

Passage: Genesis 36

Title: The Legacy of the Life of the Flesh (Nothing)

Summary: God puts these words before us, this genealogy of Esau, so we can see that the works of the flesh all end in nothing. In the end the flesh ends up with nothing, the flesh fades and withers. Esau's lineage had the kingdom, the power, and the glory. The three things man in his flesh want, yet in the end, ends with nothing.

Lineage of Esau / Drops Off

Chapter 36 is the lineage of Esau. The Bible gives us this lineage here in 36 and then it drops off, like all other linkages in the Bible, except the lineage of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob for from that Lineage will come the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Kidding Me / All Scripture Given

You may say you have to be kidding me, study the genealogy of Esau; but remember all Scripture is inspired of God:

(2 Timothy 3:16 NKJV) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

(2 Timothy 3:17 NKJV) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Read Your Bible - Key to Revival / God has a Word for Us Here

Read your Bible, it is the key, and it will produce revival in your heart, and we need a revival in our heart every day, therefore we need to be in this Word morning-to-morning, day-to-day. God has a word for us on every page of this Bible, in every chapter - even in the genealogies. Inspired means "God breathed". God has breathed life into every word written to us, God has laid these words here for our benefits, our blessing, our revival.

Could have been Me / Doomed - Empty - Barren / If not for Him

For me, I look at this lineage of Esau and see a life that could have been. A life that was doomed and empty, and not even realizing it, had it not been for His grace, mercy, and love reaching down from heaven to touch me. Before He could reach down, He had to come down, that is a God of love, that He would come for me, a sinful man. He touched me, He opened my heart to the things of God, He showed me the vanity of this world, and how it is just a vapour.

Esau Picture of Flesh / Demands Satisfaction - Now

Esau is a picture of the flesh in the Scripture; and illustration of the fleshly appetite, the carnal nature. The flesh, that part of a person that demands satisfaction, and demands it now. I want, what I want, and I want it now. Whether it is some sin or some subtle deal, the flesh rises up and says give it to me - NOW!

Sold Birthright / Gave up Spiritual Leadership / No Desire Spiritual Things

Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of beans. That birthright, which gave a double portion to the eldest son upon the death of the father; but more so, when the father died the eldest son was to assume the spiritual leadership of his father's family. Esau had no desire for the spiritual things of God, he only had his focus on the current things of the world. God called him a doomed man:

(Hebrews 12:16 NKJV) lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

(Hebrews 12:17 NKJV) For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

We see his life, and offspring's of his life:

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)

- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need

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The Genealogy (Legacy) of Esau: What Will Your Legacy Be (36:1)

(Genesis 36:1 NKJV) Now this is the genealogy of Esau, who is Edom.

The Legacy

Verse one it says who is Edom what they really telling us is the father of the Edomites, the whole family line comes from this one man. And what a legacy that's left because it's not a good legacy at all. And all I can say to a moment and a dad today, you can still change your legacy. You still have today to change your legacy. and sometimes we think we're too far down, there's too many years into our legacy. But that's even greater because you can have the legacy that said even after all this, after all these years, after all these failures, oh my, what God has done, what great things God has wrought.

I think it just takes a bold step of a bold statement to a bold God that you ask I wanna legacy that glorifies you

Esau Changes the Names of His Wives: But They Are Still the Same Person/Results (36:2-3)

(Genesis 36:2 NKJV) Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite; Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; (Genesis 36:3 NKJV) and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth.

Genesis 26 & 28

We saw these marriages as we have studied through. Esau took 3 wives.

*(Genesis 26:34 NKJV) When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives **Judith** the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and **Basemath** the daughter of Elon the Hittite.*

(Genesis 26:35 NKJV) And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.

(Genesis 28:6 NKJV) Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,"

(Genesis 28:7 NKJV) and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Padan Aram.

(Genesis 28:8 NKJV) Also Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac.

*(Genesis 28:9 NKJV) So Esau went to Ishmael and took **Mahalath** the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.*

Unequally Yoked / Duet 7:3 - 2 Corinthians

God and his family (Genesis 26:35) did not want him taking the daughters of the Canaanites. God will reaffirm that to the Children of Israel, and Paul reaffirms it to the Church:

(Deuteronomy 7:1 NKJV) "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,

(Deuteronomy 7:2 NKJV) "and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.

*(Deuteronomy 7:3 NKJV) "Nor shall you make marriages with them. **You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.***

(Deuteronomy 7:4 NKJV) "For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.

(Deuteronomy 7:5 NKJV) "But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.

(Deuteronomy 7:6 NKJV) "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

*(2 Corinthians 6:14 NKJV) **Do not be unequally yoked together** with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?*

(2 Corinthians 6:15 NKJV) And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

(2 Corinthians 6:16 NKJV) And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

(2 Corinthians 6:17 NKJV) Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."

(2 Corinthians 6:18 NKJV) "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."

Flesh Does it My Way / Sinatra

But we see the flesh, Esau, has to do it his way. The flesh always sings the Frank Sinatra song - I did it my way.

Changes their Name / Tension in Home

Strangely, we see Esau changed all their names. He brings these Canaanite woman home and his godly parents Isaac and Rebekah do not like it at all, and the tension begins. No different today if/when we see our kids hanging out with unbelievers, we know the potential is for them to go down hard, and so the battle begins for who they hang out with, and eventually marry.

3 wives - 3 name Changes

So Esau marries two Canaanite woman, and then He remembers that Uncle Ishmael has daughters and goes marries one of them, and changes her name. So three wives, three name changes.....very strange. The flesh makes you do strange things.

They Become

So Esau brings them home, Isaac and Rebekah are not pleased, so He changes their names:

- Adah becomes Basemath
- Aholibamah becomes Judith
- Basemath becomes Mahalath

It could be vice-versa for I am not sure which name was first; we can trace the name change based on whom their fathers were. We can track the name change of the father of Aholibamah from *Beer* to Adah for verse 24 deciphers that for us; Beer means spring or well, and we see that he was the founder of "hot springs", so he changed his name to get credit for it, kinda of like when someone discovers a star or new disease, they name it after them so they get credit for it.

Aholibamah - Tent / Temple Prostitute - Sexual Religions / Serve at Temple /

So Esau marries these gals and he his parents are not happy so we see him changing their name: Aholibamah means tent in the high place. She then was a temple prostitute. Near each temple was a tent that is where the woman would go serve their god. The pagan religions are very steeped in sexual immorality and drug use - of course they are because the flesh enjoys those things, so man makes religions based on their perception of god, which is based on their wants and desires. So temple prostitutes would serve at the tent, men would pay for the services and the money would go into the temple treasury. They would use the sex to get more converts.

Priestess Dressed up Name / Judith - Girl next Door / Meet Mom & Dad

Aholibamah was a priestess, which was a dressed up name for a prostitute, and to be one she would have to be beautiful and seductive. Her name is changed to Judith - isn't that a nice girl next door name. Imagine a man bringing the future wife home to meet the parents, mom, dad, this temple prostitute, or better, this is Judith the girl next door.

Adah to Basemath / Basemath to Mahalath

What is weird is that he changes the name of Adah to Basemath, and then he ends up getting a Basemath, so he can't have two with the same name so he changes the real Basemath to Mahalath. Esau is full of the full of the flesh, so I wonder if he was thinking about the second when he married the first and then changed her name to meet his thoughts. Strange, strange, strange. Here is crazy, he has two Basemath's! So it appears to me he takes Adah and calls her Basemath..... because he is dreaming about the real Basemath. Hey.... If you are daydreaming about someone other than your spouse, you are setting your marriage up for failure.

Why Change Name / More Palatable / Adultery - Fornication - Sodomy - Drunkard

Why change their names, because that is what the flesh does. The flesh changes the name for sin (for marrying these was rebellion to parents), so he changes their name to something that is more palatable, for that is what the flesh does. We no longer call it adultery, we call it an affair, for adultery is too harsh and sounds legalistic. Fornication is a fling, or he's a stud, living together. Sodomy is now gay, an alternative lifestyle, significant other. Drunkardness is now a disease. The flesh wants to dress these things up and make them more acceptable.

Alcoholism - Sin Problem - Not Disease / Bottle - Approve - Advertise - Acceptable / 100%

Drunkardness, he's an alcoholic, he has a drinking problem, he has a disease, it is no longer a sin problem, but that person is now a victim of a disease. Now if that be the case, alcoholism is the only disease in the history of mankind that can be bottles and sold for profit, pushed on the billboards and television commercials, and has gained government approval and is socially acceptable. It is also the only disease that you have 100% guarantee assuredly that if you don't crack that seal you will never have that disease. It is not a disease like cancer or leukaemia, it is exactly what God calls it, sin.

Culture Changes the Name - More Acceptable / God Opened Our Eyes

Our culture changes the name to make it acceptable, more palatable, for that is what the flesh does, that is what Esau did. But thank God for He opened our eyes up to that deception, and gave us a way out through His Son.

(Ephesians 1:17 NKJV) that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

(Ephesians 1:18 NKJV) the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Sickness

Now Esau has two Bashemaths. So we see him change the original Bashemath's name in 28:9 to Mahalath. Mahalath literally means "sickness." Why would Esau name her this? Because he's getting ready to take a third wife. The flesh still does the same thing today, evidenced whenever someone says, "I'm going to brand my spouse as one who makes me sick, who is incompatible, who is emotionally abusive, so I can move on to someone else."

The Family (Legacy) Expands: The Flesh is Prolific/Grows (36:4-5)

(Genesis 36:4 NKJV) Now Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel.

(Genesis 36:5 NKJV) And Aholibamah bore Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah. These were the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

Flesh Expands - Reproduces / Sowing - Reaping

Read through this genealogy and you will see the obvious, the flesh expands and reproduces. Esau has offsprings. The works of our flesh will reproduce:

(Galatians 6:7 NKJV) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

Sow - Crop will Come / Imagine If we Had Continued / Sowing Sin Greatly Reduced

Sow the seed and the crop will come up. Imagine if we continued in that life of sowing bad seed, where would we be at today. I think I might be dead, I really do, drunk driving or something like that. I wonder what number marriage I would be on. We still sin, but our sowing bad seed is greatly reduced because of Him, He opened the eyes of our understanding.

God's Protection

And I think there's something to be said that though he (Jacob) was away for 20 years, there was probably a divine protection for him by not being mixed up in the very same house with Esau, bringing these women home because we read when the deception happened that Rebecca went and got his clothing and put it on Jacob to bring the scent to the smell of Esau before Isaac. So it appears that Esau is living in home with a tent next door with these Cannanites wives that he grieves his parents' heart with.

Esau Leaves the Land of Canaan: Sometimes Someone has to Leave (36:6-7)

(Genesis 36:6 NKJV) Then Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the persons of his household, his cattle and all his animals, and all his goods which he had gained in the land of Canaan, and went to a country away from the presence of his brother Jacob.

(Genesis 36:7 NKJV) For their possessions were too great for them to dwell together, and the land where they were strangers could not support them because of their livestock.

Leaves Promises - Get More Stuff / Flesh Refuses to Wait on Lord / Spends Lifetime Filling

Esau leaves the Promised Land of his father; that is what the flesh does, it leaves the Promises of God for more fleshly stuff. The flesh wants it now, and refuses to wait on the Lord and the good things He promises His children if they obediently wait. The flesh will spend a lifetime trying to fill up with possessions.

(Matthew 16:26 NKJV) "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Lived Outside Promised Land / Where Flesh wants to Dwell

Esau lived in Edom, which is outside the Promised Land. That is where the flesh always wants to dwell, outside the things and promises of God.

Takes His Kids Out for More \$

Esau takes his kids out of a promised land. Why? To make more money. Jacob brings his kids to the Promised Land out of obedience. And so believes in disobedience. Because financial well being was more important. Give me a bull pottage. Now, he passes the pottage onto his kids, just satisfy your flesh. first prosper your body. Don't worry about it the spiritual things

God Gives us Contentment / It was Bondage / Never Knew-Trust God take Care of Me

We as born-again, regenerated, God has given us contentment in Him. We are not driving to go chase after those things. I remember it, it was bondage and slavery. I never had rest in my finances because I never knew that God would be there to take care of me.

(Matthew 6:33 NKJV) "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Now I can Rest / Not a Slave / God will Provide

Now I can rest and say this is what I have, so this is what you want me to have. I don't trust in my bank account, I can trust in God. September 11th proved that to anyone in the stock market. We are not a slave to the chase of possessions; all we have to do is stay in the Promised Land and know that God will provide.

Conquer Jordon/Petra

Esau's gonna pick his family up and move out of the land. We'll read in Deuteronomy and he's going to conquer the area that we know as Jordan today, as far down as the region of Petra, and probably because the possessions of the land wasn't enough to sustain both of them for their riches and prosperity of their cattle and slaves, and servants,

Someone has to Leave

Chapter 36 verse 6 here we see the Lord really is protecting Jacob by sending Esau on and away that keeps his influence from Jacob is his family and I think sometimes the Lord does that, but I want to address to some and many. We can find ourselves in a place that we want the Lord to do it and then we'll stay going Lord I need you to remove this person from my life because I don't have the means and the ability and the strength and the desire to separate myself from them and we put it on the Lord. If you don't do it, then I can't and I won't and that's just not faith and that is not spiritual. That is not obedience. If you're in some place with somebody doing something that you know you're not to be with and where the Lord would speak to you right now separate yourself from them at whatever the price and I will say that even if you have to leave your job, even if you have to leave the comfort zone that you have grown to in whatever that thing is a recreation or some friendship. God may do you the favor and move them on and but God may be speaking to you right now. saying you need to separate out of obedience because if you don't separate out of obedience you will never convince yourself that you had the strength to overcome that influence in your life. And Satan knows how to come back to the well and he will come back and bring that person, place, or thing back because he knows you can't have victory over it in and over yourself and that's why you need to be the one who kills the Goliath through the power of the Lord

Esau the Father of the Edomites and King Herod: Flesh Wants to Silence the Witness of Christ (36:8-9)

(Genesis 36:8 NKJV) So Esau dwelt in Mount Seir. Esau is Edom.

(Genesis 36:9 NKJV) And this is the genealogy of Esau the father of the Edomites in Mount Seir.

Mixture of Ishmael – Horites – Edomites

We see that the Edomites, and this is important when we study through the rest of the Bible, and it refers to the Edomites. It is a mixture of Esau, the Horites, and the Ishmaelites. So we see this intertwining and intermingling of these three, and especially the predominance of Esau and Ishmael, and we see that in the Middle East today, and that's what makes it so hard when we look at the various geopolitical places, and we try to differentiate them precisely. Is this the line of Esau, is this the line of Ishmael? Are these the Arab people? Are these the non Arab descent, and the fact is they're all through and have this same bloodline together. So keep that in mind as we study prophecy today and scriptures today that there is not this very precise, definitive separation between the two. The only bloodline, which even at that, is not that we see today walking among us is probably the Israelites. the Jewish people because of their continual attempt to stay within the lineage. But of course, we know that that's not so absolutely either as Jewish men and women will marry non Jewish men and women.

Father of Edomites - King Herod / Sinful Lifestyle Kill the Messiah / John 3:19

Just one note, Esau is the father of the Edomites and King Herod. Historical writings trace King Herod back to the (Idumean/Edomites). King Herod will be the one who kills all the babies in Judah at the time of the birth of Jesus. This is the legacy of the lineage of Esau, what will be ours? Ever notice when someone is living a lifestyle of sin how they have to try to kill anything that represents Him. Ahh those people are a bunch of hypocrites, I'm not going to church. Oh my co-worker said they were Christian but I saw them get angry, they're a phoney. You're judging me, you're legalistic, and those things because they love their sin:

(John 3:19 NKJV) "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

(John 3:20 NKJV) "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

(John 3:21 NKJV) "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

How do you respond to them with their challenges of hypocrisy of Christians? Tell them, Jesus didn't say follow my people, follow Me!

John 10:27 (NKJV) ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Matthew 4:19 (NKJV) ¹⁹ Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

John 14:6 (NKJV) ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Matthew 16:24–25 (NKJV) ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

We have Freedom / We Run to Light / We want Kingdom Come / Flesh grows to be Herod

What freedom we have from the flesh, we run to the light; we are no longer slaves to those things. We say I know I am a sinner, and I thank you for ending my Savoir. I want your Kingdom to come, I want your will to be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Set up your Kingdom within my heart. Abide in me, and I in you. The flesh grows to be a King Herod, kill the Messiah so that my kingdom will never depart from me.

The Lineage of Amalek: Be Careful of Lagging Behind (36:10-12)

(Genesis 36:10 NKJV) These were the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, and Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau.

(Genesis 36:11 NKJV) And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz.

(Genesis 36:12 NKJV) Now Timna was the concubine of Eliphaz, Esau's son, and she bore Amalek to Eliphaz. These were the sons of Adah, Esau's wife.

Amalekites / Pickoff the Wanders / Don't Drift / Christian Go for It

Chief Amalek - The Amalekites were perpetual problems to Israel. See Deuteronomy 25; when the Children of Israel were wandering the wilderness, they would attack the people at the rear. They were the people who were tired, weary. The rear of the pack is a dangerous place to be church. The way back of the pack, the furthest from the tabernacle. You know, praying when you get around to it, reading when you get around to it, making church when you get around to it, be careful for that will drop you to the back, and Satan, the flesh will pick you off.

Hey Christian, go for it. Don't hang back in this Christian walk, go for it.

The Death of Saul

Verse 12, just to point out, the Amalekites, which will be one of the enemies of Israel. It will be a picture of the flesh and Saul, when he dies, he'll be put to death by an Amalekite, and we see that spiritual picture that if we don't put the flesh to death, the flesh will come and put us to death ultimately.

2 Samuel 1:7–10 (NKJV) ⁷ Now when he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. And I answered, 'Here I am.' ⁸ And he said to me, 'Who are you?' So I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.' ⁹ He said to me again, 'Please stand over me and kill me, for anguish has come upon me, but my life still remains in me.' ¹⁰ So I stood over him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord."

The Chiefs of Esau: The Flesh Loves to be the Chief and Head (36:13-16)

(Genesis 36:13 NKJV) These were the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

(Genesis 36:14 NKJV) These were the sons of Aholibamah, Esau's wife, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon. And she bore to Esau: Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah.

(Genesis 36:15 NKJV) These were the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn son of Esau, were Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz,

(Genesis 36:16 NKJV) Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, and Chief Amalek. These were the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. They were the sons of Adah.

Notice - These were the Chiefs

Notice in these next verses the repeated phrase, "*These were the chiefs*".

The Flesh loves to be in control, chiefs in your life.

The Horites (Cave Dwellers): The Flesh Loves the Shadows of Darkness (36:17-30)

(Genesis 36:17 NKJV) These were the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: Chief Nahath, Chief Zerah, Chief Shammah, and Chief Mizzah. These were the chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

(Genesis 36:18 NKJV) And these were the sons of Aholibamah, Esau's wife: Chief Jeush, Chief Jaalam, and Chief Korah. These were the chiefs who descended from Aholibamah, Esau's wife, the daughter of Anah.

(Genesis 36:19 NKJV) These were the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these were their chiefs.

(Genesis 36:20 NKJV) These were the sons of Seir the Horite who inhabited the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

(Genesis 36:21 NKJV) Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These were the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir, in the land of Edom.

(Genesis 36:22 NKJV) And the sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam. Lotan's sister was Timna.

(Genesis 36:23 NKJV) These were the sons of Shobal: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

(Genesis 36:24 NKJV) These were the sons of Zibeon: both Ajah and Anah. This was the Anah who found the water in the wilderness as he pastured the donkeys of his father Zibeon.

(Genesis 36:25 NKJV) These were the children of Anah: Dishon and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

(Genesis 36:26 NKJV) These were the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.

(Genesis 36:27 NKJV) These were the sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan.

(Genesis 36:28 NKJV) These were the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

(Genesis 36:29 NKJV) These were the chiefs of the Horites: Chief Lotan, Chief Shobal, Chief Zibeon, Chief Anah,

(Genesis 36:30 NKJV) Chief Dishon, Chief Ezer, and Chief Dishan. These were the chiefs of the Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir.

Notice - These were the Chiefs

Notice the repeated phrase, "*These were the chiefs*". **The Flesh loves to be in control, chiefs in your life.**

Horite Means Cave Dwellers

The Horites were cave dwellers, and that is fitting for sin and the flesh love to live and hide in the shadows.

(John 3:19 NKJV) "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

(John 3:20 NKJV) "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed."

(John 3:21 NKJV) "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Notice Reigned in His Place

Notice in these next several verses that the descendants of Esau became kings, long before Israel ever had kings. Notice the phrase, "reigned in his place".

The Kings of Esau: Who Truly has the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory (36:31-43)

(Genesis 36:31 NKJV) Now these were the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the children of Israel:

Pride of Kings Before You

Look at the pride of the flesh, we had kings before Israel. We had kings before anybody knew, kings were the way to go. It's the sin of pride for thinking, that it's come up with something better than the people with your old way of thinking.

(Genesis 36:32 NKJV) Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

(Genesis 36:33 NKJV) And when Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.

(Genesis 36:34 NKJV) When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.

(Genesis 36:35 NKJV) And when Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who attacked Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place. And the name of his city was Avith.

(Genesis 36:36 NKJV) When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place.

(Genesis 36:37 NKJV) And when Samlah died, Saul of Rehoboth-by-the-River reigned in his place.

(Genesis 36:38 NKJV) When Saul died, Baal-Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place.

(Genesis 36:39 NKJV) And when Baal-Hanan the son of Achbor died, Hadar reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Pau. His wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

Notice Reigned in His Place

Notice the phrase, "reigned in his place".

(Genesis 36:40 NKJV) And these were the names of the chiefs of Esau, according to their families and their places, by their names: Chief Timnah, Chief Alvah, Chief Jetheth,

(Genesis 36:41 NKJV) Chief Aholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon,

(Genesis 36:42 NKJV) Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,

(Genesis 36:43 NKJV) Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom, according to their dwelling places in the land of their possession. Esau was the father of the Edomites.

Family Reproduces - Wealthy - Powerful - Known in Land - Kings / Edom a Desert Today

From this genealogy we see that Esau's family produced kings. Esau's family was wealthy, they were powerful, they were known in the land. Known in the land of Edom; been to Edom lately, it is a desert, it is deserted, it is dry and barren, and lifeless. All those things that seem so great, the possessions, the power, the kings, and today nothing.

God gives us the Genealogy - To see it Fades / They had Kingdom - Power - Glory / Nothing

God puts these words before us, this genealogy, so we can see that the works of the flesh all end in nothing. In the end the flesh ends up with nothing, the flesh fades and withers. Esau's lineage had the kingdom, the power, and the glory. The three things man in his flesh want, yet in the end, ends with nothing.

Only 1 Place for Kingdom - Power - Glory

For there is only one place to find the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory.....Forever and Ever:

(Matthew 6:9 NKJV) "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

(Matthew 6:10 NKJV) Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

(Matthew 6:11 NKJV) Give us this day our daily bread.

(Matthew 6:12 NKJV) And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

(Matthew 6:13 NKJV) And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

That is what Given to Us - Kingdom - Power - Glory / The Life that Could have Been

That is what He has given us, we get the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, that will last forever and ever, because it is in Him, and we are in Him and He is in us. The Life of Esau, what could have been.

Conclusion

Lets Read:

Romans 8:1–17 (NKJV)¹ *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰ And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.*

Outline: Genesis 26

- The Genealogy (Legacy) of Esau: What Will Your Legacy Be (36:1)

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Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need