



Living Hope Ministries

Bible Study

GENESIS 36

This chapter is mainly a genealogy, relating to Esau and his descendants. Esau, also known as Edom, settles down in a place which is separate from his brother, Jacob.

Some of Esau's wives came from the women of Canaan. These women would have been influenced by some of the bad customs of the Canaanites. Esau had many sons which are named in this chapter. None of these sons has a major part to play in the history of Israel. There was little love lost between Edom and Israel. It is remarkable how economically Esau and his dependents are blessed.

We are reminded how God sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. God's blessing can fall upon people who we may feel are undeserving of that blessing.

There is mention of kings who reigned in Edom before Israel had their first king.

Abraham was promised that he would be the father of many nations. This chapter reminds us that some of those nations would not play the significant role which the nation of Israel would have. God is still God of the nations, and He watches over all people but will provide only one Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Esau may have forgotten God, but God did not forget him. The great list of names reminds us that God knows every individual. Each one has been created by Him, each one is unique and each one is accountable to God. It is so important that we preach the Gospel to all we can because each soul will be held accountable to the God who made us and the One to Whom we will face as our Judge.

Points to consider:

- How does this chapter confirm God's love and provision for all of His creation?
- Esau chose wives from Canaan. How does this chapter illustrate that you reap what you sow?
- Reflect on God's patience which is always extended to those spiritually lost.