

What Can We Learn?

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Genesis 36

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A genealogy of a bunch of Dead Men – What can We Learn?

“These are the generations” Gen 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 26:9; 37:2

Phrase used of Esau Twice: 36:1 & 36:9

36:1 – 8 Esau’s history while living in Canaan & his leaving of Canaan

36:9–42 Esau’s history as father of the Edomites (look at Obadiah)

Lesson: Are you living like Esau and intermingling with the world, rejecting God’s covenant?

Don’t Judge the State of One’s Soul by Outward Appearances 36:31

Political power & power with God are NOT equal!

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Esau was Godless – Heb 12:15-17; Esau=Edom emphasized not frequency

Our Spiritual Life Can’t Be Static

Gospel is constant walk of faith Rom 1:16-17, Eph 2:10 not one time decision

You Don’t Need to Help God Out By Arranging Your Own Life

Jacob sought to arrange, but God works despite Jacob in the end - Esau left land 36:6-8

Lesson: Focus on obedience to God, not manipulating others

Contrast of Kings between 35:11 & 36:11

Prophecy of 35:11 – kings shall come forth...

Esau seemingly succeeds by fathering kings 36:31 kings who reigned in the land before...

Jump Forward in History:

The two kings descended from the brothers: Esau & Jacob:

- Herod Antipas – an Edomite (Idumea Mk 3:8), sought to slaughter Jacob’s king Mt 2:16; beheaded the messenger John Mt 14:9; Jesus called him a “fox” Lk 13:32
- Jesus – brought before Herod Lk 23:7. Didn’t look like a king, humble, rejected by the people Lk 23:18
- Herod according to tradition (Josephus) was banished to Lyons, France & died in misery
- Jesus – went to the cross... was raised & vindicated by God! 2 Cor 5:14-15

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