

BIBLICAL

A STUDY THROUGH THE SCROLLS OF SCRIPTURE

REVIEW

Obadiah



Historical Context of Obadiah

OBADIAH

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

31

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

1

TYPE

PROPHECY, MINOR



OVERVIEW

Obadiah's name means "worshipper of Yahweh" and his writings are one of the few instances where God speaks solely to another culture rather than Israel. At the time, the people of Edom were mocking and harassing God's people, and Obadiah prophesies to them and warns them of their impending punishment. During this time, Judah was very vulnerable to invasion. It had been attacked by the Philistines and also by the Arabians. Edom may never have invaded, but they rejoiced when others would do so.



WRITTEN

There isn't enough evidence to pin down an exact time, but historians say it is most likely circa 840 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED

between 700-575 BC



AUTHOR

Obadiah

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EDOM'S PRIDE
PUNISHED

OBADIAH 1

Obadiah prophesies that God will punish Edom for gloating over God's people while they suffered. Obadiah teaches that we are mocking God when we gloat over suffering of others.

Geography of Palestine

Interesting Facts

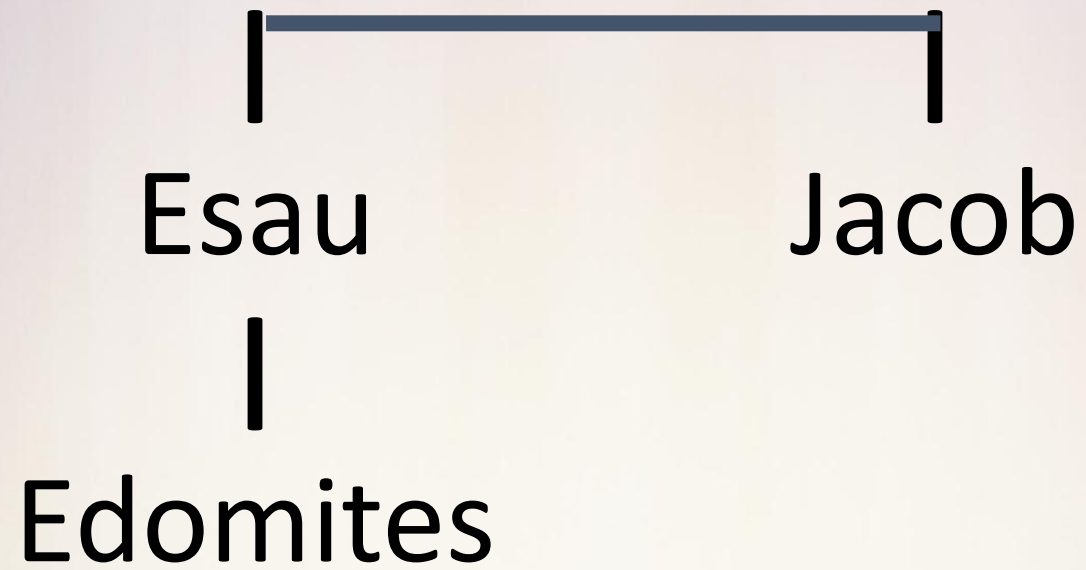
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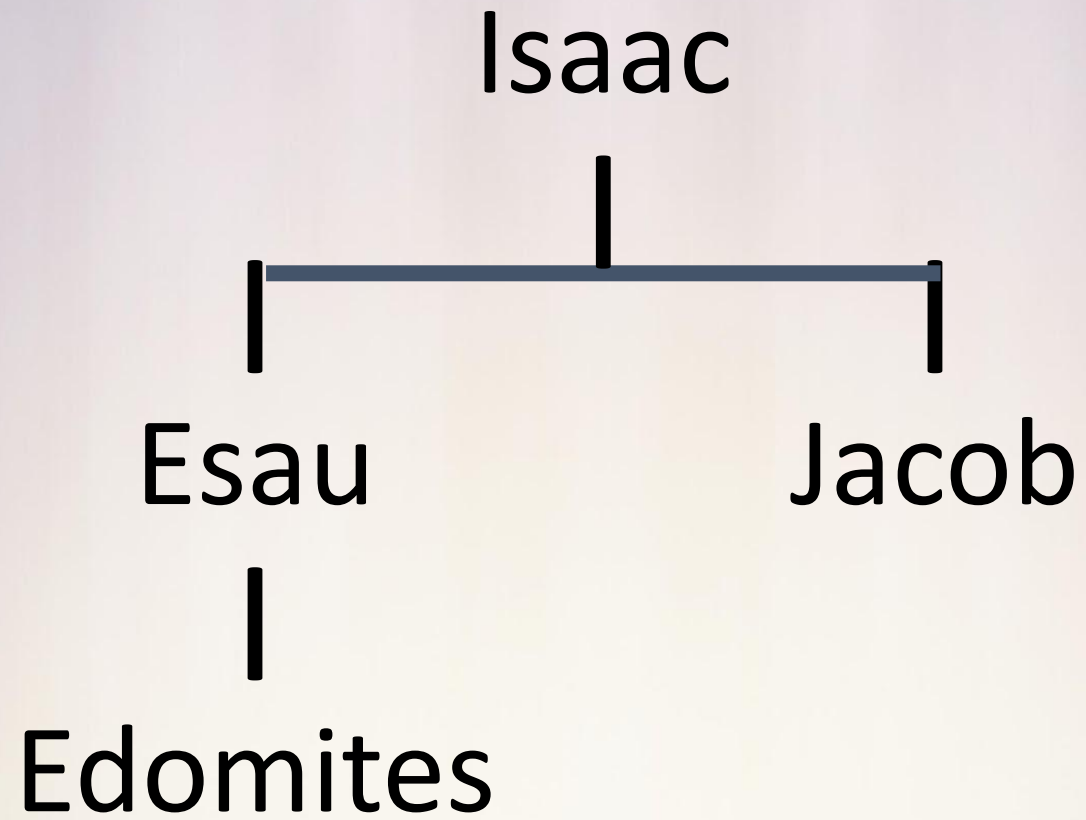
Esau's Family

Esau
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Edomites

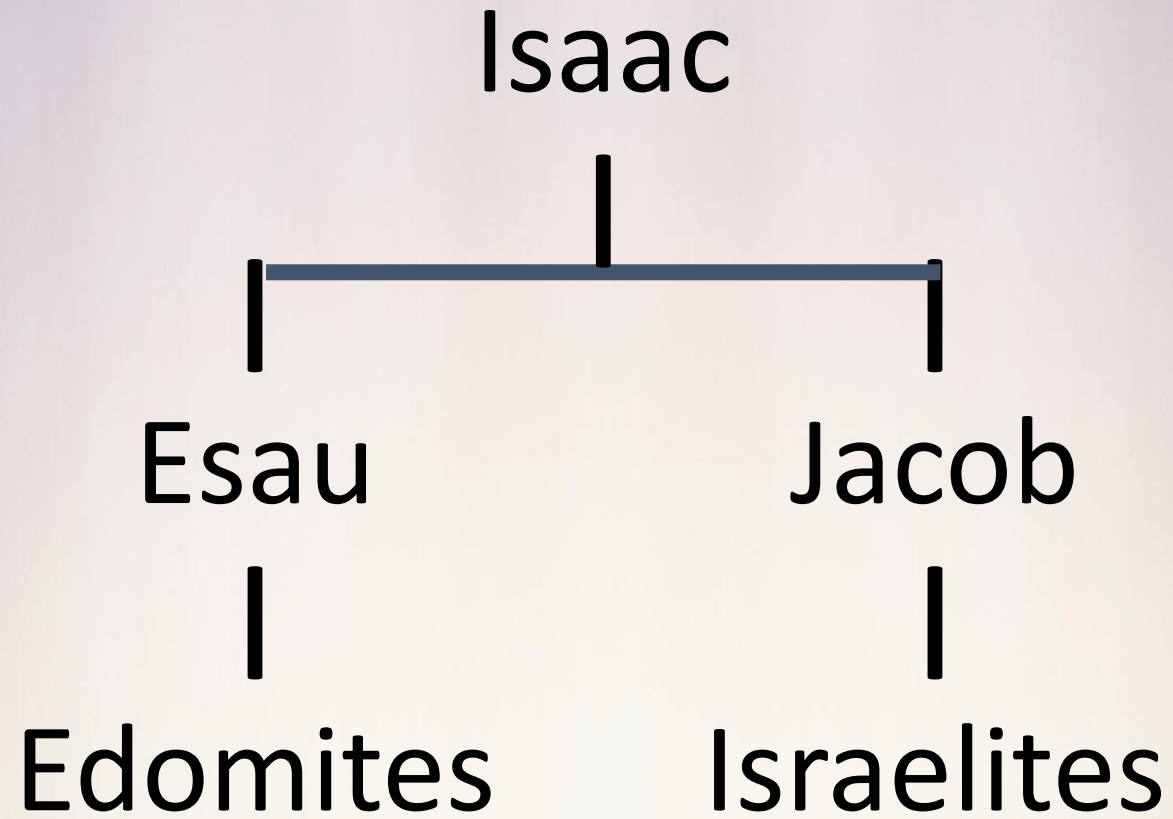
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Scriptures / History regarding Esau

- First-born of Isaac and Rebecca - Genesis 25:26
- Removed to Mount Seir - Genesis 36:6
- Edomites did not allow Israel to pass - Numbers 20:21
- David governed Edom - 2 Samuel 8:13-14
- Edom revolted against Jeroram - 2 Kings 8:20-22
- Edom did not help against Philista - Obadiah 1:11-14
- Edom conquered by Babylon along with Judah
- Herod the Great was descended from Edomites

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Edom Refused to Help

But the king of Edom replied, “Stay out! You may not pass through our land.” With that he mobilized his army and marched out against them with an imposing force. Because Edom refused to allow Israel to pass through their country, Israel was forced to turn around.

Numbers 20:18,19

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Group Exercise

What does it say about God?

What does it say about man?

What should we obey?

First Reading Obadiah 1:1-14

Second Reading Obadiah 1:15-21

Second Betrayal

On the day that you stood aside, on the day that strangers carried off his wealth, and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you too were like one of them. But you should not have gloated over your brother on the day of his misfortune; you should not have rejoiced over the people of Judah on the day of their ruin; you should not have boasted on the day of distress.

Obadiah 1:11-12

Israel Triumphant

The people of Israel will be a raging fire,
and Edom a field of dry stubble.

The descendants of Joseph will be a flame
roaring across the field, devouring everything.

There will be no survivors in Edom.

I, the LORD, have spoken!

Obadiah 1:18

What Can We Learn?

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- Esau and Edom were wicked.
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- Being close to the truth doesn't matter
- **You must believe.**

What shall we do?

Seek the LORD while He may be found;
Call upon Him while He is near.

Isaiah 55:6

Communion



The Body

But He was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be whole.
He was whipped so we could be healed.

Isaiah 53:5

The Exchange

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.
We have left God's paths to follow our own.
Yet the Lord laid on Him
the sins of us all.

Isaiah 53:6

The Bread

He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Luke 22:19

The Cup

After supper He took another cup of wine and said, “This cup is the new covenant between God and His people—an agreement confirmed with My blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.

Luke 22:20