

# “The Spirit of Edom” Part 1

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**Esau was an aggressive red hunter built for war.**

“So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb. **And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau.**

Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. So the boys grew. And Esau was a **skillful hunter**, a man of the field; but **Jacob was a mild man**, dwelling in tents. And Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary. **And Esau said to Jacob, ‘Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary.’ Therefore his name was called Edom.** But Jacob said, **‘Sell me your birthright as of this day.’** And Esau said, ‘Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?’ Then Jacob said, ‘Swear to me as of this day.’ So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. **Thus Esau despised his birthright**” Genesis 25:24-34 (NKJV) (Emphasis added).

**Esau lives by the sword and is always at war trying to kill Jacob.**

“And Esau said to his father, ‘Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me — me also, O my father!’ And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: ‘Behold, your dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth, And of the dew of heaven from above. **By your sword you shall live, And you shall serve your brother;** And it shall come to pass, when you become restless, **That you shall break his yoke from your neck.**’ **So Esau hated Jacob** because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, ‘The days of mourning for my father are at hand; **then I will kill my brother Jacob**’” Genesis 27:38-41 (NKJV) (Emphasis added).

**Esau made peace with Jacob while he lived.**

“And he commanded them, saying, ‘Speak thus **to my lord Esau, ‘Thus your servant Jacob** says: “I have dwelt with Laban and stayed there until now.” Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, ‘We came to your brother **Esau, and he also is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him.**’ **So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed;** and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies” Genesis 32:4-7 (NKJV) (Emphasis added).

**Esau fathers the Edomites, who will constantly war with Jacob.**

“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.** 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. **So Esau dwelt in Mount Seir. Esau is Edom**” Genesis 36:6-8 (NKJV) (Emphasis added).

**Esau rejects God as King long before Israel.**

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

**Esau was the father of the Edomites.**

“...These were the chiefs of Edom, according to their dwelling places in the land of their possession. **Esau was the father of the Edomites**” Genesis 36:43b (NKJV) (Emphasis added).

### **Esau destroyed the Horites to occupy the land of Seir**

“The **Horites formerly dwelt in Seir**, but the descendants of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their place, **just as Israel did to the land of their possession which the Lord gave them**” Deuteronomy 2:12 (NKJV) (Emphasis added).

### **Jacob went to Egypt, but the Edomites stayed in the mountains.**

“To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I gave the mountains of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt” Joshua 24:4 (NKJV).

### **At first, God blessed and protected the Edomites, who became a nation.**

"And the Lord spoke to me(Moses), saying: 'You have skirted this mountain long enough; turn northward. And command the people, saying, 'You are about to pass through the territory of your brethren, **the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir**; and they will be afraid of you. Therefore watch yourselves carefully. **Do not meddle with them, for I will not give you any of their land**, no, not so much as one footstep, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession. You shall buy food from them with money, that you may eat; and you shall also buy water from them with money, that you may drink” Deuteronomy 2:2-6 (NKJV) (Emphasis added).

### **David and Joab destroy all the men of Edom but some fled.**

“Then the Lord raised up against Solomon an adversary, Hadad the Edomite, from the royal line of Edom. **Earlier when David was fighting with Edom, Joab the commander of the army, who had gone up to bury the dead, had struck down all the men in Edom. Joab and all the Israelites stayed there for six months, until they had destroyed all the men in Edom.** But Hadad, still only a boy, fled to Egypt with some Edomite officials who had served his father” 1 Kings 11:14-17 (NIV) (Emphasis added).

### **Edom will reap what it sows and will be exterminated by God.**

"Oh, how **Esau shall be searched out!** How his hidden treasures shall be sought after! All the men in your confederacy Shall force you to the border; The men at peace with you Shall deceive you and prevail against you. Those who eat your bread shall lay a trap for you. No one is aware of it. 'Will I not in that day,' says the Lord, '**Even destroy the wise men from Edom, And understanding from the mountains of Esau?** Then your mighty men, **O Teman**, shall be dismayed, **To the end that everyone from the mountains of Esau May be cut off by slaughter.**' 'For violence against your brother Jacob, Shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever. In the day that you stood on the other side — In the day that strangers carried captive his forces, **When foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem — Even you were as one of them.** But you should not have gazed on the day of your brother in the day of his captivity; Nor should you have rejoiced over the children of Judah In the day of their destruction; Nor should you have spoken proudly In the day of distress. You should not have entered the gate of My people In the day of their calamity. Indeed, you should not have gazed on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity. You should not have stood at the crossroads to cut off those among them who escaped; Nor should you have delivered up those among them who remained in the day of distress. For the day of the Lord upon all the nations is near; **As you have done, it shall be done to you; Your reprisal shall return upon your own head.** For as you drank on My holy mountain, So shall all the nations drink continually; Yes, they

shall drink, and swallow, **And they shall be as though they had never been**" Obadiah 1:6-16 (NKJV) (Emphasis added).

**Jacob did not steal the birthright. Esau sold it to Jacob.**

"Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; **lest any root of bitterness springing up** cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; **lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright**. 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" Hebrews 12:14-17 (NKJV) (Emphasis added).

**Esau and Jacob both received a blessing and became great nations.**

**"By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future"** Hebrews 11:20 (NIV) (Emphasis added).

### **Why pursue the Birthright?**

- **The birthright brings** God's blessing of prosperity for us and others.
  - The birthright brings a double portion of inheritance.
- The birthright brings great eternal responsibility.
- The eldest son with the birthright eventually judiciously ruled the family for their benefit. **He was king**, so to speak.
  - He took care of the family needs by providing.
    - This was financial care and spiritual care. He was a life-giving provider.
- The birthright represents **the priesthood and government** of God to be honored.
- The priestly birthright allowed you to hear from God for the family.
  - Jacob received prophet words from God (The Church). Esau did not.
- **The birthright required submission to God and His Government** to receive His blessing.

### **What happens when you reject the Birthright?**

- Edom wants God's double portion blessing of prosperity for selfish motives.
- Edom rejects the great responsibility of the birthright. Edom is temporal, not eternal.
- Edom wants **to rule others** for Edom's benefit.
  - Edom will not provide financial care or spiritual care.
  - Edom is not a life-giving provider, but offers death.
  - Edom wants honor, but is not honorable.
- Edom rejects the government of God and will fight the vision of God.
- Edom does not hear from God Almighty but from demonic gods.
- Edom rejects submission to God and has a **strong natural appetite** for temporal pleasure.
  - Edom loved sports like hunting, good food, and wild foreign women.
- Edom wants to kill those with the birthright – the kings and priests of God.
- Some Christians say they love the Father, but reject the government of God and the purposes of God.
  - **Watch for selfish motives**. Wolves in sheep's clothing.
  - **Watch how others handle the birthright**.
  - **Do they embrace the birthright** or treat it carelessly **or oppose and kill it?**

**Jesus is the way to the Father's birthright blessing.**

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. **No one comes to the Father** except **through me**'" John 14:6-7 (NIV) (Emphasis added).

**Edom seeks death but God offers everlasting life.**

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, **that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life**” John 3:16 (KJV) (Emphasis added).

