

Genesis 36

A Tale of Two Brothers

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Matthew 1:2 - Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.

Matthew 1:16 - Mary gave birth to *Jesus*, who is called the Christ.

Hebrews 12:16 - Make sure that no one is... like Esau.

Genesis 25 - Esau sold his birthright to Jacob... because Esau *despised* his birthright.

1. Jacob cared about spiritual things, Esau didn't.

Kent Hughes: *The concept of delayed gratification had no place in Esau's thinking. He lived for what was before him, be it a hunt or a meal or the company of women. Esau had no sense of the spiritual... Holy things? He never thought that deeply. And that's why he could so blithely sell his birthright... Pleasure is all that Esau could see... For every generation, the challenge is the same--to see that there's more to life than a meal, or a video game, or baseball, or a party, or a movie, or an indulgence of some kind--to see, as Paul put it, that "the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."*

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Colossians 3:1-2 - Set your heart on things above, where Christ is... Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things.

2. Jacob humbled himself, Esau didn't.

Genesis 26:34-35 - When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith daughter of Beeri *the Hittite*, and also Basemath daughter of Elon *the Hittite*. And they were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

Deut. 7:3-4 - You must not intermarry with them. Don't let your daughters and sons marry their sons and daughters, for they'll lead your children away from Me to worship other gods.

Proverbs 19:20 - Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.

Genesis 27:36 - Esau said, “No wonder his name is Jacob, for he's cheated me these two times. He *took* away my birthright, and now he's *taken* away my blessing.”

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Psalm 40:1-4 - I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry. He lifted me up out of a horrible pit, out of the mud and the mire, set my feet on a rock and established my steps. He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see what He's done and be amazed. They'll put their trust in the Lord. Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.

Genesis 32:6 - The messengers returned to Jacob and said, "Esau, your brother, is coming to meet you, and *four hundred men are with him.*"

Mt. 5:23-24 - "If someone has something against you... go and be reconciled to that person."

Genesis 36:1 - Now this is the genealogy of Esau, who is Edom.

- **Basemath = The perfumed one**
- **Adah = Ornament (think: Trophy wife)**
- **Aholibamah = Tall or stately**

Numbers 20 - Moses sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying: "This is what *your brother* Israel says: You know about all the hardships that have come on us... Please let us pass through your country. We won't go through any field or vineyard, or drink water from any well. We'll travel along the King's Highway and not turn to the right or to the left until we've passed through your territory." Edom answered: "You may not pass through." Then Edom came out against them with a large and powerful army.
