

Esau/Edom, and the Trail of the Serpent

We'll commence tonight's service with Jacob's prophetic blessing upon the patriarchs, reading His pronouncement over Judah which speaks of Jesus Christ's Millennial Coming after crushing His foe. Genesis 49:8-12, "Judah, your brethren shall praise you: you shall destroy your enemies; your father's children shall bow before you. Judah is like a lion's cub that has captured his prey and carried it up the mountainside to devour, who will dare rouse him from his rest? He's dangerous as a lion, or a lioness jealous for her cubs.

(This victory is announced in Revelation 5:5. The elders command John, who represents the end-time Bride that will not see death, "Stop weeping, for the Lion of the Tribe of Judah has overcome and conquered all of his enemies, including death. He's worthy to take the Book and to open its Seven Seals, 'His brethren shall praise Him'-- 'And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth and under the earth, and in the sea, cried, "Blessing and honour, and glory and power, to Him Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb for eternity" (Revelation 5:13; Daniel 7:13-14)'."

And after gathering the Bride of all Ages, "His father's children", the 144,000 elect Israelites and the Old Testament saints with the Patriarchs, who are all God's servant nation, will bow before Him, and He will destroy His enemies, leaving them neither root nor branch). "The sceptre (or leadership) shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh (meaning, "He to whom it belongs") come; and to Him shall be the gathering of His kinspeople." (At the perfection of Judah's lordship to partake the fullness of Millennial blessings. You'll recall from our study in Ezekiel, that the [Millennium Temple](#) was located in Shiloh and represents the elect 144,000 Israelites gathered to their Messiah.

Revelation 5 was fulfilled in 1963 when our Lord Jesus took the Book, tore open the Seven Seals and revealed them through His prophet, the late William Branham. And we can easily tie this into Christ's "parousia" to the 144,000 elect and their regeneration by turning to Isaiah 11:1, 11, "There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse (King David's father), for the Kingdom shall be cut off and a green shoot or Branch shall grow out of his roots" (Revelation 22:16). Isaiah then describes the Age of grace, and then His "parousia" to Israel, when His Word executes judgment during Daniel's Seventieth Week to gather the elect 144,000 by faith, for their atonement and the Millennium. Isaiah 11:11, "And it shall come to pass in that day, (after the Gentile Church has been completed) that the Lord will set his hand a second time to recover or gather the remnant of His people . . ."

(The first time was after the Babylonian Captivity. You'll note in this and the following verse that the "lost ten Tribes of Israel" are gathered from the Moslem countries of the Middle East and from the Mediterranean whilst the dispersed of Judah are drawn from all over the world. They are gathered to the revealed Word, Christ, by Israel's Feast of Trumpets -- the ministry of two Hebrew prophets in Israel -- one with the anointing that was upon Moses, restoring them whence they'd fallen, and the other with the anointing that rested upon Elijah, leading them by the Spiritual background of the last 2,000 years of history to recognize Christ's parousia which is the new birth of that nation, all 144,000 of them, in one day (Isaiah 66:8; Romans 11:25-27). And He describes the Judgment upon Edom and Moab. So Jacob/Israel go to glory whilst Esau/Edom is annihilated). Back to Jacob's prophetic blessing of Judah. Genesis 49:11, "Judah has bound his foal, his she-ass's colt (Jesus) to the choicest vine (elect Israel); (for by one Spirit we are united with Christ, and what God has joined together let no man part). And the Heir to the House of Judah "washed His garments in wine, and His clothes in the blood of grapes (the unbelieving Jews): His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk." (Isaiah 63:1-3; Revelation 14:12-20; 19:11-16).

That compound verse and the Scriptures show how Christ's glorious rest is to be accomplished. In actual fact, this verse describes the full blessing of Judah's peaceable possession when He has come to Shiloh after the conquest. Jesus rides upon an animal of peace, the ass's colt and will bind it to a fruitful vine of the choicest grapes instead of to a stake. Such will be the fruitfulness of the land there will be no anxiety to prevent damage. It will so abound that He'll wash His garments in wine. Judah's King comes home to travel no more but to tarry, having won His Kingdom. His eyes no longer flash with eagerness to do battle but have a darker fire than wine; His teeth are whiter than milk. He's finished His conflicts, and in confident peace, He now enjoys the abundance of His land. Now let's go back in time so we can bring Balaam's prophecies into the context of history, and their fulfillment in the near future.

Esau and his family left Canaan and went to live in Seir among the Horites whose name vanished to be replaced by that of Edomite. The Horites were kinsmen of the Amalekites after whom Eliphaz, the son of Esau, named his son. The Amalekites were the cause of the first war waged by Israel and it is of singular importance to note that the Lord God Almighty swore that "Because theirs is a hand against the throne of the Lord. He will war with Amalek from generation to generation" (Exodus 17:16). Or until Esau ends the days of man and the day of the Lord ushers in the age of Jacob/Israel, which will be the Millennium (2 Esdras 6:7-9).

You'll recall when Moses sent spies from Kadesh Barnea to search out the land, they returned with the evidence of its fruitfulness but lacked faith in God's ability to deliver it into their hand. They complained that, compared with the Canaanites and Amalekites, they were as grasshoppers. God declared that because of unbelief the adults would not enter the Promised Land but would march about the desert until they perished. And when Moses informed his people they decided to take the Land by force without the Presence of the Lord, and against His command, seeing He had said they should not enter the Land. But they presumed to do battle, and the Amalekites and Canaanites smote them (Numbers 13-14; Hebrews 3-4).

Moses petitioned the king of the Amorites to permit Israel to pass through his land. He refused, made battle and God destroyed all of his nation by the sword (Numbers 21). Israel advanced into Moab, his blood cousin by Lot's daughter, who was raised in the faith of Abraham. Instead of offering a welcome and hospitality, they hired the prophet Balaam to curse Israel. A perfect type of our denominational cousins. God never forgave them and like those who encountered and rejected the Message of Brother Branham, their names also were removed from the Book of Life (Deuteronomy 23:4; Nehemiah 13:2; Matthew 12:32).

We're going to look at Balaam's prophecies because they pertain to the near future, tie back to and unfold Jacob's prophetic blessing upon the Patriarchs. I'll read Balaam's first oracle: Numbers 23:9-10, "For from the top of the rocks I see Israel, and from the hills I behold him: lo, his people shall dwell alone, and shall not be counted among the nations. Who can count the dust of Jacob and number the fourth part of Israel's camp? (You'll recall the Tribes were divided into four orders of three around the Ark and Tabernacle of the Presence). Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like Israel's!" (- Glory).

Balaam saw from his day to Christ's "parousia" to the 144,000 when they're surrounded by the foe in the midst of Daniel's Seventieth Week and when the antichrist covenant the Jews have made with Rome will be broken. Rome and her allies then send their troops to destroy all the God-fearing, Word-abiding Israelites. But as they come against the city to destroy it, there will appear in the heavens the sign of the Coming of the Son of Man with His mighty armies to destroy them who have been destroying the earth. With the enemy repulsed, Jesus then comes and presents Himself to the 144,000. Having seen His mighty acts of salvation, they've come to know His power. But also seeing His wounds and knowing that they'd rejected Him even to that moment, causes them to cry out in the agony of terror and fear, even as did their brethren of old when they stood before Joseph, being sore afraid that they'd be killed (Seven Church Ages, 41; Zechariah 12:9; Revelation 12:9-17).

The next time Balak asked Balaam to curse Israel in Numbers 23:19- 24. He said, "God is not a man, that He should lie and He doesn't change as we do. What He has promised He will accomplish. He told me to bless them as He has blessed; and I can't qualify that." "He hasn't beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither has he seen mischief in Israel: the LORD his God is leading Israel to victory as King among them. God brought them out of Egypt; Israel has the strength of a wild ox so that no curse can be placed upon Jacob, neither any divination against Israel. In due season, and even now, it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, "What wonders God has done for them!" (Jacob's blessing of Judah is transferred to the whole people. "If you are Christ's (and Judah's promised Heir is Jesus), then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" -- Galatians 3:29). "The people shall rise up as a great lion, and shall not lie down until he has devoured his prey, and drunk the blood of the slain."

That's pretty discouraging news for Moab. Balaam saw the tents of Israel in Tribal order. Under the anointing, He looked through the eyes of Melchisedek and described them as God sees them. Numbers 24:5-9, "How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob, and your dwellings O Israel! Spread before Me as green valleys, as fragrant gardens by the riverside, as lign aloes and shady cedar trees the LORD has planted beside the waters." "Israel shall be pour out an abundance of water (so essential to all fertility) from his own resources of rich blessing and plenty (Genesis 12:3); his offspring will dwell in many places, and his king shall be higher than Agag (the title of the Amalekite kings as Pharaoh was the title off the Egyptian, and Abimelech the title of Philistine kings), and his kingdom shall be exalted."

"God brought Israel out of Egypt; he has strength like a wild ox: he shall eat up the nations that oppose him, and shall break their bones and pierce them through with his arrows. He sleeps as a lion and who dares arouse him? Blessed is he that blesses Israel, and cursed is he that curses Israel."

Israel is the weapon in God's hand in His warfare against the enemies of the dominion of His spoken Word upon earth. Only as the arrows of God, does Israel have victorious power over the nations. Finally Balaam said to King Balak of Moab, (Numbers 24:14, 17-24): "Here's what Israel will do to your people in the latter days" and speaking of Israel's coming Messiah King (prefigured by David), he says, "I shall see Him, but not now: I shall look for Him, but not near at hand: there shall come a Star out of Jacob (Matthew 2:1- 2), (Abraham's promised Seed, singular, was to come through Isaac, Jacob, Judah and the Royal line of David), and a Sceptre (or rod of authority signifying a ruler or king) shall rise out of Israel, and smite the whole country of Moab from one side to the other, and destroy all the sons of Sheth (who is Moab). And Israel shall possess all of Edom and Seir (Genesis 27:37); and overcome their enemies. Out of Jacob shall come One having dominion, and shall destroy the survivors."

(This partly came to pass in the time of David when he killed two thirds of Moabite men (II Samuel 8:2). And David's armies killed every adult male in Edom (II Samuel 8:13-14; I Kings 11:15-16; I Chronicles 18:11-13). David was a type of Christ. This shows what Christ will do when He tramples his enemies underfoot (Revelation 19:11-21; I Corinthians 15:25). It's a type foreshadowing a future antitype. The Moabites type the natural church, who are our denominational cousins and who worship the same God as we do, as Moab were cousin to Israel and worshiped the same God. Like the Moabites naturally, these have an illegitimate birth, spiritually. Fundamentally they know how to approach God but are the enemies of His Church as Moab was an enemy to Israel. They've established their organization and creeds as Moab had settled into their comfortable cities.

Israel types Christ's non-denominational Bride in the liberty of His Word, free from organization, on their journey to the Promised Land of the Millennium. Edomites type the self-styled Jew who has rejected the birthright, and against whom the Lord has perpetual hatred. They also type the whole Gentile dispensation who despise the birthright and are spiritual Serpent's seed as Edom is natural serpent's seed. The Gentiles are fast approaching a time of no more repentance like Esau).

"And when Balaam looked upon the dwellings of the Amalekites, he prophesied, Amalek is the foremost of the neighboring nations; but its destiny shall be destruction." (As we stated at the start of our lesson, Amalek was absorbed into Edom. So the first of the Canaanite tribes who impiously sought to measure their strength with the cause and people of God were likewise the first to lose their national existence). "When Balaam looked upon the Canaanites, he said, 'Strong is your dwelling place, your nest is in the rocks. (Because he foresaw how they would join to Israel in the mountainous country of Naphtali). Nevertheless you shall be wasted until Assyria finally takes you away captive'."

And he took up his parable, and said, 'Alas, who shall live when God does this and establishes Assyria!'" (Balaam's prophesying 700 years into the future to the time when Tiglath-Pileser would carry away both the Canaanites and Israel - II Kings 15:29). "And Greek and Roman ships shall come from the coast of Cyprus, and oppress both Assyria and all of the Hebrew people, including Israel: then they too must be destroyed."

Balaam saw the new threat from the Western people of Alexander and Rome. The overthrow of the last power of

the world connects his prophecy with those of Daniel, bringing us to the present day. The wise men from the East who visited Bethlehem to pay homage to the child Jesus, had seen the Shekinah like a star, and vindicated that Supernatural Sign by Balaam's prophecy: "I shall see Him, but not now: I shall look for Him, but not near at hand: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth (who is Moab)" (Numbers 24:17).

This explains why they journeyed to Jerusalem, Israel's capital, crying: "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we've seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him" (Matthew 2:2). This explains why Herod believed the magi. Herod was an Edomite. He knew Balaam was the vindicated prophet who prophesied how this King would utterly destroy his people and his nation. He was also familiar with Jacob's prophecy how the saints would gather to this King in the fight against Israel's enemies (Genesis 49:8-12). Balaam foresaw a Star rise out of Jacob and said, "I shall see the King, but not now (because He is way off in the future): I shall behold Him", but He was "not nigh" in Balaam's day. The magi could say, "We have seen His Star". Brother Branham saw the same Star in the West. So did several thousand people on the banks of the Ohio River when he was baptizing on June 16, 1933, and a Voice out of the heavens said, "As John the Baptist foreran My first Coming, your Message will forerun My second Coming".

In our previous lesson we read in Ezekiel 35 how, because of the enmity God has placed between the seed of the Serpent and the seed of Adam which Esau/Edom had exploited in seeking Israel's blood at every opportunity, and because they thus disregarded His Covenant with Israel, God would utterly destroy them. We read how Esau was trying to steal back the birthright he had legally sold to Jacob, justifying his own wrong upon Israel's disregard for God. But that God would reveal Himself and His faithfulness to the Covenant, and His love for Jacob/Israel in the destruction of Esau/Edom.

God also said "When the whole earth rejoices, I'll make Esau/Edom desolate" (Ezekiel 35:14-15). This is the start of the Millennium when Satan is bound a thousand years, and the Kingdom is restored to Israel (Acts 1:6). This is the fulfillment of Daniel 9:24, the bringing-in of "everlasting righteousness". It is Habakkuk 2:14, when "earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea". Ezekiel 36 speaks of Israel's prospective revival and prosperity as the people of the Old Covenant, and continues God's prophecies against Mount Seir.

Ezekiel 36:1-15, "Because the enemy sneered at Israel's mountains and claimed your ancient heights as theirs, and destroyed you on every side and sent you away as slaves to many lands." (Esau/Edom sold captured Israelites as slaves to the Phoenicians, who on-sold and often transported them overseas. Modern history students who are familiar with the slave trade between Africa and North America will know it was conducted by these Edomite Jews. The same people were behind the Opium trade, and push illegal drugs through the banks and trading operations they established under the reign of the East India Company. Read Dope, Inc. by the Editors of EIR).

Today they manage the slave trade through their UN, by instruments of policy such as GATT, LIMA and GATT. Globalization is destroying labor and industry by employing the Talmudic idea that the goy are human cattle fit only for labor paid at or below subsistence level and that industrial capacity should be leeches-out of the advanced sector, and new plants built in the Third World for their looting, not for their development. And with the strictest cost-accounting slashing living standards in the developed nation, as workers are forced to reduce their hourly rates in a downward spiral to retain their jobs, their own governments waive duties on imported product that is cannibalizing their economy and citizens.

An illustration is General Motors' manufacture of motor vehicles in Mexico where the hourly rate varies from US\$0.52 - US\$1:10/hour as against US\$20.00/hour for the same worker in the US, or \$35.00 when the various benefits are included. Neither the Developed or the Underdeveloped nation benefits for this rape of resources, and as labor prices are bid down as was demonstrated when Mexico took over from China as the major supplier of clothing and textiles to the US. Would you like to buy a Japanese TV set? Forget it! The Japanese, Korean and Taiwanese manufacturers cannot compete with labor costs in Mexico and Indonesia, and that's where they manufacture today. Such cost-cutting is an assault against national sovereignty. If a society destroys the living standard of the productive labor force it destroys the elements necessary for its physical and cultural reproduction and existence. But world depopulation and the return of serfdom is UN policy -- slavery!

Under this recycling of labor, a worker earning US\$20.00/hour, plus other benefits, is fired and then re-hired for the same job on an individual contract at, US\$10.00/hour or even US\$25.00/hour but on different conditions and with less or no benefits. Once more he is fired, and hired again, at US\$7.00/hour, with almost no benefits. This "labor recycling" was pioneered in the Jewish-owned factories of Nazi Germany. Their last step was the labor camps. The Edomite bankers are driving these Nazi "labor recycling" policies for loot to keep the speculative financial bubble from bursting until they have all the players in place, as they had several "false starts" to the First World War. They will then collapse the present money system, and commence a new game, at our expense. This is enslavement by policy! Back to our subject, Ezekiel 36:3: "You are mocked and slandered. . . Therefore thus saith the Lord God; 'Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the rest of the nations, and especially Edom, for grabbing My Land with relish in utter contempt for me, to take it for themselves.'

"Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains and hills, rivers and valleys, Thus saith the Lord GOD; 'Behold, I am furious because you have suffered shame and the reproach of the surrounding nations: So I have sworn, That those heathen that are about you, shall bear their shame. As for Israel, there will be abundant crops of fruit to prepare for the return of My people from Captivity in Babylon. For, behold, I am for you, and I will come to help you; and you shall prepare the ground and sow: And I will greatly increase your population throughout all Israel, and the ruined cities shall be restored and reinhabited. I will also increase your flocks and herds: and I will fill you with homes. I will do even more for you than before. Then you'll know I am the LORD'.

'My people will walk upon you once again, as you'll belong to them again; and no more bereave them of children for idol sacrifices.'" "Thus saith the Lord GOD; 'Because they taunt you, saying, 'Israel is a land that devours her people in idol sacrifices (to Moloch)! Therefore you shall devour men no more. No longer will those nations sneer, for you'll

no longer be a nation of sinners'."

Edom's envy of Israel's possession (inheritance), led them to want to overcome it and bring Israel subject to themselves and to the other heathen. But once again God indicts them for overriding his faithfulness to His Covenant and Isaac's blessing, in consequence of which, Israel's heritage must revive and flourish, and the hopes of the heathen concerning it must be dashed. Ezekiel 36:16-21 explains that the reason why God brought judgment upon the people and land of the Covenant was because of their wickedness and the necessity of God honoring His Own holiness by judging them. "The Word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 'Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land they defiled it by their evil deeds: their worship was as a menstruous cloth. They polluted the land with murder and idol worship, so I poured my fury upon them and exiled them among the heathen in many lands: that is how I punished them for their evil lives. But when they were so scattered, they profaned My holy Name because the heathens said, 'These are the people of the LORD, yet they had to leave His land because He couldn't protect them. But I had regard to My reputation, which the house of Israel ruined wherever they went'."

Ezekiel 36:22-33 explains God's purpose, both for His Own Name's sake, and for Israel's future blessing, is to revive His cause among His people by sanctifying them. "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; 'I am bringing you back again: not because you deserve it, but to protect My holy Name which you have profaned among the heathen. I will sanctify My great Name that you defiled, and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD when I am honored before their eyes by delivering you from exile among them. For I will restore you again to the land of Israel' (unconverted and in unbelief)." "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your filthiness, and from all your idolatry." (Verse 25 has a compound meaning. We see in it the ministry of the Hebrew prophet with the anointing that was upon Moses, restoring the 144,000 back to sanctification under the orthodox faith of the Law and the prophets whence they have fallen. Verse 26 speaks of the ministry of the Hebrew prophet who will be anointed with the Spirit that was upon Elijah, and of Israel's new birth).

"And I will give you a new heart, and put a new Spirit within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to obey My laws, and keep My judgments and do whatever I command." (This is speaking of the time of the end, the midst of Daniel's Seventieth Week, not the return from Babylonian Captivity). "And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be My people, and I will be your God." (Verse 28 has a compound meaning, speaking of the restoration from Babylonian Captivity but also to the restoration of Israel to the Promised Land to meet their Messiah at His "parousia" in the midst of Daniel's Seventieth Week. Taking the latter meaning we see that God doesn't deal with Israel outside the Promised Land because His Covenant with them is not in effect outside the Promised Land.

This shows the folly of British Israel and other theories claiming natural Israel is somehow America or Britain and the Commonwealth. None of those countries are Israel, but mere colonies of the Jews' City of London. And those Jews for the most part have no claims on Israel, upon God, or any Covenant of God. Malachi calls them, "the people against whom the Lord has indignation for ever"). "I will cleanse away your sins, I will abolish crop failures and famine. I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field; never again will the surrounding heathens scoff at your land for its famines. Then you will remember your past sins and loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations." "Bear in mind that it's not for your sakes that I do this, and be repentant for what you have done." "Thus saith the Lord; 'When I cleanse you from your iniquities, I will bring you home to Israel, and rebuild the ruins'."

Ezekiel 36:34-38 summarizes the general result. "Acreage that lay desolate will be cultivated again. People shall say, 'This land that was desolate is like the garden of Eden. The once ruined cities are walled and inhabited'. Then the nations that are left round about you shall know that I, the LORD, rebuilt the ruined places, and replanted that which was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it." "Thus saith the Lord GOD; 'I am ready to hear Israel's prayers for these blessings, and to grant their requests. I will increase them with men like the consecrated flocks of sanctified sheep that fill Jerusalem's streets at the time of her appointed feasts'." (Ezekiel 36:37 - 37:14 is read in the Synagogue during Passover. Verse 37 points to the great accumulation of sacrificial sheep for the Passover (II Chronicles 35:7; Mark 15:6) to which the 144,000 restored of Israel are compared.

In Romans 12:1 Paul says, "I implore you, brethren, in view of the mercies of God that you present all of your members and faculties as a living sacrifice, consecrated and pleasing to God, as is your reasonable service"). "The ruined cities will be crowded once more and everyone shall know that I am the LORD (or Sovereign Ruler, calling forth loyalty and obedient service)." Ezekiel 37 makes particular reference to the restoration of Israel to the Promised Land in these last days, symbolized as dry bones. He mentions the dispensation Change, regeneration of the 144,000, and the Millennial reign of Jesus as Son of David. Ezekiel 37:7, 14, "I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I spoke there was a trumpet sound, then an earthquake, and the bones came together, bone to his bone."

This is the earthquake that sinks Los Angeles and splits the mount of Olives at the Seventh Trump. It marks the end of the Gentile Dispensation, with commencement of the first resurrection, and the manifestation of the Sons of God and God's return to Israel by the ministry of the two prophets of Zechariah 4 and Revelation 11. This is what Christians have been awaiting for 2,000 years. "And I shall put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall you know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD." Where is Israel when he's born-again? "In his own land". God does not deal with Israel outside the Land of the Covenant.

Ezekiel 37:24-25, "And David My servant shall be King over them; (that's Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ, and this is during the Millennium); and they all shall have One Shepherd: they shall also obey My laws and all My wishes. They shall live in the land that I gave to My servant Jacob, where their fathers lived. (Not Britain, America or the [Commonwealth](#)). They and their children after them: and My servant David, their Messiah, shall be their Prince for ever."

How close are we, Brethren? Well, if we paraphrase Matthew 24:32-34, Jesus said, "The generation that saw Israel restored to the Promised Land in 1948 will not die-out through old age before the Millennium begins." And Jesus takes His Bride Home for the Wedding Supper seven years beforehand. e-mail to: ags@biblebelievers.org.au