

DOCTRINE OF THE EDMITES

- I.** The Characteristics of the Edomites.
 - A.** Warlike. Gen.27:38-40
 - B.** Idolatrous. 2Chr.25:14,20
 - C.** Practiced the occult. Jer.27:1-9
 - D.** Arrogant. Jer.49:13-17
 - E.** Vindictive. Eze.25:12

- II.** Their relationship to Israel.
 - A.** They were the descendants of Esau. Gen.36:9
 - B.** They refused passage to Israel after the exodus. Num.20:14-24
 - C.** They were protected from the conquest generation by Divine decree. Deu.2:1-7
 - D.** They are the enemies of Israel. Eze.35:1-7
 - E.** They fought against Saul, David, Solomon and other Jewish kings. 1Sam.14:47; 2Sam.8:14; 1Kgs.11:14-17; 2Chr.20:22; 21:8
 - F.** They allied with other enemies of the Jews. 2Chr.20:10,11
 - G.** With intense hatred they called for the total destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon. Psa.137:7
 - H.** Their behavior was reprehensible when the Jews were devastated by Babylon. Eze.25:12-14 cp. Amo.1:11,12

- III.** Prophecies concerning the Edomites.
 - A.** They would be subject to Israel. Gen.27:37
 - B.** They would be punished for persecuting Israel. Isa.34:5-8
 - C.** The Jews will possess their remnant. Amo.9:11,12

- IV.** They conquered and absorbed the Horites. Deu.2:12,22

- V.** The Idumean connection.
 - A.** Idumea is the Greek form of Edom
 - B.** The Edomites were dominated first by Assyria and then by Babylon.
 - C.** Finally, in the same way that the Israelites drove out the Canaanites, they were driven from their homeland by the Nabateans.
 - D.** They moved into southern Palestine.
 - E.** Herod the Great was an Idumean
 - F.** He was the son of Antipater (an Idumean) and Cypros (an Arabian woman of noble descent).
 - G.** He was the Herod that ordered the murder of all male children two years and younger. Mat.2:16
 - H.** He was the Herod that ordered the rebuilding of the ruined temple in Jerusalem; it was not finished until after his death. Joh.2:20
 - I.** He reigned for 37 troubled years and died painfully at his winter palace at Jericho.
 - J.** His symptoms included pain in the colon, swollen feet, inflammation of the abdomen, gangrene, convulsions and eye problems.
 - K.** Josephus states that his pain led Herod to attempt suicide by stabbing, thwarted by his cousin.