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The Jews – Edomites

References:

John 1:19 - “And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?”

John 2:6 - “And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.”

John 2:13 - “And the Jews’ passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.”

John 2:18 - “Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?”

John 2:20 - “Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?”

John 3:1 - “There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:”

John 3:25 - “Then there arose a question between some of John’s disciples and the Jews about purifying.”

John 4:9 - “Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.”

John 4:22 - “Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.”

John 5:1 - “After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.”

John 5:10 - “The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.”

John 5:15 - “The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.”

John 5:16 - “And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.”

John 5:18 - “Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.”

John 6:4 - “And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.”

John 6:41 - “The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.”

John 6:52 - “The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

John 7:1 - “After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry (Judea) , because the Jews sought to kill him.”

John 7:11 – “Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?”

John 7:13 - “Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.”

John 7:15 - “And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?”

John 7:35 - “Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?”

John 8:22 - “Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.”

John 8:31 - “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;”

John 8:48 - “Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?”

John 8:52 - “Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.”

John 8:57 - “Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?”

John 9:18 - “But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.”

John 9:22 - “These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.”

John 10:19 - “There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.”

John 10:24 - “Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.”

John 10:31 - “Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.”

John 10:33 - “The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.”

John 11:8 - “His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?”

John 11:19 - “And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.”

John 11:31 - “The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.”

John 11:33 - “When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.”

John 11:36 - “Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!”

John 11:45 - “Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.”

John 11:54 - “Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.”

John 11:55 - “And the Jews’ passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.”

John 12:9 - “Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.”

John 12:11 - “Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.”

John 13:33 - “Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.”

John 18:12 - “Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him,”

John 18:14 - “Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.”

John 18:20 - “Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing.”

John 18:31 - “Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:”

John 18:33 - “Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?”

John 18:36 - “Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.”

John 18:38 - “Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.”

John 18:39 - “But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?”

John 19:3 - “And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.”

John 19:7 - “The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.”

John 19:12 - “And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.”

John 19:14 - “And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!”

John 19:19 - “And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was Jesus Of Nazareth The King Of The Jews.”

John 19:20 - “This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.”

John 19:21 - “Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.”

John 19:31 - “The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.”

John 19:38 - “And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.”

John 19:40 - “Then took they *the* body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.”

John 19:42 - “There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.”

John 20:19 - “Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.”

John 8:33 - “They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?”

John 8:37 - “I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.”

John 8:39 - “They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.”

Galatians 1:13,14, “For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews’ religion (*Ioudaismos*), how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: And profited in the Jews’ religion (*Ioudaismos*) above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.”

There are those who call themselves Jews today and that the UN ratified geographical area called Israel belongs to these Jews, in addition to that we have millions of Christians who are upholding the same thing. The problem is that both groups are wrong on both points. The Lord has made this very clear in Revelations 2:9, “I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are **not**, but are the synagogue of Satan.” and in Revelations 3:9, “Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are **not**, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.”

Now for Christians out there and their churches to adamantly keep supporting the idea that these individuals, who are calling themselves Jews, are Jews in direct contradiction to what the Lord Jesus states, then they are calling Jesus Christ a liar! Christ says they aren’t Jews, but these church groups say they are. So one is lying and the other is telling the truth. One is saying, “we’re Jews”, while the Lord is saying they **aren’t**! So we have to learn some terms and find out what makes a Jew a Jew and what is a Jew anyway? And we want to find out what is the real basis behind these people calling themselves Jews. Along the way we will look at the terms: Semite, Hebrew, Israelite and Edomite.

To understand the terms we must first understand the geography of the land in the Middle East called Israel. God covenanted with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to give a certain geographical area to them for Jacob's later 12 sons to live on. It was later called the nation of Israel as the 12 tribes grew. Many years went by and the land was divided into 2 kingdoms with the northern part of the land called Israel with 10 tribes living in it and the southern part of it called Judea with 2 tribes living in it; it was so named after the tribe of Judah. Now God never covenanted with Jacob's brother Esau concerning a land, but he did give to him an area of land to live on just south of the nation of Israel, and its name was **Idumaea**, named after the Edomites who inhabited it.

God changed Jacob’s name to **Israel** making the 12 sons of Jacob the 12 tribes of Israel. So we ended up having the sons of Jacob being the Israelites and the sons of Jacob’s full brother Esau the Edomites! It was these Edomites who later on took the name of “**Jew**” and applied it to themselves, but they were not descended from the tribe of Judah, nor were they from any of the 12 tribes of Israel! They took the name Jew simply because they lived in the land Judea, but they were not from the tribe of Judah or any other tribe of Israel.

The word Jew is not actually in the original; it comes from the Latin Iudaeus. In the Greek it’s *Ioudaia*, and the word meant Judean, which meant an inhabitant of Judea. The word **Judea** referred to that geographical area that was the southern part of the kingdom after Israel was split into the Houses of Israel and Judah. The word **Judah** in the Greek is *Ioudas*, (Hebrew - *y^ehûdâh*) and it referred to one of the 12 sons of Israel called Judah and also the geographical area of Judah.

The term given to those who had descended from Esau was **Edomites** and the area of land on which they lived was called **Idumaea**, which was located south of and abutting the Kingdom of Judah, Judea; sometimes they were also referred to as **Idumaeans**. So there was that area of land called **Judea** and those living in it were called **Judeans**; and south of it was the land called **Idumaea** and those living on it

were called **Idumeans**. “When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon.” Mark 3:8
“Be it known unto the king, that we went into the **province of Judea** (*y^ehūd* – Hebrew, Ioudaia - Greek), to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.” Ezra 5:8

There was always a small presence of Edomites living or working on the land in Judea, but that didn't make them Judeans, per se, no more so than if Judeans were living or working on the land in Idumea make them Idumeans or Edomites. Remember, the inhabitants of Judea before the Babylonian captivity were from mainly the 2 tribes of Judah and Benjamin, but there were also those who were from the other 10 tribes living in the southern kingdom. Remember, Judea and the real Judeans were from the 12 tribes of Israel, while the **Idumeans** came from the Edomites. One group was racially descended from Israel (**Jacob**), the other was racially descended from **Esau**.

An interesting point on this matter is that even though the homeland of the Edomites was on the southern border outside of Judea, we curiously see them there when the Babylonians were ransacking the nation and tearing the temple of *Yahweh* down. It was they who were yelling to the soldiers of Babylon to tear the temple down. “Here's what they were saying about the temple when the Babylonians were ransacking Jerusalem. “Remember, LORD, what the **Edomites** did on the day Jerusalem fell. “**Tear it down,**” they cried, “**tear it down to its foundations!**” Psalms 137:7 NIV

The first problem in this matter came when the 2 tribes of Judah, (the house of Judah), were taken off into captivity to Babylon in 586 BC. When this happened the land of Judah, or Judea, was basically left vacant, except for the few remnant elect that God left there. The number of the survivors who perished by the invasion of Babylon, or who were taken into captivity was staggering. We don't know the exact numbers, but the land was almost totally vacant now, except for the few remnant elect of Judah.

This left a major opportunity for the **Edomites**, who were living on the southern border of Judea, to now migrate into the land. Two years go by, five years go by, ten years go by and still the people of Judah did not come back. So what the Edomites did, as any other civilization would do, is migrate into the land and take it over. Here they now started calling themselves **Jews** because they were living in the land of **Judea**, not because they had descended from any of the 12 tribes of Israel! They were never Israelites, even though on Esau's side they had descended from Isaac and Rebekah,

The first time the word **Jew**, which was actually *yehudi* in the Hebrew, was used was in 2 Kings 16:6, “At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drave the **Jews** (*yehudi*) from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.”

We want to note that they stated that they were Abraham's seed, which was true as the Lord testified, because they came from Abraham through Isaac and Esau, but they did not claim to be **Jacob's** seed, which would have been the line of promise made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!

The family line of these Jews did come from Abraham through his rebellious son, Esau, whom God did not covenant with. They were **Edomites** and they did have Abraham and Sarah as their father and mother, but they did not descend through Isaac and Jacob. It was the covenant of the promise that came through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his 12 sons!

When a group of Jews confronted the Lord they stated that Abraham was their father. “*They answered him, We be Abraham's seed (sperma), and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?*” John 8:33 And again they stated it, “*They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father (pater). Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children (teknon), ye would do the works of Abraham.*” John 8:39 And we want to notice that the Lord did not refute their claim as having Abraham as their father. “*I know that ye are Abraham's seed (sperma); but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.*” John 8:37 (A case of stolen identity.)

He stated that they were the **seed of Abraham**, that is, they had racially descended from Abraham through his son Isaac. So these Jews, who were really Edomites, had Abraham and Sarah as their racial grandfather and grandmother, and Isaac and Rebekah as their parents, but that’s where it stopped. They did not claim to have Jacob as their father, and it was through Jacob that the covenant that God came.

Now there was a loose use of the term Jew to denote those who lived in the land of Judea, but there was also a specific use of the word when it came down to genealogy. Paul referred to himself one time as being a **Hebrew** from the tribe of Benjamin. “*Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;*” Philippians 3:5

When Paul does refer to the Jews he speaks of them in the third person sense showing that there is a distinction between them and him and he is not one of them. “*And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;*” 1 Corinthians 9:20 “*Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.*” 2 Corinthians 11:24 So the term **Jew** could refer to one who practiced Judaism; one who descended from Judah; or one who simply lived in Judea.

He mentions that he was involved in the Jews' religion, which became Phariseeism having been brought in after their time in Babylon where it was the Babylonian religion hiding behind a Jewish front designed to replace the worship of the patriarchs called Hebrewism. “*For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.*” Galatians 1:13,14 (Notice how it was the Jews' religion that persecuted the true people of God).

Now this raises some serious questions about what exactly was Paul involved in religiously speaking when he says that he was in the Jews' religion? From what history shows that the Jews' religion was not Hebrewism that Israel held to before their captivity into Babylon, but a combination of Hebrewism and Babylonianism that was referred to as **Talmudism!**

Once again they were **not** from the tribe of Judah and they definitely were **not Israelites**. They were of the same racial line as the Israelites because they had come from Abraham and Sarah and Isaac and Rebekah, but they had not come from Jacob and were not one of the 12 tribes of Israel. They were Edomites and their descendants are still with us today ruling the world.

Those who call themselves “Jews” today are actually Edomites, but they are also Shemites and Hebrews because of their lineage through the father. Shem begat Arphaxad, Arphaxad begat Salah, Salah begat Eber, Eber begat Peleg, Peleg begat Reu, Reu begat Serug, Serug begat Nahor, Nahor begat Terah, Terah begat Abram, Abram begat Isaac, Isaac begat **Esau**. So the Edomites are Shemites and Hebrews because they descended from Shem and Eber, but they are not from the 12 tribes of Israel!

Their father, Esau, was not privy to this covenant that God had made with Abraham, which God restated it to Isaac, and once again to Jacob/Israel and all the Israelites who came from him. It was Esau who lost his inheritance, because he traded it for a bowl of stew; obviously demonstrating that it did not mean that much to him, in fact he **despised** his birthright. *“Then Jacob gave **Esau** bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus **Esau** despised his birthright.”* Genesis 25:34

When he saw what his actions had resulted in, he wept bitterly over it, but found no place for a change of mind with his father. *“And when **Esau** heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.”* Genesis 27:34
“For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.” Hebrews 12:17

Bitterness, anger, self pity and revenge tactics now consumed Esau's soul, so much so, that he plotted revenge on his brother Jacob to kill him. He knew that once Jacob was out of the way, then the inheritance of the land would fall back to him once more, so he plotted to **kill** him. *“And Esau **hated** (held a grudge – NIV) Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I **slay** my brother Jacob.”* Genesis 27:41

Esau cared nothing for his birthright, neither did he care anything about maintaining the purity of the race through which the covenant of God was to come down. So, after seeing how much the women of the land displeased his parents, he purposely went out in spite and married a couple of them. *“Which were a **grief of mind** unto Isaac and to Rebekah.”* Genesis 26:35 *“And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan **pleased not** Isaac his father; Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.”* Genesis 28:8,9 **Spite** – we use the word spite because it denotes the idea of deliberately doing something to hurt, offend, or annoy someone.

Esau's first two wives were Judith and Basemath both of which were Hittites (from Heth). He also married Mahalath who was an Ismaili, then Adah, who was an Hittite, and Oholibamah who was an Hivite. So the whole Edomite clan began with a race of people who were half fair-skinned and half Canaanite! And it was the Canaanites who had been **curled** by Noah. *“And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. And he said, **Cursed be Canaan**; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.”* Genesis 9:24,25

So Esau despised his parents; he hated his brother to the place he wanted to kill him; he hated the fact that his brother's descendants were going to inherit the land, which he thought was his by right of being the firstborn; he hated the 12 sons of Jacob; he hated the 12 tribes of true Israel; and he hated the God of the Israelites! So it's no wonder that his descendants would hate the **true** Israelites today; that they would hate the true people of God today, the Christians; and that they would hate the Son of the true God of Israel! And not only all that, they would hate the temple of the Israelite's God!

Here's what they were saying about the temple when the Babylonians were ransacking Jerusalem. *“Remember, LORD, what the **Edomites** did on the day Jerusalem fell. “**Tear it down**,” they cried, “**tear it down to its foundations!**”* Psalms 137:7 NIV It is the descendants of these people who are living today, who call themselves “Jews”, but they are not.

Another proof that those who call themselves “Jews” are not really Jews at all, because they are not of

the 12 tribes of Israel; is what they stated to the Lord in John 8:33 where they stated that they were never in bondage, “*They answered him, We be Abraham's seed (sperma), and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?*” Which is true in every sense because it was the 12 tribes of Israel that were in captivity in Egypt for those 400 years, but not the **Edomites!** They still lived on their land on the southern border outside of and abutting Israel. “*And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;*” Genesis 15:13

Now Esau had no problem with interracial marriage, in fact he did so just to spite his parents. Not only did he choose to marry Canaanite women, but his descendants were constantly marrying women from other nations, even marrying into the 12 tribes to gain position, power and wealth. So when the Israelites were gone those 70 years in Babylon all sorts of mixed race people moved into the land, who were now calling themselves Jews, but they weren't from any of the 12 tribes.

To show the difference between the two boys **Jacob obeyed his mother and father in the matter of not marrying outside his race and went back up to Padanaram to find a wife there.** “*And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram;*” Genesis 28:7 While **Esau did just the opposite and purposely went to where the Canaanites were living and took several wives from there.** Two of them after he found out just how much it **grieved his parents.** “*And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased (evil in his sight) not Isaac his father; Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.*” Genesis 28:8,9

The Edomites lived in the geographical area just south of and abutting Israel's border; it was also referred to as **Mount Seir**, or the people of Mount Seir, which was a mountainous range in between the Dead Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba. Now we will see why this matter of identifying the Edomites with Mount Seir is important. “*So Esau (that is, Edom) settled in the hill country of Seir.*” Genesis 36:8

Remember, after the 2 southern tribes were taken into captivity for 70 years in Babylon, it was these Edomites who started filtering into the land to their north and began calling themselves Jews (Judeans) because they were living in Judea, just like the millions of people who come from all over the world now call themselves Americans, but aren't Americans. (A plot that started back in the 60's).

In 129 BC John Hyrcanus conquered the Edomites and rather than being deported back down to Idumea he allowed them to remain in the land and call themselves Jews if they embraced Judaism and submitted to circumcision. Well they could embrace Judaism, submit to circumcision and stand on their head all day long while whistling, “Dixie” and that wouldn't make them one of the 12 tribes of Israel!

In America today one cannot even mention the word race without the fear of some kind of reprisals, but race was very important to God, obviously not to Esau because he and his descendants practiced interracial marriage for thousands of years, but it was important to God. Israel also did this when they lived in the land of Babylon and sinned greatly against God, but repented and left their foreign wives there when they were coming back into the land. (**Strange wives were foreign women who were not of Israelite stock.**) “*Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore. And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them,*

according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it.” Ezra 10:1-4 “And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do.” Ezra 10:10-12

Now the Edomites remained in the land of Judea for another 200 years passing themselves off as Jews even penetrating into the highest places of power in the government and into the priesthood. They were the majority number in the Pharisees at the time of Christ. They had become so powerful in the priesthood and ruling positions of government that **everybody was afraid of them**. “*Howbeit no man spake openly of him **for fear of the Jews.***” John 7:13 They had power over the religion and worship of the country. “*These words spake his parents, because **they feared the Jews:** for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.*” John 9:22 They had the **power to take life**. “*Then the Jews took up stones again to **stone him.***” John 10:31 The disciples were afraid of them. “*Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled **for fear of the Jews,** came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.*” John 20:19 Even Joseph of Arimathaea was afraid of them. “*And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly **for fear of the Jews,** besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.” John 19:38*

And remember, when they said **Jews** they were not claiming to be descendants of Judah, or any other of the 11 tribes of Israel, but because they were residents of Judea! Yes they had descended from Shem, through Eber, through Abraham, through Isaac, but not through Jacob, which meant that they were not Jacobites, they were not Israelites; they weren't from any tribe of Israel! They merely lived on the land of Judea and that's why they called themselves Jews!

But then came the war of Rome against Judea and Jerusalem in 70 AD and many of them had to flee. They fled to North Africa and to Spain where they now became known as Sephardic Jews, but many others migrated northward over the years to a place called **Khazaria** in southern Russia. The Jewish Encyclopedia states that the Khazars, Chazars used to live in Mount Seir. So now we have a direct link between the Khazars and the Edomites. So the Khazars were of Turkish Mongol blood, who had converted to Judaism, but Khazaria was also made up of those who were Edomites. And because the Khazarians had converted to Judaism **they** now called themselves **Jews!**

So where was Khazaria? It was formerly called that, but it is the land that is now referred to as the **Ukraine!** It was the Ukrainians who launched the overthrow of Russia by, none other than, the Jews! But remember again, **these are not Jews from Judah,** nor are they from any of the 12 tribes of Israel – they are **Edomites**. And the same schemes and devices they used to overthrow the Christian Czar and his family and government, are the same schemes they're using to overthrow America today! It is these descendants from Edom who set up the nation state of Israel.

Many Evangelicals incorrectly believe that these “Jews” are the chosen people of God and that the land of Israel is theirs. They are unaware of the fact that they are not the descendants of any tribe of Israel at all, but rather from Esau, whom God had no covenant with whatsoever. So the churches in America are being manipulated into perpetuating a lie because they know not, or don't want to know the truth.

It was these Edomites, who had penetrated into the priesthood and the Pharisees, who held to the “tradition of the elders” and at the same time rejected the commandments of God. Hebrewism was the religion, if you will, that the original 12 tribes held to, which was centered around the keeping of the Laws and doctrines of God's Word, while Judaism was holding to the Talmud and the things brought back from Babylon. The greatest battles that the Lord had to contend with was the attacks he got from the Pharisees, who for the most part, were all Edomites. And not only that, the most scathing remarks he made were against these people, but not the woman caught in adultery.

Matthew 15:2, “*Why do thy disciples transgress the **tradition of the elders**? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.*” looks at the accusations they threw at him. Matthew 15:3, “*But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?*” tells us that these Pharisees had substituted their oral tradition for keeping God's commandments.

John 8 is quite revealing on so many concepts concerning these Edomites masquerading as priests and Pharisees and it all came out concerning the matter of the woman caught in adultery. Even after the Lord told her that he did not condemn her, the Pharisees would not let this matter drop. He didn't condemn her, “*She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*” John 8:11 The Pharisees told him that his record was not true, which he rebuffed, “*The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.*”, John 8:13 He made a distinction between **their** law and God's Law in John 8:17, “*It is also written in **your** law, that the testimony of two men is true.*” They claimed to be Abraham's **seed**, which they were, but they were **not Jacob/Israel's seed**, which meant that **they weren't Israelites**. “*They answered him, We be Abraham's **seed** (sperma), and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?*” John 8:33 He stated they were Abraham' seed, but not his **children**. “*They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's **children** (teknon), ye would do the works of Abraham.*” John 8:39 And he came right out and stated that the **devil** was their **father** and they did the acts of their father the devil, that is, they did what the devil wanted them to do. “*Ye are of your father **the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*” John 8:44

Obviously the fact that this group of men, who were calling themselves Jews weren't Jews at all in any way, shape, or form was an important truth to the Lord for he stated it twice after his ascension into heaven. “*I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them **which say they are Jews, and are not**, but are the synagogue of Satan.*” Revelations 2:9 “*Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, **and are not**, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.*” Revelations 3:9

Now many Edomites over the centuries had believed on Christ as their Savior with countless numbers of Canaanites and peoples from every tribe and nation on earth, but that is not to take away from the fact that there are 12 tribes of Israel that God had chosen and formed for himself and these Edomites have nothing to do with that.

Now what we are going to find out that it is the **Edomites** who are what the Bible is referring to when it mentions **Gog and Magog** in prophecy, not the Russian people!

The name **Agag** first comes up in the Bible in Numbers 24:7, “*He shall pour the water out of his*

buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.”, which was written around 1440 BC. We find the word **Agag** used again around 300 years later in 1 Samuel 15:8, “*And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.*”, which was written circa 1100-1000 BC.

Now what’s interesting is that when the Septuagint translators came across the word **Agag** in Numbers 24:7, and in 1 Samuel 15:8,9,20,32,33 they translated it as **Gog** and not **Agag**! They said that Agag was an unused Arab root. Because the word is found three hundred years apart, it appears that the word Agag (**Gog**) was a title handed down to the kings of the Amalekites.

Now who were these **Amalekites**? They were the descendants of **Amalek**, who was the grandson of **Esau**. “*And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife.*” Genesis 36:12 And remember, it was Esau who had the birthright to the land of Israel as the firstborn son, but gave it away for a bowl of stew to his younger brother Jacob. A foolish act that he regretted all his life and was a constant source of bitterness to him. This act passed the right to the land of Israel over to Jacob and on down to the Lord Jesus Christ. After this Esau’s name became Edom. “*Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom.*” Genesis 36:8

Jacob and Esau were the same race, but had different physical characteristics. They were full brothers having the same mother and father. And this would explain why up through the Lord’s time and probably still going on today, that the Edomites are always trying to get the possession of the land of Israel, because they incorrectly think it is theirs by virtue of Esau’s birthright!

Now it is the Amalekites, who are one of the tribes of **Edom**, that are mentioned in Numbers 24:7, who have a man named **Agag** over them. And it is the Septuagint that translates his name as **Gog**! So what this is pointing to is that **Gog and Magog really refer to this ancient tribe of Edomites, who descended from Esau**! So Gog and Magog are really the Edomites, who later settled up north in southern Russia.

Who Gog and Magog really are has been a point of controversy and deep investigation over the centuries and for TV preachers to get up and say they know who it is and identify it with Russia flies in the face of history's greatest linguists and scholars. It is true that we can pin down the **land** as up in Russia, but this does not say that **Gog** is a **Russian**! “*Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,*” Ezekiel 38:2 It says that he rules over Russia. We also see Gog in Revelations 20:8, “*And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.*”, but this is after Satan is released from the pit.

Perhaps it would help if we look at the experts in their fields over the years and see whom they identified **Gog** as. The historian **Josephus** back in 70 AD stated that Gog represented the Scythians. **Wellhausen** said the same thing and so did the theological linguist **Delitzch**, who said that Gog was the Lydian king Gyges, who was around 670 AD and the land of Gog was Lydia. Other scholars thought that it had a reference to the dynasty of Gagi in the territory north of Assyria, which was mentioned in the text of Ashurbanipal. Still others think it referred to a territory called **Gaga** (Lady Gaga) mentioned in an Amarna letter and was located north of Syria, perhaps around Carchemish.

Messel interpreted Gog as a subordinate commander in the army of Cyrus circa 400 BC. **Winckler** said that Gog was derived from Gaga in the Amarna letter and was a pseudonym for Alexander the Great, which would make Greece the land of Magog. Van den Born stated that Magog was the land of the Macedonians and that Alexander the Great was Gog. Something else and that is **there are two giants**

named Gog and Magog who are the guardians of the financial district called the City of London.

In explaining **Gog** from historical circumstances the land of Magog is interpreted as an artificial land of Gog, or a **Hebraizing** of an Akkadian matGog, or matGaga in an Amarna letter. On the other hand some scholars think the name of a land called Magog was original and that the name Gog was derived from it. Magog was first mentioned in the genealogy of the nations as being one of the sons of Japheth, son of Noah. *“The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and **Magog**, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.”* Genesis 10:2

Besides the various attempts to explain these terms historically, others have tried to interpret these names as **mythical** forms. Van Hoonacker thinks they are derived from the Sumerian word gug for darkness and thus **Magog** is the land of darkness and **Gog** is the personification of darkness. Others have tried to make a connection between these terms and the **Akkadian god** Gog, which appeared in Enuma Elish, which would make his consort “**Lady Gaga**”!

While other scholars generally speak of Gog as the “powers hostile to God”, or maintain that the names are only masks and coverings for a mythical power that has nothing to do with actual history. Gressman adopts the Gyges theory as far as the origin of the name is concerned, but he thinks that mythical ideas are behind this name and goes into the idea of the **giants** in those days of whom **King Og** was one. *“And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and **Og** the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei.”* Numbers 21:33

Og was a giant, a descendant of the Nephilim the last of the Rephaites and was immense in size. *“For only **Og** king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.”* Deuteronomy 3:11

But when looking at the name **Og** in the Hebrew we find something interesting, it is spelled **Og** in the English, but the Hebrew has it as אֹג, ‘*AYIN O G*. The letter ‘*ayin* is a guttural sound so it would be pronounced not as Og, but as *Ghog*. It would be easy to see how the pronunciation of **Ghog** with the soft G over the years could turn into pronouncing it as **Gog** with the hard G.

Now we know that Numbers 24:7 says, *“He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than **Agag**, and his kingdom shall be exalted.”*, but the Septuagint translation of Agag was telling us that **Gog is identified with the tribe of the Amalekites, one of the descendants of Esau!** So what that would mean is that the end time Gog would be an Edomite, those from Esau’s lineage.

One can only imagine the tales that Esau/Edom told his children and grandchildren about how the land of Israel was supposed to have been his birthright because he was the oldest son and how his brother Jacob had stolen it from him through trickery! One can also imagine how that tribe could have plotted and schemed right to this very day to claim that the land belonged to them! It would be easy to confuse the true Israelites through Jacob and the Edomites through Esau because they came from the same parents and were the same race, at least at one time. But Esau apparently had red hair and a lot of body hair, while Jacob had smooth skin, that is, he wasn't hairy like his brother.

When President Bush arrived in Israel, he was presented a document called Megillat Bush, or the Bush

Scroll. It was presented by the New Jewish Congress, the Sanhedrin, and the Holy Temple and Temple Mount movements. The scroll declared and reasserted Divine right for the Jews to have an undivided land of Israel and city of Jerusalem. I have a copy of this scroll in front of me, and the striking thing about it is the title by which President Bush is called. The two lines preceding the second paragraph of the scroll read as follows: “**Esteemed Mr. George W. Bush, The Chief Prince of Meshech and Tubal. (Ezekiel 38:1) Leader of the West.**”

Despite their generally negative depiction in the Bible, Lord Mayors of the City of London carry images of Gog and Magog (depicted as giants) in a traditional procession in the Lord Mayor’s Show. According to the tradition, the **giants Gog and Magog** are guardians of the City of London, and images of them have been carried in the Lord Mayor’s Show since the days of King Henry V. The Lord Mayor’s procession takes place each year on the second Saturday of November.

Why would the high councils of the State of Israel call President Bush by this title? Ezekiel 38:1-3 reads as follows: “*And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.*” The remainder of the chapter goes on to tell us that this “chief prince” brings forth a great war in the Middle East, involving many nations. Are we, at this very time, witnessing the fulfillment of some of the last prophecy? How much more specific can it get? We also know that President Bush is continually railing against Iran as a great threat to peace. Will this Gog of the land of Magog, (The Edomites living in the Ukraine), the chief Prince of Meshech and Tubal, start a war with Iran?

Herod the Edomite

The murder of the infants by King Herod, (an Edomite), who was supposed to be the king responsible for the murder of the infants at the time of the Lord’s birth. He was known as Herod I (the Great). But what was so interesting and quite disturbing was his reaction over the birth of Jesus Christ, and not only his, but also the reaction of the city of Jerusalem!

“*When Herod the king had heard these things, he was **troubled**, and all Jerusalem with him.*” Matthew 2:3 - ακουσας δε ηρωδης ο βασιλευς εταραχθη και πασα ιεροσολυμα μετ’αυτου.

The word **heard** is the orist active participle of *akouo* and the word **troubled** was the orist active indicative of *tarasso*. Now we know that the action of the orist participle precedes the action of the main verb, which tells us that it was the news that the king of Jerusalem had been born that **caused him to be troubled!** And what’s really disturbing is the entire city of **Jerusalem** was bothered as well!

Now Herod had been made king by **Rome**, (notice the political and economic international power at work here) to rule over: Judea, Samaria, Galilee, Idumea, Batanea and Peraea. He was an Edomite and remained a friend of Rome throughout his life.

Now we notice that we have an Edomite ruling over whatever was left of the true Israelites in the land; a man who had **no right to even live on the soil that God had given to the 12 tribes**, and not only that, he was ruling over them as their king! Sounds very similar to America today. How he had ended up in this place and position was due to the many machinations that the Edomites had been involved in for centuries. Through wars, conquests, lies, deception and intermarriage into power they gravitated to the highest positions of political and religious power both in Jerusalem and in Rome.

The word **troubled** here meant to be stressed; Herod became stressed when he had heard that the king of Jerusalem had been born! And why is that? Because he knew that he had no right to be king; he had only been placed into that position of rule by Rome; he knew that the real king would accede to his rightful position and then what would he do? He would do what any other king would do and that is send him to his death or demise as an illegitimate poser.

By we also have something else here and that is **all of Jerusalem** as a whole became stressed as well. Why is that? Because for the most part **they weren't Israelites!** They were at the very least half breeds, or not of Israelite stock at all, or one of the many migrants who filtered into the land, including those of Edomite stock, and were passing themselves off as **Jews!**

So what would happen to them when the real king of the real Jews showed up and took over the country? At the very best they would be forced to leave the nation altogether and leave behind their property and everything else that they had worked for in life! Why? They had no right to be there, even if Rome and its puppet king, Herod, said they did.

Remember that the common use of the word **Jew** back then denoted an inhabitant of Judea. So when it says, *"Saying, Where is he that is born **King of the Jews?** for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."*, Matthew 2:2; it's referring to the land of Judea as the area of his kingdom and those that are living there are supposed to be his subjects, his own people. But instead of having his people there on his land, which the Father gave him, he is met with of Edomites and foreigners living on his land as vassals of Rome.

Remember what the idea of **stress** is about; it is a nondescript agitation of the soul, which is caused by the emotion of fear! Herod and the whole of Jerusalem are in a **state of anxiety** over the true king of Jerusalem and all Judea showing up. They had no rights, especially as foreigners, for all power and authority was vested in the king.

We also want to notice that the **chief priests** of the temple system were involved in this with Herod, along with the **scribes**, for he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. *"And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born."* Matthew 2:4

Now Herod had determined **where** the child was to be born, which was in Bethlehem; he next needed to know **when** he was to be born and that's why he had a private meeting with the three wise men so as to ascertain at what time did his star appear in the sky! *"Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared."* Matthew 2:7

He then sent the three wise men on their way **to find out exactly where** the child was so he could "worship" him, which was a total deception and lie. Herod had no intention of worshipping the Lord; he wanted to kill him! But Herod sent them off to look for the child and to send that information back. *"And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and **worship** him also."* Matthew 2:8

Which they didn't do, instead when the three wise men decided to go back home to the East, they were instructed in a dream by God to **go back another way**. *"And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way."* Matthew 2:12

Now after the three wise men departed to go back home to the East, an angel of the Lord appeared to **Joseph** to tell him he has to take the Lord and his mother now and flee to Egypt! And flee he did; they left in the middle of the night and fled to Egypt until Herod died. “*And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into **Egypt**, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:*” Matthew 2:13,14 Not only were gold, frankincense and myrrh gifts that one would give to a king or deity, where Christ was both, but were used to heal and build up the immune system, including arthritis - myrrh; frankincense was used for perfume and anointing oil; and gold was the money one could live on for long term in Egypt.

Now we had seen that **Herod** had been made king by Rome, which would be the equivalent of today's UN, over: **Judea**, Samaria, Galilee, **Idumea**, Batanea and Peraea. He was an Edomite and remained a friend of Rome throughout his life. We also want to notice that Caiaphas the High Priest was also appointed to that position by the Roman Prefect Valerius Gratus. He was appointed not by God, but the Roman government, as Judea was a province of Rome at that time!

We want to notice that Herod was ruling over the people and the land mass **that made up the original borders of Israel!** So the people that had descended from the original tribes of Israel were now being ruled by an Edomite king, who had been placed in power by Rome! So it appears that all of Esau and his descendants had manipulated and maneuvered their way into getting their land, or what they considered their land, back! They did so because they were in bed with Rome and were willing to go along with whatever Rome wanted as long as they could retain the control and power over the land they believed was theirs!

So the Edomites ruled over the land of Israel through king Herod, who was one of their own and they ruled over the priesthood and Temple worship through Caiaphas, who was not only placed there by a Roman prefect, but also because it was said that he was an Ishmaelite.

We see the same thing going on today over in the land of “Israel” where it was the UN, which was set up by and totally under the control of the pope of Rome, who established the nation state of Israel. The “Jewish” men who were responsible for getting this done were Edomites, the descendants of Esau. And you can be sure that the “King” that is appointed to rule over the nation (Province) of Israel, will be chosen by Rome once again, by the pope of Rome, who will be and is the False Prophet of Scripture.

Something else on this is the passage where the devil takes the Lord to the “**pinnacle**” of the Temple to have him cast himself down. “*Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a **pinnacle** of the temple,*” Matthew 4:5 “*And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a **pinnacle** of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:*” Luke 4:9

The first thing we want to notice is that the definite article **the** is used in the passage and **not** the indefinite article **a** drawing our attention to **one** particular thing! The next thing we notice is that it is in the singular and not the plural. And the next thing we notice is that the word *heiros* is used to denote the entire temple complex. The Greek has it as, *ἐπὶ τὸ πτερύγιον τοῦ ἱεροῦ*, *epi pterugion tou heirou*. Now the word for pinnacle is **pterugion**, which meant a **winglet**, or a wing attached to a wall and that's exactly what we have here with Herod's palace, which shows that the Edomites had control over the Temple situation and that the devil took Christ up to **this place** to have him cast himself down!

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