

## GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR BIBLE Genesis 36

### INTRODUCTION

*“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...”*  
**2 Timothy 3:16.** Many other verses say the same thing. However, some Bible readers – and Bible teachers – skip over verses and chapters they think have no real value or application. Esau’s genealogy in Genesis 36 is one such section of Scripture. Yet so much is missed when Scripture is ignored - gems are waiting to be discovered for the diligent Bible student. Let’s be **Getting The Most Out Of Your Bible.**

### DIGGING DEEPER

Read through Genesis 36. Esau’s family line is recorded, and several names stand out. **Edom, Amalek, and Midian.** When you come across nations that come from these men, learn from their interaction with God’s chosen people. Dig in, beloved. *Selah*

In closing this study, take time to think about some practical keys for **Getting The Most Out Of Your Bible.**

*Pray for wisdom and understanding, and let’s begin.*

I. Genesis 36:8-9. **Edomites.** From Esau all the way to Herod the great at the time of Jesus, Edom’s family line interacts with Israel. Not friendly or helpful to Israel (**Numbers, 20:14-21 & 21:4**), the Edomites are still brothers (Deuteronomy 23:7-8). Does this identify some relationships in your life? Many believe Petra is in Edomite territory, where tribulation Jews will flee for protection by God (**Isaiah 16:1-4, Revelation 12:6**). Sela – Petra – means rock or cliff, and is located 50 miles south of the Dead Sea, in Jordan today.

II. Genesis 36:10-16. **Amalekites.** This nation was a constant, ruthless enemy of Israel throughout history (**Exodus 17:8-16, Deuteronomy 25:17-19, 1 Samuel 15:1-8**). As a result, God called for complete destruction of the Amalekites. As a type of sin and the flesh, we are called to completely eradicate the “Amalekites” in our lives too. **Romans 13:12-14, Galatians 5:16-25**

III. Genesis 36:35. **Midianites.** People from these nomadic tribes enter into Israel’s history from time to time. Moses married Jethro of Midian’s daughter, Balak joined with the Midianites in an attempt to lead Israel away from the Lord and the Lord took vengeance on them (**Numbers 22:1-4, 25:1-2, 25:16-18, 31:1-8**). In **Judges 6:1-6** the Lord delivered Israel into the hand of Midian to impoverish them so they cried out to the Lord, and Gideon was raised up as judge to lead them back. Eventually, Midian was judged by the Lord. Sometimes, the Lord may use His enemies to get the attention of His people to return to Him.

“The Bible is not relevant”, “I don’t have time”, “I’d rather just listen to sermons”. Excuses go on and on. But your Bible is the most amazing and interesting book ever written – after all, GOD IS THE AUTHOR! **Job 23:12, Psalm 138:2, Ezekiel 3:3.** Jesus is revealed through Scripture. **John 1:1-4 & 14, 8:31-32, 17:17.** How we listen makes all the difference. **Luke 8:16-21**

**CONSIDER .....** How might the Lord be impressing you to be the most effective Bible student you can be?

**Getting The Most Out Of Your Bible – in public Bible studies like sanctuary services & small group Bible studies....** Read ahead, pray ahead, sleep well, come early, have an eager attitude, bring a pencil and pad and make notes. In short, come prepared and anticipate that God has something to share with you from His word that will help your walk of faith. How about it, beloved?

**Getting The Most Out Of Your Bible – in personal Bible studies and daily devotions....** In addition to what’s already been touched on above, you might want to

- Prepare your body to listen effectively to the Word.
- Prepare your spirit to receive the Word. Pray!
- Respond to the Word implanted by the Lord.

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

**Psalm 119:105**

**Luke 6:46-49, James 1:21-25**

*“...that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:17*

### PRAY .....

- That the Lord would create in your heart a greater hunger for His Word; that He would make His Word come alive in your life.
- Ask the Lord to show you how you can get more out of His Word, individually and in group settings.
- Pray for all of the hurricane victims – Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, . . .
- That those who came to the Pastors Conference would be refreshed and restored as they go back to minister to their flocks.
- Pray the Lord brings someone into your life who you can tell that the LORD IS COMING BACK SOON!!!