

THE GENERATIONS OF ESAU  
(Genesis 36:1-43)

- I. The SONS of ESAU (Gen. 36:1-19)
  - A. Reasons for their INCLUSION
    - 1. EDOMITES will become significant ENEMIES of ISRAEL
    - 2. God kept His PROMISE, even in ESAU'S line
  - B. Identification of Esau's WIVES (cf. 26:34; 28:9)
    - 1. Adah, daughter of Elon, probably Basemath, daughter of Elon
    - 2. Oholibamah, daughter of Anah, probably Judith, daughter of Beerli
    - 3. Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, probably Mahalath, daughter of Ishmael
  - C. Reasons for SETTLING in SEIR (36:6-7)
    - 1. Isaac's PROPERTY would be INHERITED by JACOB
    - 2. Jacob would be ESTABLISHED in CANAAN
    - 3. The land could not SUPPORT both ESTATES
  - D. DESCENDANTS of Esau (36:4-5, 8-19)
    - 1. Adah's son, Eliphaz, produced SEVEN GRANDSONS who became CHIEFTAINS (36:4a, 11-12)
    - 2. Basemath's son, Reuel, produced FOUR GRANDSONS who became CHIEFTAINS (36:4b, 13)
    - 3. Oholibama produced THREE SONS who became CHIEFTAINS (36:14)

- II. The Sons of SEIR (Gen. 36:20-30)
  - A. Eventually assimilated into the EDOMITES
  - B. Esau had MARRIED the DAUGHTER of one of them
  - C. Only daughter NAMED is Timna, who became CONCUBINE to ESAU'S SON Eliphaz (36:12)
    - 1. Making Timna's NIECE, Oholibama, also her MOTHER-IN-LAW
    - 2. Bore a grandson, AMELEK, whose descendants became significant ENEMIES of ISRAEL (1 Sam. 15:18-32; cf. Esther 3:1)
- III. The KINGS of EDOM (Gen. 36:31-39)
  - A. Reigned long BEFORE there were KINGS in ISRAEL
  - B. Established no FAMILY DYNASTY
  - C. Established no PERMANENT CAPITAL (36:32*b*, 35*b*, 39*a*)
  - D. Only one MILITARY VICTORY is mentioned (36:35)
- IV. The TERRITORY of Esau (Gen. 36:40-43)
  - A. List of CHIEFTAINS arranged by "LOCALITIES"
  - B. Most of this material (36:15-43) is REPEATED in 1 Chron. 1:35-54
    - 1. God's FOCUS is on JACOB and his DESCENDANTS
    - 2. This SUMMARY is to prove the FULFILLMENT of God's PROMISES