

Jesus: Our Substitute and King

A Study in the Significance of Jacob and Esau's Seed

The King Will Come From Jacob

Gen 25:21-23 Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived. But the children **struggled** together within her; and she said, "If it is so, why then am I *this way*?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb; And two peoples will be separated from your body; And one people shall be stronger than the other; And the older shall serve the younger."

Did Jacob Know The Prophecy?

Gen 25:30 ...Esau said to Jacob, "**Please let** me have a swallow of that red stuff אָדוּם there, for I am famished." Therefore his name was called Edom אֶדוֹם.

Gen 25:31 But Jacob said, "**First sell** me your **birthright**."

Jacob's Desire

Birthright: בְּכֹרָה "Thus Esau despised his birthright"

Blessing: בְּרָכָה "he has taken away your blessing"

The Significance of The Birthright

- The firstborn received a double portion of the inheritance (Deut.21:17), received the father's blessing (Gen. 27) and received preferential treatment (Gen. 43:33).
- The most significant aspect of being the firstborn in the Ancient Near East was the fact that they were dedicated to their deity.

Exodus 13:2 Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both man and of beast is mine.

The Significance of The Birthright

The Pagans' firstborn die: 2 Kings 3:27 Then he took his oldest son who was to reign in his place and offered him for a burnt offering on the wall.

Yahweh Is Different Than The Pagan gods:

Ezek. 20:26... and I pronounced them unclean because of their gifts, in that they caused all their firstborn to pass through *the fire* so that I might make them desolate, in order that they might know that I am the LORD."

Yahweh Provides A Substitute

| <u>Firstborn</u> | <u>Plant</u> | <u>Animal</u> | <u>Person</u> |
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| Pagan god: | Sacrifice | Sacrifice | Sacrifice |
| Yahweh: | Sacrifice | Sacrifice | Substitute |

Numbers 3:11-13 And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, "Behold, **I have taken the Levites** from among the people of Israel **instead** of every firstborn who opens the womb among the people of Israel. The Levites shall be mine, for all the firstborn are mine. In the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt..."

Yahweh Provides A Substitute

Num 18:15-17..nevertheless the firstborn of man you shall surely redeem, and the firstborn of unclean animals you shall redeem. "As to their redemption price, from a month old you shall redeem them, by your valuation, **five shekels** in silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs. "But the firstborn of an ox or the firstborn of a sheep or the firstborn of a goat, you shall not redeem; they are holy. You shall sprinkle their blood on the altar and shall offer up their fat in smoke as an offering by fire, for a soothing aroma to the LORD.

Yahweh Provides A Substitute

Luke 2:4-7 Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Yahweh Sacrifices His Firstborn!

Hebrews 1:6 And again, when He brings the **Firstborn** into the world, He says, "Let all of God's angels worship Him."

Hebrews 12:22-24 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God...and to the **assembly of the firstborn** who are enrolled in heaven...and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant , and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Lesson 1



➤ God sent His "Firstborn" into the world to be our substitute that we might be called His firstborn as well!

What's The Problem With The Edomites?

1. They intermarried with the Canaanites:

Gen 36:1 These are the generations of Esau (that is, Edom). Esau took his wives from the Canaanites.

Leviticus 18:3, 6-7a, 21 ...and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you...None of you shall approach any one of his close relatives to uncover nakedness. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father...You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God...

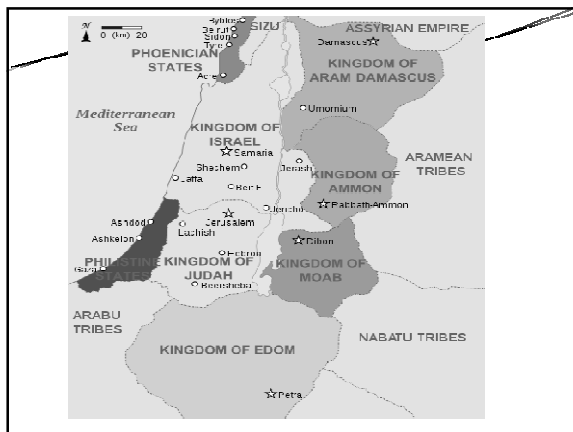
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2. They Hated Their Israelite Brothers:

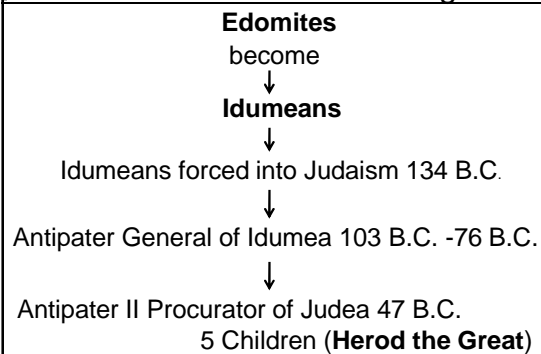
Amos 1:11-12 Thus says the LORD, "For three transgressions of Edom and for four I will not revoke its *punishment*, Because he pursued his brother with the sword, While he stifled his compassion; His anger also tore continually, And he maintained his fury forever. "So I will send fire upon Teman And it will consume the citadels of Bozrah." (cf. Obadiah 1-21)



Jeremiah's Prediction Of Edom's Doom

- Jeremiah 49:17-19 "...Edom will become an object of horror...like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah with its neighbors," says the LORD, "No one will live there, nor will a man reside in it."
- Edom attacks Jerusalem with Babylonians in 586 B.C.
- By 515 B.C. Nomadic tribes (Nabateans) attack them pushing Edom into Idumea.



Herod the Great's Lineage



| Lesson 2: Who really is the King? | |
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| Jesus: Descendant of Jacob | Herod: Descendant of Esau |
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| Lesson 2: Jesus Is The King! |
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| <p><u>Isaiah 63:1-3</u> Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from <u>Bozrah</u>, He who is splendid in His apparel, marching in the greatness of His strength? "It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save." Why is your apparel red, and your garments like His who treads in the winepress? "I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me; I trod them in My anger and trampled them in My wrath; their lifeblood spattered on My garments, and stained all My apparel."</p> |

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| <p><u>Isaiah 63:4-5</u> For the day of vengeance was in My heart, and My year of redemption had come. I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so My own arm brought Me salvation, and My wrath upheld Me.</p> |
