

## **Esau's Powerful Dynasty versus Joseph's Promotion over his Brothers (Gen 36:1–37:11)**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **Three New *Toledot***

*Toledot* of Isaac's generations Genesis 25:19–35:29

*Toledot* of Esau's generations Genesis 36:1–8

*Toledot* of Esau's sons' generations Genesis 36:9–37:1

*Toledot* of Jacob's generations Genesis 37:2–50:26

Why are there two *Toledot* for Esau?

#### **TOLEDOT OF ESAU'S GENERATIONS (Genesis 36:1–8)**

**(36:1–5) Esau had 5 sons through his two Canaanite wives and his Ishmaelite wife**

**(36:6–8) Esau & Jacob could not dwell together, because of their vast herds**

**TOLEDOT OF ESAU'S SONS' GENERATIONS (Genesis 36:9–37:1)**

**(36:9–19) Esau had 10 grandsons through his 5 sons; 13 of them became chiefs**

**(36:20–30) Esau (who is Edom) subjugated the Horite chiefs and tribes**

**(36:31–39) Kings in Edom, the nation personified by Esau**

**(36:40–43) Chiefs of Esau, who is Edom**

**(37:1) [By contrast with Esau] Jacob was a sojourner**

**TOLEDOT OF JACOB'S GENERATIONS (Genesis 37:2–50:26)**

**(37:2–4) Jacob's favorite son, Joseph, reported unfavorably on his brothers, who hated him**

Jacob's children arranged by their mothers

	<b>LEAH</b>	<b>ZILPAH</b>	<b>RACHEL</b>	<b>BILHAH</b>
1	Reuben	Gad	Joseph	Dan
2	Simeon	Asher	Benjamin	Naphtali
3	Levi			
4	Judah			
5	Issachar			
6	Zebulun			
7	Dinah (daughter)			

**(37:5–8) Joseph told his brothers his dream of their sheaves bowing down to him, causing them to hate him even more**

**(37:9–11) Joseph told his brothers and father his dream of the sun, the moon, and 11 stars bowing down to him, causing Jacob to rebuke him, but to ponder it, while provoking jealousy in his brothers**

**SUMMARY**