

## Key Facts of Establishment:

- Jacob/Israel would rule over Edom. [Israel did this at their peak influence]
- Edom would inherit a land of his own and live off the land.
- Edom would develop independence from Israel – YET – an (18)\_\_\_\_\_ independence.

Esau's family quickly became a family of (19)\_\_\_\_\_.

- Esau married two (20)\_\_\_\_\_ wives – Gn. 26:34-35
- Esau married (21)\_\_\_\_\_ daughter as an additional wife – Gn. 28:9
  - Grandmother in Law – (22)\_\_\_\_\_, the maidservant of Abraham's wife, Sarah.

The establishment of Edom would have very (23)\_\_\_\_\_ been "anti-Isaac/Jacob" – YET – Edom would be neighbors with Israel.

## Where is Edom?

- Old Testament Edom was located (24)\_\_\_\_\_ of the Dead Sea.
- New Testament Edom was actually located within Israel and known as (25)\_\_\_\_\_.
- The modern territory once known as Edom is the country (26)\_\_\_\_\_.

Obadiah's prophecy will show us three things about Edom:

1. The (27)\_\_\_\_\_ of Edom.
2. The (28)\_\_\_\_\_ of Edom.
3. The (29)\_\_\_\_\_ of Edom.

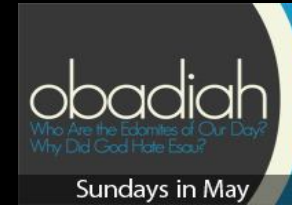
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**Pastor Christian Newsome's Sermonar  
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"Why Did God Hate Esau?"  
Message #1 of 2 in the series, OBADIAH  
Bible Text: Obadiah 1-21**

To clearly understand the book of Obadiah, one must have a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ history of Edom, and its founding father, Esau.

## **"Understanding Edom"**

### **UNDERSTAND: Edom the Man:**

Scripture clearly states that Edom is descended from Esau, the grandson of (2)\_\_\_\_\_.

*Genesis 36:1-9— "Now this is the genealogy of Esau, who is **Edom**. 2 Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite; Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; 3 and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth. 4 Now Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel. 5 And Aholibamah bore Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah. These were the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan. 6 Then Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the persons of his household, his cattle and all his animals, and all his goods which he had gained in the land of Canaan, and went to a country away from the presence of his brother Jacob. 7 For their possessions were too great for them to dwell together, and the land where they were strangers could not support them because of their livestock. 8 So Esau dwelt in Mount Seir. Esau is **Edom**. 9 And this is the genealogy of Esau the father of the **Edomites** in Mount Seir."*

### Don't forget the Timeline:

- Jacob and Esau were born to Isaac when Isaac was (3)\_\_\_\_\_ years old.
- Isaac was born to Abraham when Abraham was (4)\_\_\_\_\_ years old.
- Abraham died at the age of (5)\_\_\_\_\_.
- **WHICH MEANS:** Jacob and Esau lived with Abraham the first (6)\_\_\_\_\_ years of their lives.

Scripture lays out a pattern of the lack of Spiritual Character from Esau:

- The Covenant (7) \_\_\_\_\_ – Gn. 25:23  
*Gn. 25:23—“And the LORD said to her:  
 “Two nations are in your womb,  
 Two peoples shall be separated from your body;  
 One people shall be stronger than the other,  
 And the older shall serve the younger.”*

**QUESTION:** Did God know this about Esau or did God choose this for Esau?

**Malachi 1:1-3**—“The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

- <sup>2</sup> “I have loved you,” says the LORD.  
 “Yet you say, ‘In what way have You loved us?’  
 Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?”  
 Says the LORD.  
 “Yet Jacob I have loved;  
<sup>3</sup> But Esau I have hated,  
 And laid waste his mountains and his heritage  
 For the jackals of the wilderness.”

**Romans 9:12-13**—“not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” 13 Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

The covenant decision was based on God’s (8) \_\_\_\_\_, not God’s “desire”.

*James 1:13—“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.”*  
*I Timothy 2:3-4—“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*

Esau gave up his opportunity to follow God (9) \_\_\_\_\_ he was rejected.

*Hebrews 12:14-17—“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.”*

- The Covenant (10) \_\_\_\_\_ – Gn. 25:29-34
- The Covenant (11) \_\_\_\_\_ – Gn. 26:34-35  
*Gn. 26:34-35—“ When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. 35 And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.”*

Edom’s founding father, Esau, was neither a godly man, nor a friend of

(12) \_\_\_\_\_.

## **UNDERSTAND: Edom the Incident:**

The “nickname” Edom came from one of Esau’s (13) \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual moments in his life. [COVENANT DISSOLUTIONMENT]

*Gn. 25:29-34—“Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary. 30 And Esau said to Jacob, “Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary.” Therefore his name was called Edom.*

*31 But Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright as of this day.”*

*32 And Esau said, “Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?”*

*33 Then Jacob said, “Swear to me as of this day.”*

*So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.”*

We see a second name given to Esau:

- “**Esau**” – (14) \_\_\_\_\_.
- “**Edom**” – (15) \_\_\_\_\_.

Two Phrases summarize this Spiritual Incident in the life of Esau:

- “what is this birthright to me?” – v. 32
- “despised his birthright.” – v. 34

This incident in Esau’s life showed his lack of concern for his (16) \_\_\_\_\_ heritage – and his lack of family loyalty.

## **UNDERSTAND: Edom the Country:**

While Esau did not inherit the blessing of the Abrahamic Covenant, he was blessed by Isaac to be (17) \_\_\_\_\_.

*Genesis 27:36-40—“And Esau said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!” And he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?”*

*37 Then Isaac answered and said to Esau, “Indeed I have made him your master, and all his brethren I have given to him as servants; with grain and wine I have sustained him. What shall I do now for you, my son?”*

*38 And Esau said to his father, “Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me—me also, O my father!” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.*

*39 Then Isaac his father answered and said to him:*

*“ Behold, your dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth,  
 And of the dew of heaven from above.*

*40 By your sword you shall live,*

*And you shall serve your brother;*

*And it shall come to pass, when you become restless,*

*That you shall break his yoke from your neck.”*