

Genesis: God and Man

Who is Edom

Genesis 36

God & Man...

- God Created by speaking, “God Said”
- The LORD GOD made man, Eden
- Adam and Eve fall, God calls them in the cool of the night
- Makes them a covering, Messianic promise, kicks them out
- Gives them children
- Cain & Abel, different sacrifices from different hearts
- Murder, again sins not treated as he deserved
- Enoch taken, already picture of the last days
- The LORD was sorry
- God spoke to Noah
- The Ark...
- The long time in it. God “remembers”. Rainbow. Eat meat. Blessing.
- Shem, Ham, Japeth
- Noah gets drunk, Shem & Japeth cover him
- Peleg, earth divided
- Babel
- God calls Abram, appears to him
- Abram doesn’t quite get it, Egypt. Brings Lot
- Abram to Abraham, Sarai to Sarah
- Lot, the division. The pull towards S&G
- The fall of S&G
- Lot’s wife, Lot’s lot
- Ishmael
- Isaac
- The test
- Sarah’s death
- A wife for Isaac
- Jacob & Esau, **two nations in your womb**
- Birthright, fights,
- Rushing in for a blessing
- Running away, laban, wives
- Speckled and spotted
- Running away, persued
- Esau
- Dinah
- Bethel

Esau - hairy.

Remember Jacob uses goat skin and it tricks his dad

Man of the flesh, of the bowl of stew

Outdoorsman, favored by his dad

Kent cooking channel

Has a lot of men but forgives his brother

But he evidently wasn't godly. Wasn't seeking God.

Mal 1:2-5 NKJV - "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; But Esau I have hated, And laid waste his mountains and his heritage For the jackals of the wilderness." Even though Edom has said, "We have been impoverished, But we will return and build the desolate places," Thus says the LORD of hosts: "They may build, but I will throw down; They shall be called the Territory of Wickedness, And the people against whom the LORD will have indignation forever. Your eyes shall see, And you shall say, 'The LORD is magnified beyond the border of Israel.'

2Ti 2:20-21 NKJV - But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

Just like Cain and Abel, Esau had a choice. And Esau consistently chose the flesh.

Jacob wasn't perfect, far from it. But he turned back to God.

Pro 24:16 NKJV - For a righteous [man] may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.

Be sure that God gave Esau plenty of opportunity to turn to him.

We have been given every opportunity to.

But Esau wanted his own will over God's.

You can't make someone choose.

But, when he lost the physical blessing...it was enough to drive him to murder

Mat 19:21-22 NKJV - Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

1Ti 6:10-12 NKJV - For the love of money is a root of all [kinds of] evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Esau's love of the world and the things of it cost him his eternal blessing.

His own perceived loss of temporal blessings led him to miss out on eternal blessings.

Mat 6:19-21 NKJV - "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Esau's heart was in the world.

Jas 4:1-4 NKJV - Where do wars and fights [come] from among you? Do [they] not [come] from your [desires for] pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend [it] on your pleasures. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

This is why there's war. There's competition. There's fighting. There's rich and poor. Even among brothers, twin brothers.

Mat 5:5 NKJV - Blessed [are] the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

36:1-5

Wives, sons and daughters of Esau

Although the scripture focuses on Jacob, it is faithful to tell all of history about Esau

Just because Esau didn't love God, didn't mean that God didn't love Esau

Two nations

Just like with Ishmael and Isaac, only one was the son of promise...but as both were descendents of Abraham, both received the earthly part of the promise, to become great nations

:6-8

There wasn't enough room for them in the womb, and there wasn't enough room for them together

Jacob didn't tell his brother about the call to Bethel

Esau might not have cared to go.

But in the place together, neither acting spiritual, there wasn't enough room for them both

How sad!

If both sought the Lord, they would have found good pasture together

It's sad when the church is separated. The church acts like there's not enough room for each other.

There is plenty of room. Plenty of lives to be reached. Together.

It's not a competition. Any good church is not the only game in town. Because it's not a game.

There's not one champion among us...there is one Champion for us. Jesus.

Why is the church divided? Is it not what Jesus' half-brother James tells us?

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David Guzik Commentary

a. Esau the father of the Edomites: 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).

b. The Edomites in Mount Seir: The Edomites also held the rock city of Petra, which can only be reached through a narrow, winding gorge. Petra was so defensible that it was said that a dozen men could protect Petra against a whole army.

Still an adversary. Still getting in each other's way, even after generations.

Pro 17:17 NKJV - A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.

Both to fight, but i think also a brother is one you can count on in times of adversity

If only Edom had been there to support Israel, be a brother

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(24)water in the wilderness, there's a blessing

DGC - Esau was obviously a blessed man but he was hated and rejected in regard to being chosen for a critical role in God's plan of redemption.

i. "If God blesses so abundantly those who are not chosen, what is the magnitude of His blessings for those who are chosen? If nonspiritual people experience such outpourings of merely common grace, how great must the special grace of the regenerate be!" (Boice)

Notable among this list is **Amalek**. From him came the Amalekites, notable enemies of Israel ([Exodus 17:8-16](#); [Deuteronomy 25:17-19](#); [1 Samuel 15:1-8](#)).

i. In addition, the names of the descendants of Esau don't reflect a godly heart.

- **Dishon** ([Genesis 36:21](#)) means *gazelle*
- **Alvan** ([Genesis 36:23](#)) means *wicked*
- **Ithran** ([Genesis 36:26](#)) means *advantage*
- **Aran** ([Genesis 36:28](#)) means *mountain goat*
- **Baal-Hanan** ([Genesis 36:38](#)) – his name embraced the false god Baal.

c. **Jobab the son of Zerah**: "Many have supposed that *Jobab* is the same as *Job*, so remarkable for his afflictions and patience; and that *Eliphaz*...was the same who in the book of Job is called one of his friends: but there is no proper proof of this, and there are many reasons against it." (Clarke)

Rom 9:10-13 NKJV - And not only [this], but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, [even] by our father Isaac (for [the children] not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."

God knew what Esau would choose before he was even born.

But that doesn't mean that Esau didn't have a choice or was a slave to fate. It just means that God knows our hearts.

Jer 17:5-13 NKJV - Thus says the LORD: "Cursed [is] the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD. For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, [In] a salt land [which is] not inhabited. "Blessed [is] the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. "The heart [is] deceitful above all [things], And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, [I] test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings. "[As] a partridge that broods but does not hatch, [So is] he who gets riches, but not by right; It will leave him in the midst of his days, And at his end he will be a fool." A glorious high throne from the beginning [is] the place of our sanctuary. O LORD, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You shall be ashamed. "Those who depart from Me Shall be written in the earth, Because they have forsaken the LORD, The fountain of living waters."

Eze 36:24-28 NKJV - "For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do [them]. "Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

Esau had a choice. He chose the flesh.

What will you and I chose? Flesh or faith?

Next time in Genesis we'll start down the path with a man who lived by faith. A man god would greatly use.

But that great use came through great trial. A really good picture of the real messiah who was still to come.

Genesis begins with a promise of the messiah and ends with a picture of that messiah in a man named Jospheh