

# The Book of Genesis

## Chapter Thirty Six

### *Esau's Family*

**Lesson Verse: Gen 36:31**

#### I. Lesson Introduction

- A. Here we have the Dukes and Kings of Edom and surrounding areas being listed long before kings show up in Israel – 1,000 years before king Saul
- B. How did Moses know there would be kings in Israel?
  1. Moses wrote down instructions on what kind of a king Israel was to have, and what he was expected to do as king by God (Dt 17:14-20)
  2. God promised Jacob that kings would come from his loins (Gen 35:11).

#### II. Study Lesson

**A. Esau IS \_\_\_\_\_** –the people of Edom were all like their founding father, Esau – HE was what it mean to be Edomite!

1. Rebellious
2. Angry
3. Not concerned with spiritual things
4. Hater of Jacob and anybody connected with Jacob

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ Wives of Esau**

1. Adah of Elon, the Hittite
2. Aholibama of Anah (a daughter) of Zibeon the Hivite
3. Bashemath of Ishmael
4. Judith, daughter of Beerli, the Hittite (Gen 26:34)
5. Mahalath, the daughter of Ishmael (Gen 28:9)
6. Not one of them was of his own people group, nationality

**C. Descendants of Esau (36:4-19)**

1. By his wife Adah
  - a. Eliphaz by his wife
    - 1) Teman
    - 2) Omar
    - 3) Zepho
    - 4) Gatam
    - 5) Kenaz
  - b. By Eliphaz' concubine, Timna
    - 1) Amalek (Ex 17:8-16) – the Amalekites
    - 2) A Bad line
    - 3) God later commands Moses to WIPE THEM OUT!
2. By his wife Bashemath – Reuel
  - a. Nahath
  - b. Zerah
  - c. Shammah
  - d. Mizzah
3. By his wife Aholibamah the Hivite
  - a. Jeush
  - b. Jaalam
  - c. Korah

4. These last three sons became DUKES. Derived from the Latin dux, meaning "a leader;" or in Arabic, "a sheik." This word is used to denote the head of a tribe, or leader of an area of people.

#### D. Canaan's Influence (36:20-43)

1. Canaan-land already was very advanced politically, and sinfully as well
2. **The Seven Dukes of Seir** (36:20-30) - these are the dukes that came of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.
  - a. Lotan,
    - 1) Hori
    - 2) Hemam
    - 3) Lotan's sister was Timna
  - b. Shobal
    - 1) Alvan
    - 2) Manahath
    - 3) Ebal
    - 4) Shepho
    - 5) Onam
  - c. Zibeon,
    - 1) Ajah
    - 2) Anah: this was that Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father
  - d. Anah,
    - 1) Dishon
    - 2) Aholibamah the daughter of Anah
  - e. Dishon
    - 1) Hemdan
    - 2) Eshban
    - 3) Ithran
    - 4) Cheran
  - f. Ezer
    - 1) Bilhan
    - 2) Zaavan
    - 3) Akan
  - g. Dishan
    - 1) Uz
    - 2) Aran
3. **The Eight Kings of Seir** (36:31-39).
  - a. Long before Israel had kings, Satan's countries already had kings, and chaos! Just having a king doesn't fix things!
  - b. **Bela** the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city was Dinhabah. And Bela died
  - c. **Jobab** the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.
  - d. **Husham** of the land of Temani reigned in his stead.
  - e. **Hadad** the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith.
  - f. **Samlah** of Masrekah reigned in his stead.
  - g. **Saul** of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead.
  - h. **Baalhanan** the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.
  - i. **Hadar** reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

4. **The Eleven Dukes of Edom** (36:40-43) – around 1500 BC

- a. Esau married the daughter of Anah, the son of Zibeon, a son of Seir, Gen\_36:11; and Eliphaz took Timna, a sister of Lotan the son of Seir, to be his concubine, Gen\_36:12. This helped him to start to overthrow the Horites in Edom and put his own sons in power!
- b. Duke **Timnah**
- c. Duke **Alvah**
- d. Duke **Jetheth**
- e. Duke **Aholibamah**
- f. Duke **Elah**
- g. Duke **Pinon**
- h. Duke **Kenaz**
- i. Duke **Teman**
- j. Duke **Mibzar**
- k. Duke **Magdiel**
- l. Duke **Iram**
- m. **NOTE: Amalek never becomes a duke – but is a terror to the entire region for hundreds of years!**

**III. Conclusion**