

Genesis 36

Verses 1- 8

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⁶ Then Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all his household, and his livestock and all his cattle, and all his property which he had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to *another* land away from his brother Jacob. ⁷ For their possessions had become too great for them to live together, and the land where they resided could not support them because of their livestock. ⁸ So Esau lived in the hill country of Seir; Esau is Edom.

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This is the 9th of the 10 divisions of Genesis.

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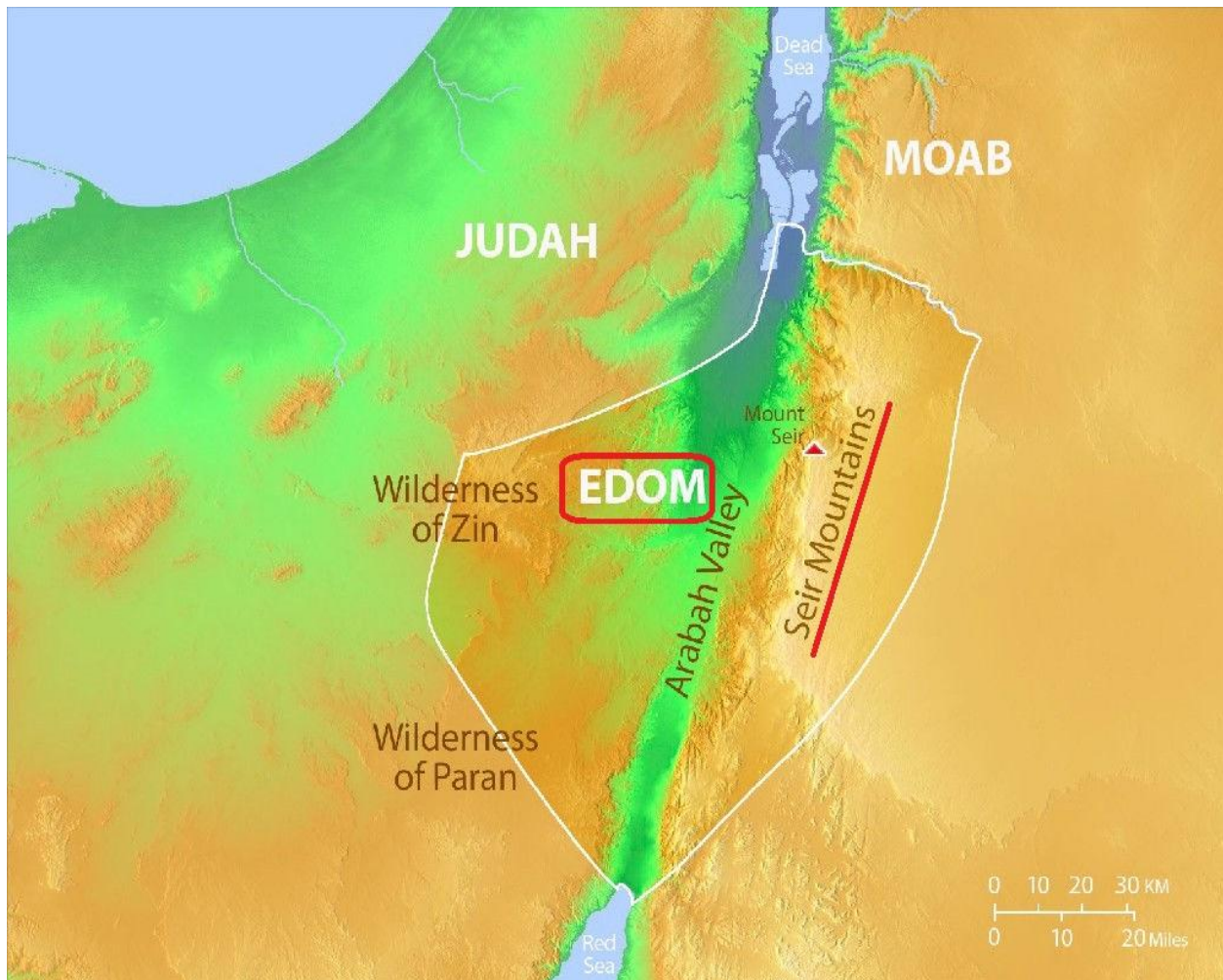
Esau had 3 wives, one a Hittite, one a Hivite, and one of Egyptian decent.

⁶ Then Esau took his entire household, and all his property which he had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to *another* land away from his brother Jacob. ⁷ For their possessions had become too great for them to live together, and the land where they resided could not support them because of their livestock.

This was the same situation that existed between Abraham and Lot. In that situation Lot choose the plush area of Sodom and Gomorrah.

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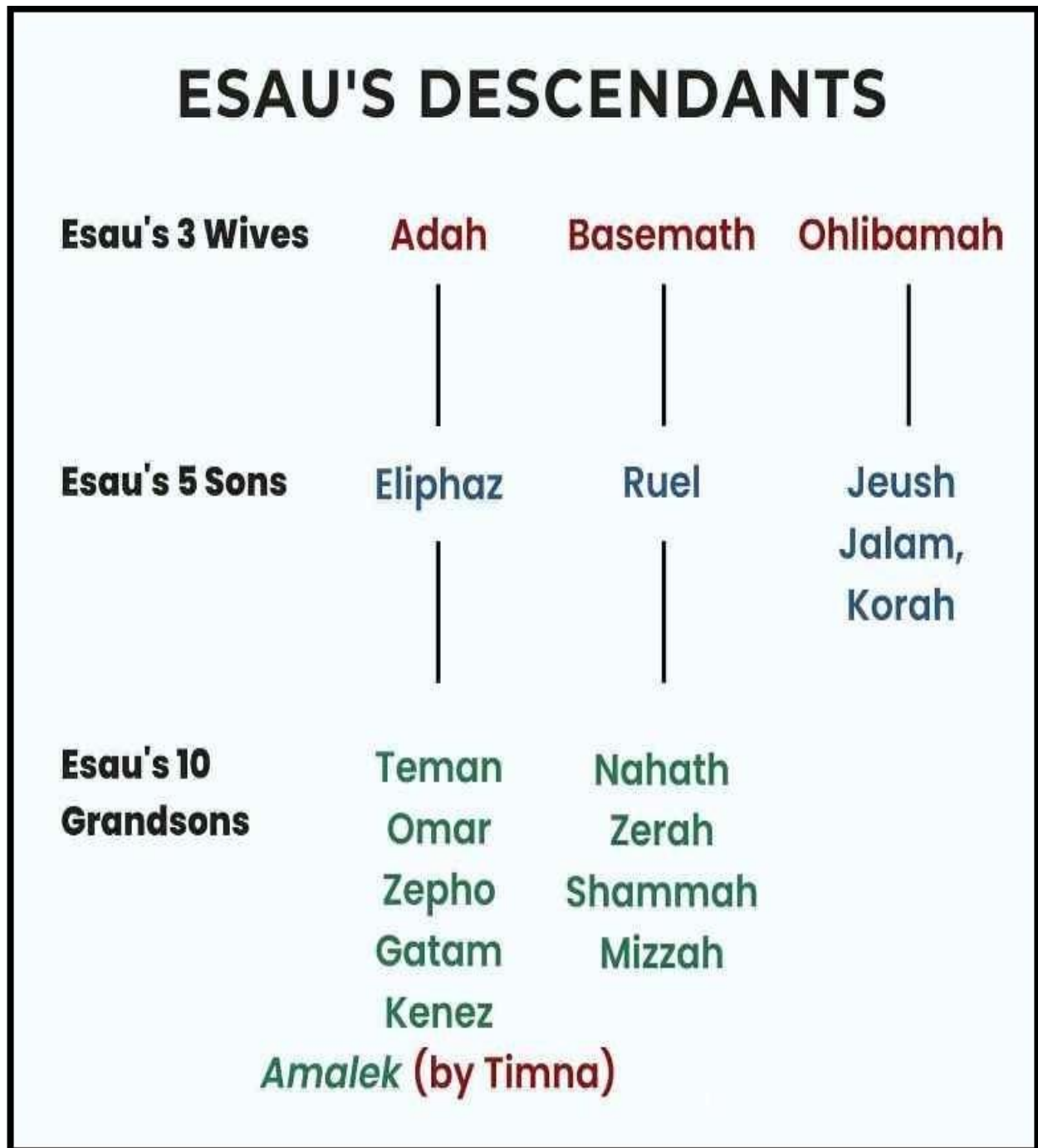
Verses 9 -14

⁹ These then are *the records of* the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir. ¹⁰ These are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Esau's wife Adah, *and* Reuel the son of Esau's wife Basemath. ¹¹ The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz. ¹² Timna was a concubine of Esau's son Eliphaz, and she bore Amalek to Eliphaz. These are the sons of Esau's wife Adah. ¹³ And these are the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the sons of Esau's wife Basemath. ¹⁴ And these were the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the granddaughter of Zibeon: she bore to Esau Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.

⁹ These then are *the records of the generations* of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.

Esau had 5 sons in the land of Canaan (see verse 6) and then he moved to the land of Seir and two of his 5 sons had a total of 10 children.

See chart 3610



Verses 15 -19

¹⁵ These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn of Esau, are chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz, ¹⁶ chief Korah, chief Gatam, *and* chief Amalek. These are the chiefs descended from Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah. ¹⁷ And these are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Nahath, chief Zerah, chief Shammah, *and* chief Mizzah. These are the chiefs descended from Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Esau's wife Basemath. ¹⁸ And these are the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah: chief Jeush, chief Jalam, *and* chief Korah. These are the chiefs descended from Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah. ¹⁹ These are the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these are their chiefs.

These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau

The Hebrew word for chief is a term given to the ruler or commander of a thousand men. These "chiefs" were grandsons of Esau, except for the three sons of Oholibamah. The most important chief was Teman; therefore Edom was sometimes called Teman.

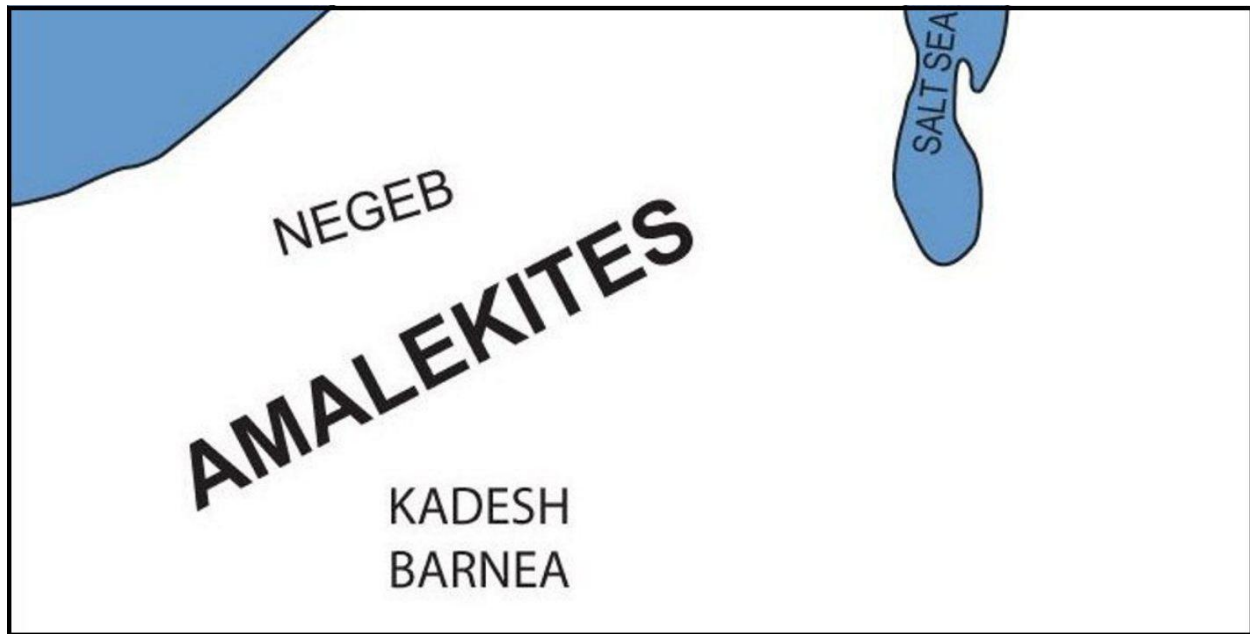
See Amos 1:11 - 12

¹¹ **This is what the Lord says:**
"For three offenses of Edom, and for four,
I will not revoke its *punishment*,
Because he pursued his brother with the sword
And stifled his compassion;
His anger also tore continually,
And he maintained his fury forever.
¹² **So I will send fire upon Teman**
And it will consume the citadels of Bozrah."

In verse 16 Chief Korah is listed as a son of Eliphaz but he was not mentioned in the previous section (verses 9 -14) of this chapter.

Chief Amalek and his tribe later became the Amalekites and they lived south of the Dead Sea.

See Map 3615



Verses 20 - 30

²⁰ These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, ²¹ Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These are the chiefs descended from the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom. ²² And the sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna. ²³ And these are the sons of Shobal: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. ²⁴ And these are the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah—he is the Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness when he was pasturing the donkeys of his father Zibeon. ²⁵ And these are the children of Anah: Dishon, and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah. ²⁶ And these are the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran. ²⁷ These are the sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan. ²⁸ These are the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran. ²⁹ These are the chiefs descended from the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief Zibeon, chief Anah, ³⁰ chief Dishon, chief Ezer, *and* chief Dishan. These are the chiefs descended from the Horites, according to their *various* chiefs in the land of Seir.

²⁰ These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land:

This is a list of the pre-Edomite inhabitants of Seir. Edom intermarried with them, and eventually dominated the whole area.

²¹ **These are the chiefs descended from the Horites, the sons of Seir**

Zibeon is called a Hivite and a Horite in Genesis 36.

See Genesis 36:2

² **Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite;**

See Genesis 36:20

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Hivite and Horite may be different names for the same people.

²⁴ **And these are the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah—he is the Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness when he was pasturing the donkeys of his father Zibeon.**

The hot springs is rendered the mules in the **KJV**. Jewish scholars generally favor the word mules. The lack of context makes it difficult to know which one is right.

Verses 31 - 39

³¹ **Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the sons of Israel. ³² Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhabah. ³³ Then Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah became king in his place. ³⁴ Then Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites became king in his place. ³⁵ Then Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the field of Moab, became king in his place; and the name of his city was Avith. ³⁶ Then Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah became king in his place. ³⁷ Then Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth on the *Euphrates* River became king in his place. ³⁸ Then Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor became king in his place. ³⁹ Then Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar became king in his place; and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, daughter of Mezahab.**

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First we were given the names of Esau's son's that ruled in Edom. Then we were given the names of rulers in Edom prior to Esau. Now we are given the names of those who ruled after the sons of Edom but before Saul became king in 1050 BC.

The time frame for this chapter probably covers 800 years, the period of time prior to Esau (1850 to 1730 BC) to the beginning of Saul's reign (1050 BC). The time period prior to Esau (1850 to 1730) is an educated guess.

³⁵ Then Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the field of Moab, became king in his place; and the name of his city was Avith.

See map 3620



³⁷ Then Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth on the Euphrates River became king in his place.

There are eight kings mentioned in verses 32 thru 39. The 6th king came from a distant land on the Euphrates River.

See map 3625



Verses 40 - 43

⁴⁰ Now these are the names of the chiefs descended from Esau, according to their families *and* their localities, by their names: chief Timna, chief Alvah, chief Jetheth, ⁴¹ chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, ⁴² chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, ⁴³ chief Magdiel, *and* chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom (that is, Esau, the father of the Edomites), according to their settlements in the land of their possession.

⁴⁰ **Now these are the names of the chiefs descended from Esau.**

11 chiefs are mention here. Two of the chiefs, Timna & Oholibamah, may have taken their title from the tribal mother.

These chiefs may have been the next generation of chiefs after those listed in verses 15 thru 19.

See chart 3630

Verses 9 - 14		Verses 15 -19		Verses 40 - 43	
Sons		Chiefs			
1	Teman	1	chief Teman	1	chief Timna
2	Omar	2	chief Omar	2	chief Alvah
3	Zepho	3	chief Zepho	3	chief Jetheth
4	Gatam	5	chief Kenaz	4	chief Oholibamah
		14	chief Korah	5	chief Elah
5	Kenaz	4	chief Gatam	6	chief Pinon
6	Amalek	6	chief Amalek	7	chief Kenaz
7	Nahath	7	chief Nahath	8	chief Teman
8	Zerah	8	chief Zerah	9	chief Mibzar
9	Shammah	9	chief Shammah	10	chief Magdiel
10	Mizzah	10	chief Mizzah	11	chief Iram
11	Jeush	11	chief Jeush		
12	Jalam	12	chief Jalam		
13	Korah	13	chief Korah		