

An Ancient Anger

I. Introduction:

A. Sometimes people start things that turn into generations of hatred. Take Jacob and Esau who struggled from the beginning (**Genesis 25:21-26**).

1. Favoritism and opportunism create problems (**Genesis 25:27-34**).
2. Opportunism gives a door of opportunity for one person to become profane (**Hebrews 12:16-17**).

B. Bad situations, like that of Jacob and Esau, can even get worse (**Genesis 27:1-46**).

1. Jacob and Esau reconciled (**Genesis 33:1-16**)
2. They came together to bury their father (**Genesis 35:29**).
3. However, what happened between them would not so easily be dismissed by the descendants of Esau. Before we get to that...

C. We should all know these things, but for reference sake...

1. Jacob is also known as Israel (**Genesis 32:28**).
2. Israel's children are the tribes of Israel (**Genesis 46:8-27** and **Exodus 1:1-7**).
3. Esau's decedents are the Edomites (**Genesis 36:1-8**).

II. Body: The Edomites Had An Anger That Did Tear Perpetually [Continuing Forever; Ancient] (**Amos 1:11-12**).

A. This old anger (**Ezekiel 25:12**).

1. Because of that perpetual hatred, bloodshed continued many generations and caused God to punish those guilty (**Ezekiel 35:1-9**).
2. When given the opportunity, Esau's decedents attacked the decedents of Jacob (**II Chronicles 28:17**).
3. Listen, the sins of Jacob were not the sins of his descendants (**Deuteronomy 24:16** and **Ezekiel 18:20**).

B. God didn't excuse this long standing grudge (**Obadiah 1:1; 1:10-18**).

1. In thinking about rejoicing in the fall of a brother in the flesh, what are we with all humanity in a physical sense (**Genesis 9:19** and **Acts 17:24-26**)?
2. Though the contextual point is different than the point I am making with this reference, don't we all have the same Creator (**Malachi 2:10**)?
3. What is our Creator's mindset towards ALL (**I Timothy 2:3-4**)?
4. Even if enemies (**Proverbs 24:16-20** and **Matthew 5:43-48**).

C. We have to deal with anger quickly instead of letting it turn into a lasting wrath (**Ephesians 4:26-27**).

1. Such wrath doesn't work righteousness (**James 1:19-20**).

2. Being furious will cause us to abound in transgression (**Proverbs 29:22**) and act foolishly (**Ecclesiastes 7:9**).
3. While we cannot practice “unconditional forgiveness” (**Luke 17:3-4**)...
4. ... We cannot take on the role of eternal judge either (**James 4:11-12**).

III. Conclusion: Long lasting anger won't help anyone (**Proverbs 19:19** and **Proverbs 22:24-25**).