

# Esau Update

(Sermon Notes)

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We've reached a turning point in the history of our nation this week. Our nation has rejected God, the things of God, and His blessings. According to Holy Scripture, we will not long endure. Like Esau, America has sold away its blessing for a **bowl of beans**.

Israel and Judah went into national captivity for sin against God. Others were utterly destroyed for snubbing their Creator God.

Genesis 18:22 ... Abraham stood yet before the Lord.

Genesis 18:23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

Genesis 18:24 Peradventure there be fifty **righteous** within [Sodom and Gomorrah]: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty **righteous** that are therein?

Genesis 18:25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the **righteous** should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do **right**? [...do righteousness?]

Abraham was pressing God to not destroy the city:

Hebrews 7:1-2 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham... To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation **King of righteousness**, and after that also King of Salem, which is, **King of peace**.

Jesus is "King of Peace" – that is one of His titles.

Genesis 18:32 And [Abraham] said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

Genesis 18:33 And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

As we know - God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, meaning that there **were not ten righteous** men there. How many righteous men reside in America? Will our nation be saved? Will our citizens reject the principles and values of their Creator God by their choice of a Presidential candidate this year?

A week ago pictured our coming out of Egypt. We did not have to lift a finger or take up arms.

Exodus 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, **stand still**, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever.

Exodus 14:14 The **LORD shall fight for you**, and ye shall hold your peace.

Do we understand and believe this principle – or do we insist on fighting our own battles? The **Lord shall fight for you!**

At this point, does God judge America as a nation worth saving?

Will America choose a man for President with the **spirit of Esau**, or a woman to rule over our demise?

We have come down to the point where both political parties employ a great deal of mob rule and violent demonstrations. It is a sad thing, indeed, to see threatening, fights, anger and contention – that is the **spirit of Esau** at work, with the promise of much more as we go into the summer. They are punching each other in the face – ugly and mean behavior.

Isaiah 3:12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and **women rule** over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy **paths**.

America is treading over a well worn **path**.

When God was their king, our Israelitish ancestors made the same mistake we are making today.

1Samuel 12:12 ...You said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the Lord your **God was your king**.

Brethren, please understand that Jesus was **King of Israel**. You should know where this Scripture is in your Bible. God has always intended to be our King. Is He King of our life now?

1Samuel 8:6-7 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord. And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but **they have rejected me**, that I should not reign over them.

Israel chose tall Saul to be their king **instead** of God. God had clearly warned them of the terrible things that would befall them if they picked a human king.

Read 1Samuel 8:11-19. With a human king you will be getting **High taxes**,

...he will take your sons and daughters for military service,

...he will use eminent domain to take your property,

...he will take your farms for his own use,

...he will create big government and regulate your lives.

Israel was warned.

Within God's Church we have been taught well about the promises to Abraham – and how after 2520 years we have been the beneficiaries of great blessings. We did not earn these things because of our American exceptionalism – they are blessings directly from God.

But, there are other prophecies that run parallel to those we know – running through the Bible as well.

Did you ever wonder why there were so many “begets” in the Scriptures? When I first started reading the Bible it seemed like I would run into page after page of geologies. So-and-so begat so-and-so, who begat so-and-so... Why did God put so much of that information in the Scriptures?

Could it be that God wants us to know and recognize who certain people are – for His own reasons? There is a very long and **prophetic** section in the Scriptures that we know fairly well – but have failed to expound on with much clarity.

One such long running trend that flows throughout the Scriptures is the continuing rivalry between Esau and Jacob, who became Israel. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. Jacob is the father of the 12 tribes of Israel. **Esau** was Jacob's first-born brother.

We all shake our heads in disbelief when we think about the story of Esau selling his birthright for a simple bowl of beans. It must be an **important story** because it goes on for chapters beginning in the Book of Genesis. We've certainly touched on it in God's Church, but have we ascribed to it the importance that is called for? I'm afraid we've dismissed this story about Esau as being of very little importance.

Let's take a look at Esau and his development in the Scriptures.

Genesis 21:1 And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

Genesis 21:2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

Genesis 21:3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, **Isaac**.

Genesis 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did test Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

Genesis 22:2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou love, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Genesis 22:7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

Genesis 22:8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

This was prophetic in that later, God did provide himself a lamb, His Son, Jesus Christ, for the sins of the world. And we see the prophetic birthright promises that originated with Abraham and were passed down generation by generation...

Genesis 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will **multiply thy seed** [children] as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the **gates of his enemies**;

Genesis 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

So, Isaac grew up and was in need of a wife – and Abraham sent his servant back to his people to fetch a wife for Isaac.

Genesis 24:58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man [Abraham's servant]? And she said, I will go.

Genesis 24:59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

They were all very aware of the vast and tremendous birthright promises that originated with Abraham and were passed down generation by generation. Imagine the inestimable value of so much of the earth. Think about the rivers, mountains and plains of the North American continent. Think about the extent, range, wealth and prosperity of the British Empire around the earth... Think about the billions of people living through the industrial age into the information age... Think about the empires of travel, commerce and communication...

Genesis 24:60 And the [family] blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou **the mother of thousands of millions**, and let thy seed possess the **gates** of those which hate them. [Royal dynasties and World ruling empires.]

Genesis 24:61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

The intense and fundamental conflict and sibling rivalry began even before the birth of the twin brothers, Esau and Jacob!

Genesis 25:22 And the children struggled together within [Rebekah's womb]; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD.

Genesis 25:23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and **two manner of people** shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

“Two manner of people” means that each son's approach toward and manner of life irritated the other. Each boy rubbed the other the wrong way.

Genesis 25:24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

Genesis 25:26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was [60] threescore years old when she bare them.

Genesis 25:27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

They were third generation boys – Abraham, the first to believe, Isaac, and then these two boys.

Genesis 25:25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name **Esau**.

Genesis 25:26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

Genesis 25:29 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint: [famished, weary and weak – Jacob took advantage]

Keep in mind that God would have worked out His will in an appropriate time and way.

Genesis 25:30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called **Edom**.

Genesis 25:31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

Genesis 25:32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

Genesis 25:33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

Genesis 25:34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus **Esau despised his birthright**.

Esau sold his birthright of immense value for a bowl of beans because he did not stop to consider its real worth. It was a tragic mistake. Esau did not give glory to God – so that God could not bless and prosper him.

Esau could not imagine the wealth, power, military might, political implications, and world leadership his descendants would have had. That is not even taking into consideration the far greater **spiritual** inheritance—the blessing—that accompany the birthright.

Those benefits were not real to Esau. They were too far in the future; they were not present at the moment. The only thing that was real to Esau was his desire to eat some beans right now. God had promised Isaac in:

Genesis 26:4 ... I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

Abraham's descendants would ultimately be a force for good on the entire earth, especially because from Israel would come the Messiah. Let's look at Esau's blessing:

Genesis 27:1 And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I.

Genesis 27:2 And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death:

Genesis 27:3 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison;

Genesis 27:4 And make me savory meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

Genesis 27:5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it.

Genesis 27:6 And Rebekah spoke unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying,

Genesis 27:7 Bring me venison, and make me savory meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death.

Genesis 27:8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee.

Genesis 27:9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savory meat for thy father, such as he loves:

Genesis 27:10 And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.

Genesis 27:11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man:

Gen 27:12 My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.

Genesis 27:13 And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them.

Genesis 27:14 And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savory meat, such as his father loved.

Genesis 27:15 And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son:

Genesis 27:16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:

Genesis 27:17 And she gave the savory meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

Genesis 27:18 And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son?

Genesis 27:19 And Jacob [lied] unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

We know that God had prophesied that the older brother, Esau, would serve his younger brother.

Maybe Jacob was aware of this and was trying to help God work out His prophecy.

Up to this point the birthright was Esau's, and Jacob did not go about this properly.

Genesis 27:20 And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought it to me.

Genesis 27:21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not.

Genesis 27:22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

Genesis 27:23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.

Genesis 27:24 And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am.

Still lying! But, with the help of God, Jacob overcame, and in the end, he became one of the great men in the history of Israel. Jacob was a conniver and trickster, but he looked up to the God of his fathers, Abraham and Isaac. He is not labeled as worldly and confrontational like Esau, but a true man of faith like his father and grandfather before him.

Genesis 27:25 And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.

Genesis 27:26 And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

Genesis 27:27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:

Genesis 27:28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:

Genesis 27:29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

Genesis 27:30 And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

Genesis 27:31 And he also had made savory meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

Genesis 27:32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau.

Isaac suffers a horrific sense of déjà vu. He thought that he had just gone through this.

Genesis 27:33 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and **he shall be blessed**.

Genesis 27:34 And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

The things that Esau valued were those things he could have immediately. To paraphrase, Esau says, "What good is the birthright if I have to wait for it?"

Genesis 27:35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

Genesis 27:36 And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? For he hath **supplanted** [Jacob means supplanter] me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?

Genesis 27:37 And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him **thy lord**, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

Genesis 27:38 And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but **one** blessing, my father? **Bless me**, even me **also**, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

We now come to Isaac's prophecy of our day.

Genesis 27:39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the **fatness of the earth**, and of the dew of heaven from above;

**Fatness of the earth** is a reference to the rich places of the earth. That certainly does not describe modern day turkey. And we find today, that Esau has moved on from his ancient territories to the rich countries, where he can do his exploits and carry on with his abuses in other nations. Not only that – there is more here in this **end-time prophecy**.

Genesis 27:40 And by thy **sword shall thou live**, and shall serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when **thou shall have the dominion**, that thou shall break his yoke from off thy neck.

"By thy **sword shall thou live**," means that Esau lives by a brutal, sadistic and violent nature. He fights and destroys all who he perceives to be his opponents. He does not have a peaceful and compliant nature by any means.

Genesis 27:41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then **will I slay** my brother Jacob.

That vengeance has been passed down from generation to generation to this day. The spirit of Esau is thriving in contentious men today. Those with the spirit of Esau are bullies and ready to smack others in the face.

Are we able to recognize the spirit of Esau as it expresses itself through people and through the culture? Are we wise and spiritual enough to be able to discern between those who possess a **spirit of peace** and those with a spirit of Esau?

Genesis 27:42 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.

Genesis 27:43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran;

The spirit of Esau is contrary to the way of God in that it lacks peace.

Hebrews 12:14 **Follow peace with all men**, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Hebrews 12:16 Lest there be any fornicator, or **profane** person, **as Esau**, who for one **morsel of food** sold his **birthright**.

Paul calls Esau, "profane," which marks a person as irreverent toward what is sacred – irreverent toward God's Goodness and Grace.

There was no respect or appreciation for the things of God in Esau – but rather contempt for the sacred and holy things of God. Esau displays his profanity by treating his birthright as though it were common or unclean. Moses wrote, "Esau **despised** his birthright." Despised is a hard word, meaning "to be scornful" or "to treat with contempt," as we saw in Genesis 25:34.

Edom's cruelty was denounced by the prophets (Isaiah 34:5-8; 63:1-4; Jeremiah 49:17) Edom, Bozrah, and Idumea are the dwelling places of the descendents of Esau. God will utterly destroy these places as Sodom and Gomorrah in the end.

Hebrews 12:17 For ye know how that afterward, when [Esau] would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Never in man's history has something so valuable been purchased for so little! A major flaw in Esau's character reveals itself in his careless disregard of the high value of his **birthright** in favor of an immediate gratification.

Today, we are living in the "Now generation" meaning kids want it "now." They do not want to have to work and save for the future – they want to start off with a car, house, smart phone, clothes, free college education, everything handed to them – and they think they have a right to it.

Esau had no vision, and he demanded instant gratification. Because his immediate desires dominated his life, living by faith was not in his make-up. Esau grossly underestimated the birthright blessing because of his lack of faith. Esau was

unconcerned about God, the things of God, spiritual things and the future. His focus was elsewhere; he was worldly.

As we saw, Esau was called Edom because of his redness (Genesis 25:30). He had reddish hands, face, skin, hair – all of those things... We are told about Esau's color; that he was called **Edom** because of his **redness**.

My mother and her brothers had flaming red hair like Lucille Ball. It was a distinctive and striking trait. King David was also of reddish complexion. But, Esau had a selfish, contentious spirit of conflict and strife.

David could have easily been overtaken by that contentious spirit of conflict and fighting. As it is, David was such a **bloody man** that God would not allow him to build the Temple – but deferred its construction for a generation to the rule of Solomon. David said:

1Chronicles 28:3 God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house [Temple] for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood.



You remember that incident with that foolish man, Nabal? If it had not been for Abigail's intervention, David would have wiped Nabal out lock, stock and barrel – destroying his chance to become king of Israel.

We saw that cruel tendency of Edom surface in the life of King Saul and David. Saul chose those he considered to be the "best men," to fill his cabinet positions and executive departments – and he chose Edomites.

1Samuel 22:9 Then answered Doeg the **Edomite**, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to [the Priests of] Nob, to Ahimelech [the Priest] the son of Ahitub.

Doeg drew his sword and mercilessly killed all the priests of Nob. Then he slaughtered their wives – then their children – and finally their pets and animals. That was a classic example of the Godless ferocious Edomite's wrath.

This hateful, confrontational spirit of Esau did not end with Esau – it is alive and actively contaminating men today.

Not every Edomite will display Esau's traits exactly the same, but those characteristics may be discerned and placed properly into Bible prophecy. We must watch for them.

The Bible examples show over and over how the descendants of Esau/Edom are the enemy of God's people.

In the Book of Esther, evil Haman is another example of an **Edomite** who embraced and acted upon his **hatred** of God's people.

And, remember the genocide committed by Herod in Bethlehem?

We are all familiar with Herod of Christ's time who cruelly slaughtered all the young boys – two and under of Bethlehem. The Herod family was comprised of **brutal** and **ruthless** Edomites.

We are looking at Esau and his descendants, the Edomites, and how they fit into overall Biblical prophecy. God has reserved this violent history of Esau as a warning to us.

What about the descendants of "Esau" or "Edom?"

History has shown that **some** of them settled in Edom, Bozrah, Idumea, and Turkey, and they became the "Ottoman Empire."

The Ottoman Empire was a cruel, brutal historical empire that was finally conquered by the British General Allenby in 1917 against the Turks. On December 11, 1917 General Edmund Allenby entered the Old City of Jerusalem on foot through the Jaffa Gate instead of horse or vehicles to show his respect for the Holy City. He was the first Christian in many centuries to control Jerusalem, which is a very important site for many faiths.

The Allenby Bridge crosses the Jordan River, and connects Israel's West Bank with Jordan. The bridge is the sole exit/entry point for West Bank Palestinians traveling in and out of the region. The bridge was built in 1918 over a remnant of an old Ottoman Empire colonial era bridge by the British general Edmund Allenby. I had the experience of crossing this bridge during the Fall Feasts in 1983.

To conclude that Edom is modern day Turkey is all too simplistic. Edom has been scattered among the nations as well. Just as Israel was conquered by Assyria, and is scattered throughout all the world today, the Jews were displaced by the Babylonians in and again by the Romans.

We are well aware of just how far the Jews have traveled since being driven from their homeland in Israel two thousand years ago. Today, there are more Jews in New York City than all the Mideast.

To a large extent the ideology of a nation is determined by its ancestry and what is handed down through the generations as a mindset. It is difficult to imagine that the sons of Esau are still to be found holed-up within their ancient desert borders southwards from the Dead Sea at Mt. Seir near Petra (Genesis 32:3).

More likely, tracking down the Edomites is not a matter of just tracing genealogies, bloodlines, DNA, races, and migrations of people.

The spirit of Edom still competes for the souls of men – it is an infectious spirit. The spirit of Esau lives on in the lives of many people. There are black sheep in many families.

So it is not unreasonable to expect that many of the modern day Edomites can be found in the civilized nations, even sitting on church pews among the Judeo-Christian people in those rich countries of the West.

We see the nature and attitude of our nation rapidly changing. Fighting, fear, race hatred, in your face religious intolerance, conflict and discord.

A spirit of contention and strife is descending on us – it is the spirit of Esau.

When I picture the America of my youth, I recall a kinder and gentler spirit.

America did not place the gentile world into servitude and slavery at the end of WWII – and they had the power to do so.

The offspring of Jacob spawned the Judeo-Christian nations, with their nurturing ethic and a culture of caring for others.

Had Japan or Germany won – the result would have been greatly different.

Because of the spirit of Esau against Israel – we saw six million Jews go to the holocaust.

We saw 20 million Russians starve and die as well.

And untold millions perished all around the world.

What can we say about the children of Esau?

Malachi 1:2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

Malachi 1:3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

Malachi 1:4 Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation forever.

Where are the Edomites today?

Where did they travel from their homeland in Mount Seir and Bozrah and Petra?

We can recognize the spirit of Esau as it expresses itself through people and through the culture.

Esau's spirit is contentious, vengeful and forever angry.

Esau never apologizes, Esau never says thank you, Esau never says, "I'm sorry, Esau just never repents.

Esau is a narcissist who is always angry, and thinks that he is always being dealt a "bad deal."

Esau is prone to rages and fits of anger and the people close to him are not safe from his vengeance. His heart never melts or relents over the evil things he has done.

Obadiah is all about Edom today and during Jacob's trouble:

Obadiah :6 How are the things of Esau searched out! how are his hidden things sought up!

Obadiah :7 ...there is none understanding in him.

Obadiah :8 Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

Obadiah :9 ...every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

Obadiah :10 For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

Obadiah :18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken it.

Esau cannot be saved from the wrath to come. Speaking of the Edomites, God says:

Isaiah 63:6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

The Edomites are not only present in the end-time doing their evil deeds (Daniel 11:41), but, they will receive their fate at the end of the age at the hands of Christ.

Having the spirit of Esau is a matter of bad character and a negative disposition toward God and toward anyone who upholds anything that stands for holiness and righteousness.

Esau nurses his anger; he keeps his wrath forever. He hates and tries to destroy everyone who will not agree with him. Esau rejoices in being uncultured and profane. Being wild at heart is his trade mark - and he believes it to be a badge of honor.

We can see this same rebellious and bullying spirit rising in our Western culture today.

The Scriptures show that the spirit of Esau has never been destroyed and will be strong at the end-time. Rage around the earth is increasing – shootings and beheadings are everyday occurrences.

Esau was not a converted person, and we are. Through the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit, we have help Esau never has.

We can use our Godly insight to learn and grow in the way of living that will please God.

God has called us to a fabulous birthright. Our birthright, as firstfruits of God makes Esau's birthright of no consequence.

If we cannot or will not realize what God has offered us, we too, can let such great a prize slip away as tragically as Esau spurned his birthright.

As Christians, we must live in the present dealing with life's problems as they come to us, but always with the future, the Kingdom of God, in mind.

If we do not value our spiritual birthright more than anything in this universe, we might just **sell it** for our own equivalent of a bowl of beans.

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