

**36 Now this is the genealogy of Esau, <sup>a</sup>who is Edom.** Verses 8, 19, & 43 also say this to remind you that this is about Jacob's brother's people and perhaps to remind us how **Esau** got this name (Genesis 25:30). <sup>2</sup>**Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the <sup>c</sup>Hittite; <sup>d</sup>Aholibamah <sup>1</sup>the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; <sup>3</sup> and <sup>e</sup>Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth. <sup>4</sup> Now <sup>f</sup>Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel. <sup>5</sup> And <sup>2</sup>Aholibamah bore Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah. These *were* the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.**

<sup>6</sup>**Then Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the persons of his household, his cattle and all his animals, and all his goods which he had gained in the land of Canaan, and went to a country away from the presence of his brother Jacob.** This is an apparent meeting in **Canaan** not discussed in Genesis. How do I know that? Because **Jacob** left before Esau in Genesis 27-28. It's nice to learn other items from the narrative in the middle of the genealogy. <sup>7</sup>**For their possessions were too great for them to dwell together,** This sounds a lot like Genesis 13 (Abraham/Lot). **and <sup>h</sup>the land where they were strangers could not support them because of their livestock. <sup>8</sup> So Esau dwelt in <sup>i</sup>Mount Seir. <sup>j</sup>Esau is Edom.** It seems like 37:1 is in answer to this...thus making verses 9-43 were either parenthetical from the original author or was added by another author, or authors (people could have added to these genealogies much like generations of folks who hand their family Bible with the family section down to their children).

<sup>9</sup>**And this is the genealogy of Esau the father of the Edomites in Mount Seir. <sup>10</sup> These were the names of Esau's sons: <sup>k</sup>Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, and Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau.**

### **36:11-14**

**And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, <sup>3</sup>Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz. <sup>12</sup> Now Timna was the concubine of Eliphaz, Esau's son,** Is this one of Job's friends (Job 2)? We would quickly say no if it were not for the fact that a king named "Jobab" also appears in this passage. **and she bore <sup>1</sup>Amalek** 14:7 first mentions the **Amalekites** in the lifetime of Abraham. It must be, then, that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Amalek** in the Scripture.

**to Eliphaz. These were the sons of Adah, Esau's wife. <sup>13</sup> These were the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.**

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<sup>a</sup> Gen. 25:30

<sup>b</sup> Gen. 26:34; 28:9

<sup>c</sup> 2 Kin. 7:6

<sup>d</sup> Gen. 36:25

<sup>1</sup> Or *Oholibamah*

<sup>e</sup> Gen. 28:9

<sup>f</sup> 1 Chr. 1:35

<sup>2</sup> Or *Oholibamah*

<sup>g</sup> Gen. 13:6, 11

<sup>h</sup> Gen. 17:8; 28:4; Heb. 11:9

<sup>i</sup> Gen. 32:3; Deut. 2:5; Josh. 24:4

<sup>j</sup> Gen. 36:1, 19

<sup>k</sup> 1 Chr. 1:35

<sup>3</sup> Zephi, 1 Chr. 1:36

<sup>1</sup> Ex. 17:8-16; Num. 24:20; Deut. 25:17-19; 1 Sam. 15:2, 3

<sup>14</sup> **These were the sons of <sup>4</sup>Aholibamah, Esau's wife, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon. And she bore to Esau: Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah.** Almost entirely repeated in verses 15-18. The only addition is the word "chief" in those verses.

<sup>15</sup> **These were the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn son of Esau, were Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz, <sup>16</sup><sup>5</sup>Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, and Chief Amalek. These were the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. They were the sons of Adah.**

<sup>17</sup> **These were the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: Chief Nahath, Chief Zerah, Chief Shammah, and Chief Mizzah. These were the chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.**

<sup>18</sup> **And these were the sons of <sup>6</sup>Aholibamah, Esau's wife: Chief Jeush, Chief Jaalam, and Chief Korah. These were the chiefs who descended from Aholibamah, Esau's wife, the daughter of Anah. <sup>19</sup> These were the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these were their chiefs.**

### 36:20-30

<sup>m</sup>**These were the sons of Seir <sup>n</sup>the Horite** Esau married into them (his firstborn son does, rather). That's how these next 11 verses got in here. **who inhabited the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, <sup>21</sup> Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These were the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir, in the land of Edom.** Verses 20-21 are almost identical to verses 29-30 other than the addition, again, of "duke/chief".

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<sup>4</sup> Or *Oholibamah*

<sup>5</sup> Sam. omits *Chief Korah*

<sup>6</sup> Or *Oholibamah*

<sup>m</sup> 1 Chr. 1:38-42

<sup>n</sup> Gen. 14:6; Deut. 2:12, 22