

Q. What was Esau's history after his father's death?

A. After the death of Isaac Esau removed with his family and all the wealth he possessed, to Seir, the country around which was called from him Idumea, or Edom, which signifies red, and was the name given him from the color of the pottage for which he sold his birthright.

Q. Was Esau prosperous in his undertakings?

A. Yes; he became rich and powerful; his sons were styled dukes, and a number of kings of his race reigned in Edom, before the kingdom of Israel was established.

Q. What remarkable personage is supposed to have been a descendant of Esau?

A. The holy man Job, known to all times and nations as the model of patience, is supposed to have been a king of Edom, of the race of Esau.

Q. Which of his twelve sons did Jacob love the most?

A. Joseph, the son of Rachel, his best beloved wife; Joseph and Benjamin were the sons of Jacob's old age; Joseph, the elder of the two, being born when his father was ninety years old.

Q. Why did the other sons of Jacob hate Joseph?

A. Because of his being their father's favorite, and also because of certain dreams which he related to them, denoting his future superiority.

Q. How did they revenge themselves on Joseph?

A. When Joseph was sixteen years of age, his father sent him to a field at some distance from home, where