

Lesson Six



Brother versus Brother - Some Sibling Rivalries never end

The struggle that began in Rebekah's womb long ago continues today with increasing intensity, and it won't end until the Return of Jesus Christ.

Overview of Lesson Six

I. A message of retribution

II. Identifying Mt. Seir

III. Describing the Jacob/Esau struggle

IV. Describing Israel's conflict with Amalek

- *King Saul's disobedience*

- *The Esther story*

- *Obadiah's prophecy*

V. The significance of 70 A.D.

VI. The significance of modern-day events

Follow Along Outline

The Jacob/Esau Conflict: Then & Now

Ezekiel chapter 1-32 contain a message of retribution, chapters 33-48 restoration.

- ▶ Chapter 33 starts the message of restoration.
- ▶ Chapter 34 God is going to bring back the Jewish people to the land.
- ▶ Chapter 36 Ezekiel talks about the land.
- ▶ Chapter 37 he talks about them being restored.
- ▶ Chapters 38 and 39 he talks about the destruction of their enemies.
- ▶ Chapters 40-46 he talks about God's architectural design for the Temple He will build.
- ▶ Chapters 47 and 48 he talks about dividing the land among the twelve tribes of Israel.

However, in chapter 35 it is a message of _____.

- ▶ In verses 1-4 God gives His tough pronouncement of judgment upon _____.
- ▶ In verses 5-15 God gives His reasons.
 - Their perpetual hatred and _____ of the Jews by the force of the sword
 - Their claim to take all the Jewish people, the _____ states of Israel
 - Their speaking against the Jewish people which God considers _____.

Who is Mount Seir? - *Genesis 25:19-23*

- ▶ Abraham and Sarah, barren _____. Then came Ishmael and Isaac.
- ▶ Isaac and Rebekah, barren _____. Then came the first twins in the Bible, Esau and Jacob. Within her womb they were _____ with each other.
- ▶ These twins represent two _____. The one will be stronger than the other, and the elder (_____) shall serve the younger (_____).
- ▶ The first born in a Jewish family gets the _____.
- ▶ Esau _____ his birthright and exchanged it to Jacob for a meal. - *Genesis 25:27-34*.
- ▶ This is the first of _____ privileges for the first born that Esau gives up.

The BIRTHRIGHT

The eldest son has the responsibility of carrying the family onto the next generation.
At the death of their father the father will pronounce a blessing on the eldest son.

What about the blessing?

- ▶ Esau asks his father Isaac to bless him. Isaac's blessing included, "*And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt _____ thy brother.*" - *Genesis 27:38-41*
- ▶ Esau _____ Jacob and subsequent to Isaac's death he would kill him.
- ▶ Mother Rebekah sends Jacob to Haran (modern-day _____) to be with Uncle Laban for a while for his safety.
- ▶ While returning home, Jacob has an all night _____ match with Jesus Christ at Peniel east of the Jordan River. - *Genesis 32:24-30*
- ▶ Jesus touched the _____ of Jacob that made him limp the rest of his life. The thigh muscle is ten times stronger than any muscle in one's body.
- ▶ God also changed his name from Jacob to Israel, which means, "I will _____ for you."
- ▶ God was then able to work with Jacob from that point on in his life.
- ▶ Esau's name was changed to _____. - *Genesis 36:1*
- ▶ Edom, when used geographically, is the southern portion of modern-day _____.
- ▶ God allows Jacob to stay in the promised land of _____ (modern-day Israel). - *Genesis 37:1*

Why must Jacob and Esau split?

- ▶ It was because of their _____, their riches and their cattle.
- ▶ Jacob gets the land of _____ (Israel).
- ▶ Esau moves east to dwell in Mount _____. Esau is Edom. - *Genesis 36:8*
- ▶ Mount Seir is the southern third of modern-day _____.
- ▶ Everything between the southern end of the Dead Sea to the Red Sea is Edom on the east side of the Jordan Valley.
- ▶ Esau's headquarters were in a city called Petra.

Petra described

- ▶ It is the most _____ city in the world, recently voted one of the Seven Wonders of the modern world.
- ▶ It is an impregnable city made of _____.
- ▶ It has many colors and is called "The Rose Red City."



Esau & the Amalekites

- ▶ _____ is the grandson of Esau. - *Genesis 36:12*

Israel's Conflict with Amalek

- ▶ Exodus 17 describes the battle between Israel and the _____ at Rephidim. Not all the _____ were destroyed. Some survivors moved into Gibeon near Jerusalem.

God's instructions to King Saul, first king of Israel, regarding Amalek. - *I Samuel 15:3-26*

- ▶ Saul was to kill all their _____ and all the Amalekites.
- ▶ Two days later when asked by Samuel if he did, Saul said he did. The bleating of the _____ in the background revealed his lie.
- ▶ Saul did not kill all the sheep because he thought he could offer them in _____.
- ▶ Saul did not kill King Agag because of his _____ he could use for his cause.
- ▶ Samuel told Saul it is better to _____ than to offer sacrifice. It is better to do what God says than to have to confess sin.
- ▶ Samuel _____ King Agag. - *I Samuel 15:33*

The Queen Esther Story – cast and script

- ▶ King Ahasueras, fourth Persian king richer than the previous three, controlled _____ provinces from India to Ethiopia.
- ▶ _____ was his beautiful wife.
- ▶ The king asks his wife to _____ before all his provincial leaders. She refuses.
- ▶ The king consults with his _____, one of them being Haman.
- ▶ Vashti is dethroned, and the king chooses _____, a Jewess, to be his queen. Her cousin was Mordecai. - *Esther 2*
- ▶ Everybody bowed to Haman, an _____ and number two in the kingdom, except Mordecai. - *Esther 3*

Note the progression:
Esau, Amalek, Agag, Haman –
All four of them wanting to kill Jews.

- ▶ A descendant of Haman is _____ the Great who killed off Jewish boys two years of age and younger declaring he was _____ of the Jews according to the Roman emperor.

The prophecy of Obadiah

- ▶ Judgment is again pronounced against the the Edomites, (the descendants of _____) - *Obadiah 1-14*
 - Because of _____. "No one can bring us down." - *Obadiah 3*
 - And _____ against his brother Jacob. - *Obadiah 10*
- ▶ At Petra, Esau's headquarters, the _____ would run out to the King's highway and rob the traveling merchants.
- ▶ Obadiah 1-14 is prophecy given _____ years before it was fulfilled.

How God brought down the Edomites

The Edomites invited the Nabateans, the stone carvers of Petra, to a banquet. At this banquet the Nabateans start killing the Edomites. The escaping Edomites go across the Jordan valley to southern Judah and change their name to Edomites.

- ▶ A very famous Edomite was _____ the Great.
- ▶ In 586 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar asked who would like to burn the Temple down. They cast lots, and the lot fell on Esau's descendants, the Edomites. They burned it down, and in so doing sealed their _____ forever.

Obadiah 15 and following is prophecy yet to be fulfilled.

- ▶ The day of the Lord is _____ upon all the heathen.
- ▶ The day of the Lord is any time in history when God _____ in the affairs of men personally on the earth. This is specific use of the phrase.
- ▶ The general use is _____ the Rapture extending through the Tribulation and Millennial Kingdom.
- ▶ The context of Obadiah is the day that Jesus Christ steps back on the _____.
- ▶ The Edomites will be intoxicated with power by controlling the _____ Mount. - *Obadiah 16*
- ▶ The house of Jacob shall be a _____, the house of Joseph a flame and the house of Esau stubble. - *Obadiah 18*
- ▶ At the Return of Christ the _____ people will wipe out the Edomites.

The significance of 70 A.D.

- ▶ Herod the Great, an Edomean, had the _____ refurbished at the time of Christ.
- ▶ In 70 A.D. Roman soldiers
 - ▶ Devastated the _____
 - ▶ Destroyed Jerusalem
 - ▶ _____ the Jews into the four corners of the earth.
- ▶ The Edomites were scattered to a place in the Balkans called _____.

The significance of modern-day events

- ▶ Ahman Al-Hussainy was made the mufti of _____ in the early 1900s.
- ▶ In 1938 Adolf _____ invited him to Berlin, and they made a plan to rid the world of the Jews. Hitler told Ahman El-Hussainy to call for the Islamic world to destroy the Jewish people.
- ▶ First get the elite commando unit from _____, the unit that Hitler would use to (Blitzkrieg) take over a country. They lost.
- ▶ In 1948 the United Nations tells _____ they can become a state among the nations of the world. The Arab world says they will wipe them into the sea.
- ▶ Al-Hussainy had a nephew whose name was _____.
- ▶ Arafat, Al-Hussainy, Herod the Great, Haman, Agag, Amalek, Esau.
- ▶ The descendants of Esau are the _____ people of today who are going to try to kill the Jews and take their land.
- ▶ Obadiah tells when this conflict will be over – at the time of the _____ of Christ. The Palestinians (the Edomites) will be destroyed. Before that will be the seven years of trouble – before that the Rapture.

Conclusion

1. The leaders of the world today are trying to bring a resolution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict (the Jacob/Esau struggle). They will never do it.
2. Only Jesus can do it when He comes back. We are at that point in history.
3. The urgency of the moment requires us to make decisions that will be in accord with God's plan.

Think About This!

1. What country is Mount Seir today?
2. What makes Petra unique?
3. Name 3 famous (or infamous) descendants of Esau.
4. What is the end for the children of Esau?