

Genesis 36

Edomites

Enmity ...

I. An Old Animosity

- A. Esau
- B. Edomites
- C. Idumeans

II. A New Era

- A. Collision
- B. Conquest
- C. Ingathering

... and grace.

Children, Listen ...

1. What is another name for Esau?
2. Were the nations that came from Esau friendly with God's people Israel?
3. Does God have a lot of good things to say about Edomites in His word?
4. To whom is the Gospel of Jesus to be preached?
5. People from how many nations will make up the Kingdom of God in the end?

Enmity Meets Grace

Esau seems to have started off on the wrong foot and kept going that way. While God kept him promise to Jacob's older twin, Esau stayed steadily on the path of resistance and rebellion, evidently turning his back on God. His posterity went the same way. The Edomites, name sake offspring of Edom (or Esau) remained godless and became increasingly at odds with God and His people generation after generation. They are held accountable by God as subject of His wrath and are the subject of numerous prophetic rebukes from God's messengers. In one way the tension between the Edomites (NT Idumeans) and God and His people climaxes as the Herods of Jesus days on earth, the pretender Kings of Israel , collide with the King of the Jews. The enmity was a long held and deep, but grace trumps enmity every time when it comes from the God of mercy. The saving Gospel of Christ goes out even the likes of the Idumeans. What a wonder that, as Mark records, people from Idumea joined in with the crowds that were eager to hears Jesus. Hearing and believing, surely they would be saved. What a wonderful God Who makes enemies friends through the redemptive work of Christ.

Ephesians 2:17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.