 - d. Esau is Edom
- B. The sons of Seir
- C. The **kings** of Edom
 - 1. Before Israel had a king - 1 Pet 2:9-10; 2 Tim 2:11-12
- D. The **chiefs** descended from Esau
 - 1. This is Esau the father of the Edomites

III The Lessons From Esau's Family Tree

- A. Your **life** matters to God - Matt 10:29-31

- B. The high price of spiritual **compromise** - Heb 12:16-17
- C. God's blessing requires God's plan, method and **timing**
- D. God wants us to **seek** Him - Acts 17:25-27
- E. God is **faithful** to His promises - Num 23:19; 2 Cor 1:19
- F. You are **writing** history - Eph 5:15-19
 - 1. Eternal deposits - Rom 2:5-8; Rev 22:12
 - 2. Eternal influence - Prov 20:7
- G. Your **name** can be in the Book of Life - Rev 20:15; 21:27

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. What do you know about your "Family Tree?" Are there any interesting stories or famous people in your genealogical line?
2. Esau's genealogy is a mere "blip" on the screen of life compared to Jacob's family line that eventually led to the birth of the Messiah. What small compromises did Esau make that sidelined him from God's eternal plan? [Hint: Heb 12:16-17] What small acts of compromise are you making that could have far-reaching effects on your future and the future of those in your family tree? What action will you take today to avoid Esau's example?
3. Of the various Lessons From Esau's Family Tree, which one is most important to you right now? Why? What practical steps will you take in response to what you have discovered?
4. Take a few minutes to write down how you think future genealogists might summarize your life. Then ask the Holy Spirit for power to live in such a way that those in your Family Tree will be able to look back on your life with gratitude for the godly heritage you have left for them to follow.

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