

Genesis 37 - Lesson 41

Introduction to Joseph

1. Genesis 36

- a. Rarely do you hear preaching from Genesis 36, but it can be done
- b. Important for identifying Esau's blessing, and later the lineage that will curse Israel
- c. Outline: Esau family 1-8; Esau's sons 9-19; sons of Seir 20-28; the list of Dukes 29-43
- d. *"these are the generations"* - a new section; we learn Esau is Edom - 36:1, 8, 19, 43
- e. Esau left without ill will and dwelt among the Horites - 36:6-8
- f. Interesting connections with Job - Job 1:1, Job 2:11 vs. Gen 36:10-11, 28, 25:2
- g. We learn names Amalek, Horite, Seir, Edom, Teman, son of Beor (32) Num 22:5?
- h. *"before there were kings"* - 36:31 - Remember Moses is editor and Deu 17:14, 28:36

2. Types in the Bible

- a. Joseph gets more chapters than his fathers and a more detailed account
- b. There is a reason ... the similarities between Joseph & Jesus are many.
- c. What is a type? It is a divinely inspired foreshadowing of future people, events, etc.
- d. The antitype is the fulfillment (the reality) of the promise in shadow - Col 2:17
- e. A type is unique in that its prefiguring may be unknown when recorded.
- f. Therefore, it is a form of hidden prophecy - Heb 8:5, 9:8.9, 9:24, 10:1, 10:19-20
- g. Paul says 1 Cor 10:1-11 that they were written with a purpose of future admonition
- h. Identify types by "as" and "so" - notice Micah 7:14-15 - "as in the days of old"
- i. Most types refer to Christ, but also the end, God's enemies, Israel, etc.
- j. Examples of types: the flood - 1 Pet 3:21; Isaac - Heb 11:17-19; Adam/Christ - 1 Cor 15:22, 45; Last days Matt 24:37; - Jonah Matt 12:40; - brazen serpent John 3:14-15
- k. Jesus said, "search the scriptures... they speak of me" - John 5:39
- l. Stephen: Joseph showed the coming of Christ - Acts 7:9, 51-52 "as ye fathers did..."

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- a. Note: The Bible is a collection. Chronology comes second to content
 - i. Ex. Job, Gen 37, Heb-Rev, Matt-John, the prophets, Psalms, Jer 32 & 36.
- b. The rest of Genesis is a preparation/testing of the fathers of Israel - Psa 105:9-24
- c. No one escapes Genesis without their flaws revealed, but they end up with blessing
- d. The way God speaks to fathers changes: appearances, visions, dreams - Heb 1:1
- e. Joseph's dreams incite his brothers hatred and envy, and yet "He sent a man ..."
- f. Jacob is deceived with a goat just as he deceived his father with a goat
- g. Joseph is lost, his brothers are living a lie, his mother is dead, and his father wishes he was... the beginning of Israel's suffering that will end in exaltation.