



Jacob in.....

Covenant

Esau out.....

- We have a difficult time identifying with Bible characters because they seem extraordinary
- In their relationship with God, Esau was the opposite of Israel
- Esau was not included in the line of covenant people
- Israel and Edom were never on friendly terms due to the issue of covenant

GOD DIVIDES, ELECTS, SEPARATES



- God divided the twin boys into two distinct groups with two distinct destinies
- No mixing of the two groups is allowed
- God made a way to cross-over Ruth 1:16 – 17
- With Yeshua, a declaration and a vow still necessary to cross-over Romans 11:13 - 21

EDOM SIDES WITH BABYLON



- Obadiah 1:12 – 14 8 things Edom must not do to the covenant people (Israel)
- The message to Edom: you shouldn't have done these things, stop, and don't ever do them again!
- Israel became irrelevant to the Church, because Israel didn't exist for almost 2000 years

ISRAEL NOT ON THE RADAR

- The main interest in Israel seems to be about Armageddon, the Rapture, the return of Jesus
- It takes the OT to understand Israel's place in God's plan
- To "gaze" on someone means to look with interested pleasure
- Edom is told they should not have rejoiced over Judah's destruction
- Do not "open your mouth wide" means to howl with laughter



I LAUGH



AT YOUR PAIN



- “On a day of trouble” is literally “on the day of narrow”
- Bible uses about 9000 unique Hebrew words
- But...Oxford dictionary lists more than 400,000 English words!
- “Gate” is singular; likely is referring not to Jerusalem but to the unwalled small towns and villages
- Babylon and Edom mostly came to loot

FOR *the*
DAY of the LORD
is NEAR UPON
ALL the NATIONS
AS YOU HAVE DONE
SO SHALL IT BE DONE
to you
YOUR DEEDS SHALL RETURN
ON YOUR OWN HEAD

OBADIAH 1:15

- Vs. 14, Edom cuts off the escape routes and captures those who are fleeing
- Amos 1 speaks of Edom being in the human trafficking trade
- Edom will suffer its consequences as an End Times event, and so will the nations
- We all live in those nations
- Believers living in the nations will not change the results

TRIBULATION VS. WRATH

ARE THEY THE *SAME*?

- Our individual salvation and what happens to our nation are two different things
- Tribulation = man's evil upon other men
- Wrath = God's destruction upon humans
- Believers will be here to suffer Tribulation
- **Qarob** = near = urgent: something that demands our immediate attention

Lex Talionis



- God's justice for Edom and for the nations is in proportion to how they harmed Israel
- Our attempting revenge or retribution often backfires!
- The Day of Yehoveh is coming, and nothing can delay it or defeat it
- Zechariah 14:1 - 3

IS TRUTH RELATIVE?

- Humans think in relative terms, but this is a false conception
- We measure ourselves against others to determine if we are better or worse, or our sins are better or worse
- God does not see things in relative terms
- All nations will suffer God's wrath, because it is written
- Obadiah 1:16