

DID ESAU RECEIVE THE BIRTHRIGHT & BLESSING INSTEAD OF JACOB?

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This may seem like a very strange question to ask, but according to the clergy today this is, in essence, what they are claiming. You will probably, in all likelihood, declare you have never heard any of them ever make such a statement. But, I believe before we are finished, you will have to agree that they have made the allegation suggested in the above title many times.

Chances are, you have often heard the Bible story about Esau selling his birthright to Jacob for a mess of red lentil pottage. No doubt, you are very familiar with the story of how Jacob's mother, Rebekah, disguised him so Isaac would believe he was Esau, and therefore confer the blessing on Jacob instead of Esau. Anyone who has any Bible training at all knows, beyond all doubt, that it was Jacob who received the blessing. Yet, the mainstream clergy continue to insist that it was Esau who received the blessing. The reason the mainstream clergy continue to make such a **false claim** is because they have never taken the time to identify the true Esauites and the true Jacobites. Maybe, if "we" can identify the descendants of Esau, called Edomites, then possibly we can recognize the true descendants of Jacob, called Israelites.

Later, I will quote a statement made by a noted television preacher who makes a good example of applying to Esau that which belongs to Jacob. Before doing this, we need to review Esau's background.

We are informed in the Genesis 25 account, Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for "*red pottage ... therefore was his name called Edom*", meaning "red." Amazingly, Esau's color is still red today. Further Scripture shows Esau took three wives: (a) Genesis 28:9: "*Then went Esau unto Ishmael and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael.*" (b) Genesis 36:2: He also "*took his wives of the daughters of Canaan, Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite.*" These are the very people the Almighty warned the descendants of Jacob not to marry! Later, Yahweh's Providence **separated** Esau and Jacob in Genesis 36:6: "*Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters ... and went into the country from the face of his brother Jacob.*" Therefore, this averted Esau's offspring from taking spouses from Jacob's posterity.

From these marriages, the blood of Esau, Ishmael's daughter and the already racially mixed Canaanites were intermingled, becoming Edomites.

Several hundred years later, when Yahweh miraculously delivered the Israelites from Egypt, Exodus 17:10 informs us that the first people to fight against Israel were the Edomites! From that point on the Biblical historical records tell us of the continued enmity and war between the Israelites and the Edomites. Exodus 17:16 prophesied: "For he [Moses] said, Because Yahweh hath sworn that Yahweh [through Israel] will have war with Amalek from generation to generation", which has continued up to our present day. [Hurrian/Edomites, see Gen. 36:20-30]

Later, in Ezra 9:1, we are informed that the small "Jewish" remnant, when returning to Palestine, took wives among the racially-mixed Hittites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Jebusites, Amonites, Moabites, Egyptians and Amorites, adding more mixed-blood similar to that of Esau's descendants. Then, continuing down through the history of this mixed remnant, to the time of the Messiah, we are informed by Flavius Josephus that the "Idumeans" (Edomites) became part of "Jewry." This would explain why some Judeans believed Him and other Judeans hated Him. This would also explain the passage in *Josephus*, Wars 2:8:2, which says:

"For there are three philosophical sects among the Judeans. The followers of the first of whom are the Pharisees; of the second the Sadducees; and the third sect, who pretends to a severer discipline, are called Essenes. These last are Judah by birth, and seem to have a greater affection for one another than the other sects have." [The Essenes of Dead Sea Scroll fame.]

This makes it quite evident that not all who were living in Judea, at that time, were of the **true** Tribe of Judah. While we could go on at length about the mixed-ethnic origins of the "Jews", the purpose of this paper is to show only the Edomite connection of their several origins. The following are quotations taken from various books substantiating this fact:

The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia Of The Bible, volume H-L, pages 41-42 says this concerning the forced conversion of the Edomites to Judaism:

"In 128 B.C., Antiochus was killed during a Parthian campaign. From this time on Judea enjoyed *de facto* independence. John Hyrcanus began a policy of territorial expansion, including the reconquest of the coastal cities ceded to Syria during the early years of his reign: Hyrcanus [then] turned southward and conquered the province known as Idumea. The ancient Edomites had been pushed out of their territory south and east of the Dead Sea by the Nabatean Arabs, with the result that they moved into southern Palestine, including the area south of Hebron. This area came to be known as Idumea, and [it] was forcibly annexed to the Jewish state of John Hyrcanus.

"The coastal cities linked the commercial highway through Palestine. From earliest times merchants and warriors passed north from Egypt along the coastal road leading to Syria and Mesopotamia. Without control of commercial routes, Hyrcanus could not hope to build a major state. As soon as Syrian internal affairs made interference from the north unlikely, Hyrcanus took the coastal cities as a guarantee of the future of his state's freedom of movement.

“Another ancient trade route passed south of Judea, through Idumea, to Egypt. As Hyrcanus captured this territory, he compelled the Idumeans to accept Judaism and become circumcised ...”

The *Interpreter's Dictionary Of The Bible*, volume E-J, page 530, says this about Hyrcanus' forced conversion of the Edomites:

“... However, there was soon a turn in the tide of fortune, and John Hyrcanus quickly ended his temporary humiliation. He seized the opportunity afforded by the death of Antiochus in 128 [B.C.] and the disputes about the succession which followed, to cease paying the indemnity and to extend the borders of Jewish territory: east of the Jordan, and northward to include Shechem and the Samaritans, whose rival temple on Mount Gerizim he destroyed ... ca. 109, and southward to include IDUMEA (the old Edom). He [then] compelled the Idumeans to become Jews and observe the whole law ...”

The *History Of The Jews* by Heinrich Graetz, volume 2, page 7:

“John Hyrcanus, who until then had acted only in self-defense, was now, after the fall of Alexander Zabina (123 [B.C.]), ready to strike energetically at Syria. Judaea at that time was encompassed on three sides by foreign tribes: on the south by the Idumaeans, on the north by the hated Samaritans, and beyond the Jordan by the Greeks, who had never been friendly to the Judaeans. Hyrcanus therefore considered it his mission to reconquer all those lands, and either to expel their inhabitants or to incorporate them with the Judaeans: for so long as foreign and hostile tribes existed in the very heart of the country, its political independence and religious stability would be in constant danger. Not only were these hostile peoples ever ready to join surrounding nations and assist them in their greed for conquest, but they also often interfered with the religious worship of the Judaeans, thus frequently giving rise to acts of violence and bloodshed. Hyrcanus was consequently impelled by religious as well as by political motives to tear up these hotbeds of constant disturbance and hostility.”

The *Dictionary Of The New Testament*, “Christ and the Gospels” by James Hastings, volume 1, page 776:

“IDUMAEA (NT Ἰδουμαία, which is also used in the LXX for the Heb. 'Edom). — This land is mentioned once only in the NT (Mk 3:8), but it is also notable as the native land of Herod and his family. The Edom of the OT lay between the Dead Sea and the Gulf of Akabah. In the early part of the Jewish exile many of the Edomites overran the south of Judaea, and when the Nabataeans, at some time during the Persian period, conquered their own land, many more joined the earlier settlers in South Judea and that district became known as Idumaea. Thus Idumaea at the time of Christ was ‘practically the Southern Shephelah with the Negeb’ (G. A. Smith, *HGHL* p. 239), *i.e.* roughly, all south of a line from Beth-sur to Gaza. Judas Maccabaeus fought against the Idumaeans with much success (1 Mac 5:3) in 164 [B.C.]. Fifty-five years later, John Hyrcanus conquered the country, and compelled the people to become circumcised (Jos. *Ant.* 13:9:1; *BJ* 1:2:6). By the law of Dt 23:7,8 they thus became full Jews in the third generation, though Herod himself was sometimes reproached as a ‘half Jew’ (Jos. *Ant.* 14:15:2). Although the Idumaeans were ‘sons of Esau’, their interests from this time were entirely merged with those of the Jews, and their country

was reckoned to Judaea, Idumaea being counted one of the eleven toparchies of Judaea in Roman times (Jos. BJ 3:3:5)."

The following is from *Josephus Antiquities* 13:9:1:

"... Hyrcanus took also Dora and Marissa, cities of Idumea, and subdued all the Idumeans; and permitted them to stay in that country, if they would circumcise their genitals, and make use of the laws of the Jews; and they were so desirous of living in the country of their forefathers, that they submitted to the use of circumcision, and the rest of the Jewish ways of living; at which time therefore this befell them, that they were hereafter no other than Jews."

A footnote on the same page makes the following comment on this passage:

"This account of the Idumeans admitting circumcision, and the entire Jewish law, from this time, or from the days of Hyrcanus, is confirmed by their entire history afterwards. This, in the opinion of Josephus, made them proselytes of justice, or entire Jews. However, Antigonus, the enemy of Herod, though Herod were derived from such a proselyte of justice for several generations, will allow him to be no more than a half Jew. Ammonius, a grammarian, says:— 'the Jews are such by nature, and from the beginning, whilst the Idumeans are not Jews from the beginning ... but being afterwards subdued by the Jews and compelled to be circumcised, and to unite into one nation, and be subject to the same laws, they were called Jews.' Dio also says:— 'That country is also called Judea, and the people Jews; and this name is given also to as many as embrace their religion, though of other nations'."

The rest of the "Jewish" story only gets more complicated. With this presentation, it is sufficient to point out we have adequately proved beyond reasonable doubt, the "Jews" are not who they claim to be in spite of their apologists. Inasmuch as the "Jews" have almost total control of the monetary, political, religious as well as the racial life of the world, and that their agenda is to destroy totally the White race, you should begin to comprehend how dangerous a problem we have.

As promised, I will now quote from a television preacher who is a good example of many who haven't done their homework on this subject. Now quoting an excerpt from John Hagee as he preached on television, June of 2001:

"... The third kind of hatred or enmity, mentioned in Scriptures, is anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism is the hatred of the Jewish people. The Romans called the Jewish religion barbaric superstition. Why? Because the Jewish people circumcise their sons on the eighth day, according to the Commandment of God to enter into the Covenant. The Romans looked at what God told the Jewish people to do, and called it barbaric superstition. God called it a Covenant relationship. The Jews considered the Gentiles as unclean because they were polytheists; they had hundreds of gods, as did the Romans. They believed that --- they ate swine's flesh which made them unclean. And, they were in general, and I'm talking about the Gentiles, and this word Gentile, was the word goyim, which, in the King James, is translated heathen. So when you read the word heathen in the King James version, your picture is right beside it, cause that's us. The heathen was sexual --- were sexually immoral. All you have to do is read Acts 15 and 1st Corinthians to understand what Paul was trying to get the Gentiles to do. Anti-Semitism is alive and well in America. Let me tell you this: Genesis 12:1 and 3 says:

'I will bless those that bless you, and I will curse those who curse you.' If something within you resents the Jewish people, that something is a demon spirit. The Jewish people, according to the Word of God, are the apple of God's eye. The nation of Israel is the object of God's affection. For David said: 'He that keepeth Israel (and the phrase 'keep' was a military term), he that defends Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps.' Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and Jesus Christ were all Jews. How can Christians praise the dead Jews of the past and hate the Jews living across the street? You cannot do that. It is not possible to say: 'I'm a Christian' and be an anti-Semite. Anti-Semitism is sin, and as sin, it damns the soul. If anti-Semitism is in your thought, is in your speech, is in your nature, get it out, because the judgment of God will come to you ..."

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Yes, Mr. John Hagee, there is going to be judgment, and I would hate to be in your shoes when you finally discover the truth that the present-day "Jews" are Edomites rather than Israelites, for the Edomites to whom you cater are Yahweh's enemy. Let's now see what the Messiah Himself had to say about these people. It is recorded in Luke 19:14: "*But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.*" Then in verse 27 our Savior exclaimed: "*But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.*" This hardly sounds like the present-day Edomite-Jews are "the apple of God's eye"! We are reminded in Malachi 1:2-3: "... *I have loved you [Jacob], saith Yahweh. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith Yahweh: yet I loved Jacob, And I hated Esau ...*"

History and Scripture prove, beyond all doubt, the people known today as "Jews" are absolutely, in no conceivable way, the Israelites of the Bible, but are actually Yahweh's enemy. In John's Revelation 2:9 and 3:9 it says the following:

"... and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan ... Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews [Judah], and are not, but do lie ..."

Instead of a glorious future, as many **false prophets** today claim for the present-day "Jews", they are slated by Yahweh for total destruction. A yet future prophecy about Edom is predicted in Obadiah 18:

"And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau, for Yahweh hath spoken it."

Send copies of this tract to your family members, seminary students, ministers, deacons, elders, church board members, Sunday School teachers and government officials. Don't request, but demand an answer to who really are the **true** Jacobites!