

(Genesis) Genesis 36:1-12

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Esau's departure from the promised land and his descendants, including the Amalekites, are significant in understanding our shared ancestry and heritage.

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Scripture: Genesis 36:1-30

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the generations of Esau, who is also known as Edom. Esau took wives from the daughters of Canaan, and he had a large household and possessions. Due to the scarcity of grazing land, Esau decided to leave the promised land and settle in Mount Seir. The preacher emphasizes the connection between Esau's descendants and the Arab tribes, as they all belong to the same family as Abraham and Israel. The sermon also mentions the Amalekites, who are descendants of Esau's son Eliphaz through his concubine Timna.

Transcript

Verse 1, Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom. Well, even verse 1 says it. That'd make four times.

Now we're told Esau took his wives, or the daughters of Canaan, Adah, the daughter of Elon, the Hittite, and then here they go. I'm not going through this exercise or just pronouncing names. And we're told, verse 6, And Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, all his beasts, all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan.

And he went into the country from the face of his brother Jacob. For their riches were more than that they might dwell together. And the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle.

Now you remember Abraham and Lot had that same problem. In other words, there'd not be enough grazing land for them. Each one of them had too many cattle.

And therefore Esau left the promised land, and he left it on his own. But circumstances, the economic situation, forced him to do that. Now verse 8, where we began a moment ago, Thus dwelt Esau in Mount Seir, Esau as Edom.

Now it tells where he went, and I have already located that place for you. Now we follow that family, and if you follow them down, verse 12, And Timnah was concubine to Eliphaz, Esau's son, and she bear to Eliphaz Amalek. Now here's the beginning of the Amalekites.

Now all those tribes that are there in the desert, and they have come down through the centuries. They've pushed out in many directions. After the fall of Carthage and after the prominence of the church in those early years in North Africa, actually the strongest center of the church at one time was in North Africa.

But all those tribes, they pushed across North Africa. You see, they all belong to this family. They come from Hagar and Abraham, then they come from Esau, and there's been the intermarriage in the different tribes, and that's where you get all these ides, the Amalekites and the Perizzites and all of them.

And you have all those Arab tribes out there today. Actually, they belong to the same family that Abraham belonged to, and that Israel belongs to. I said to an Arab that I met, he expressed hostility to the nation Israel, and he didn't like something I had said in a service, and he's a Christian Arab too.

And he told me how he hated the nation Israel and all that, and I just said to him, I said, yeah, but he's your brother. Believe me, that did antagonize him. He said, I have no relation with him at all.

I said, but you do. You belong to the same stock. You're both Semitic peoples.

And I said, you're a Semite as much as they are. Well, he had to admit that was true, you see. This chapter happens to be very important.

After all, the Spirit of God used a great deal of printer's ink here to tell you about this. And you know I haven't got down to that part which is humorous yet, and we'd better get there. And here it is.

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