

# Esau's Generations

## Genesis Chapter 36

- Four times in this chapter (vs1, 8, 19, & 43) clearly states that Esau is Edom
- Obadiah 1:1, 3-4 "The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom...The arrogance of your heart has deceived you, You who live in the clefts of the rock, In the loftiness of your dwelling place, Who say in your heart, 'Who will bring me down to earth? Though you build high like the eagle, Though you set your nest among the stars, From there I will bring you down,'" declares the LORD.
- Malachi 1:3 "Jacob I have loved, Esau I have hated" Said 1000 years after these men lived

- Gen 36:1 Now these are {the records of} the generations of **Esau (that is, Edom)**.
- Gen 36:2 Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah and the granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite;
- Gen 36:3 also Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, the sister of Nebaioth.
- Gen 36:4 Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel,
- Gen 36:5 and Oholibamah bore Jeush and Jalam and Korah. These are the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.
- Gen 36:6 Then Esau took his wives and his sons and his daughters and all his household, and his livestock and all his cattle and all his goods which he had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to {another} land away from his brother Jacob. ."
- *This is so very interesting that Esau had his children in the promised land and took them out and Jacob had his children outside of the promised land (except for Benjamin) and brought them to the land.*
- Gen 36:7 For their property had become too great for them to live together, and the land where they sojourned could not sustain them because of their livestock.
- Gen 36:8 So Esau lived in the hill country of Seir; **Esau is Edom**.
- Gen 36:9 These then are {the records of} the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.
- Gen 36:10 These are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Esau's wife Adah, Reuel the son of Esau's wife Basemath. ."
- *This Eliphaz not the Eliphaz of the book of Job. Job's account falls between Chapter 10 and Chapter 11 of Genesis.*
- Gen 36:11 The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho and Gatam and Kenaz.
- Gen 36:12 Timna was a concubine of Esau's son Eliphaz and she bore Amalek to Eliphaz. These are the sons of Esau's wife Adah.
- Gen 36:13 These are the sons of Reuel: Nahath and Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were the sons of Esau's wife Basemath.
- Gen 36:14 These were the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah and the granddaughter of Zibeon: she bore to Esau, Jeush and Jalam and Korah.
- Gen 36:15 These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn of Esau, are chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz, ."
- *This is very interesting that there are all these chiefs (Dukes KJV)*
  - *This shows the heart of Esau. One of control and reign. Not of of God being King but man ruling.)\*
- Gen 36:16 chief Korah, chief Gatam, chief Amalek. These are the chiefs descended from Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah.
- Gen 36:17 These are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Nahath, chief Zerah, chief Shammah, chief Mizzah. These are the chiefs descended from Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Esau's wife Basemath.
- Gen 36:18 These are the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah: chief Jeush, chief Jalam, chief Korah. These

are the chiefs descended from Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.

- Gen 36:19 These are the sons of **Esau (that is, Edom)**, and these are their chiefs.
- Gen 36:20 These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah,
- Gen 36:21 and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan. These are the chiefs descended from the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom.
- Gen 36:22 The sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.
- Gen 36:23 These are the sons of Shobal: Alvan and Manahath and Ebal, Shepho and Onam.
- Gen 36:24 These are the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah--he is the Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness when he was pasturing the donkeys of his father Zibeon.
- Gen 36:25 These are the children of Anah: Dishon, and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.
- Gen 36:26 These are the sons of Dishon: Hemdan and Eshban and Ithran and Cheran.
- Gen 36:27 These are the sons of Ezer: Bilhan and Zaavan and Akan.
- Gen 36:28 These are the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.
- Gen 36:29 These are the chiefs descended from the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief Zibeon, chief Anah,
- Gen 36:30 chief Dishon, chief Ezer, chief Dishan. These are the chiefs descended from the Horites, according to their {various} chiefs in the land of Seir.
- Gen 36:31 Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the sons of Israel. ."
- *Why is this here. Who wrote this? Moses? How did he know kings would reign over Israel?*
  - *Is this a text that could only have been written after Saul became King in Israel?*
  - *In Genesis 17:6 and Deuteronomy 17:14-20 Moses foretold that his people, after entering Cana'an would ask for a king to rule over them. He even gave instructions as to who may and who may not be selected and what such a king must do. On this background Genesis 36:31 can be an expression of Moses' anticipation about his words coming true.*
  - *Also, the question of inspiration is ignored. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."*
- Gen 36:32 Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.
- Gen 36:33 Then Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah became king in his place.
- Gen 36:34 Then Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites became king in his place.
- Gen 36:35 Then Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the field of Moab, became king in his place; and the name of his city was Avith.
- Gen 36:36 Then Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah became king in his place.
- Gen 36:37 Then Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth on the {Euphrates} River became king in his place.
- Gen 36:38 Then Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor became king in his place.
- Gen 36:39 Then Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar became king in his place; and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, daughter of Mezahab.
- Gen 36:40 Now these are the names of the chiefs descended from Esau, according to their families {and} their localities, by their names: **chief Timna**, chief Alvah, chief Jetheth,
- Gen 36:41 **chief Oholibamah**, chief Elah, chief Pinon,
- Gen 36:42 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar,
- Gen 36:43 chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These are the chiefs of **Edom (that is, Esau, the father of the**

Edomites), according to their habitations in the land of their possession.

Edom and the Edomites are mentioned some 130 times in the Bible. They were an important group of "neighbors" to Israel.

- When the Israelites came through the wilderness to the Promised Land in the time of Moses, the Edomites refused them passage through their land (Numbers 20:21). This was a source of great discouragement for the nation (Numbers 21:4).
- Even so, God commanded special regard for the Edomites among Israel: *You shall not abhor an Edomite, for he is your brother* (Deuteronomy 23:7).
- In the days of Saul, Edom was made subject to Israel (1 Samuel 14:47), and David established garrisons there (2 Samuel 8:14). But later, in the days of Joram, the son of Ahab, the Edomites became independent of Israel (2 Kings 8:16-22).
- Several of the prophets spoke about and against Edom, including Jeremiah (Jeremiah 49:17-18) and Ezekiel (Ezekiel 25:12-14).
- Herod the Great - the one who tried to kill the young child Jesus - was an Edomite. From the time Islam conquered the Middle East, the region has been virtually unoccupied, except for a few Bedouins and military outposts. It has been brought to nothing, as Obadiah had prophesied (the entire book of Obadiah records an extended prophecy against Edom). (Guzek)

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