

תּוֹלְדוֹת

## Toldot

(generations)

### B'reshit [Genesis] 25:19-28:9

הפטרה תולדת

## Haftarah Toldot

### Malachi 1:1-2:7

#### YHWH is Against Edom – Forever!

##### *Malachi 1:1-4*

*1 The burden of the word of YHWH to Israel by Malachi.*

*2 "I have loved you," says YHWH. "But you say, 'How have you loved us?' Was not Esau Ya'aqov's brother?" says YHWH; "yet I loved Ya'aqov;*

*3 but Esau I hated, and made his mountains a desolation, and gave his heritage to the jackals of the wilderness."*

*4 Whereas Edom says, "We are beaten down, but we will return and build the waste places;" thus says YHWH Tzava'ot, "They shall build, but I will tear down; and shall call them the wicked territory, and the people against whom YHWH has indignation forever."*

The first thing that needs to be established is just exactly who Edom is according to Scripture. We find the following verse from this week's Torah portion.

##### *B'reshit (Genesis) 25:30*

*And Esau said to Ya'aqov, "Feed me, with that red soup, for I am faint." Therefore was his name called Edom.*

Edom is another name for the descendants of Esau. Edom is also called Seir or Mount Seir in Scripture.

***B'reshit (Genesis) 32:3***

***And Ya'aqov sent messengers before him to Esau his brother to the land of Seir, the field of Edom.***

Mount Seir was given to the descendants of Esau as a possession by YHWH. We are commanded not to trespass on their land.

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 2:4-5***

***4 "And command the people, saying, 'You are to pass through the border of your brethren the children of Esau, that dwell in Seir; and they will be afraid of you; you take good heed to yourselves therefore; 5 contend not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on; because I have given Mount Seir to Esau for a possession.'"***

Please take very careful note of the instructions that YHWH gave to Moshe to give to Israel. These instructions are part of His Torah to us. YHWH states that we are not to contend with Esau. Furthermore, we are not to take his land, nor are we to even tread upon the land that YHWH gave to Esau and his descendants after him. This would explain the following prophetic passage.

***Yeshayah (Isaiah) 63:1-6***

***1 Who is this that comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This One who is glorious in His apparel, marching in the greatness of His strength? "It is I who speaks in righteousness, mighty to save."***

***2 Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like him that treads in the wine press?***

***3 "I have trodden the wine press alone; and of the peoples there was no man with Me; yea, I trod them in My anger, and trampled them in My wrath; and their lifeblood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My raiment.***

***4 For the day of vengeance was in My heart, and the year of My redeemed is come.***

***5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold; therefore My own arm brought salvation to Me; and My wrath, it upheld Me.***

***6 And I trod down the peoples in My anger, and made them drunk in My wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth."***

Please note that YHWH states that it will be He that comes from Edom with His garments covered in the blood of those He has slain. In particular, from Bozrah, will He come; i.e., it is Mashiach who has slain all those who are there. No one has gone with Him to do this act of vengeance. Since Scripture teaches us that we are not to seek vengeance for ourselves, but rather that we are to allow YHWH to do this, we can then understand why it is that Mashiach is alone on this particular act of vengeance.

***Ovadyah (Obadiah) 1:10-11***

**10 "For the violence done to your brother Ya'aqov, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off for ever.**

**11 In the day that you stood on the other side, in the day that strangers carried away his substance, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even you were as one of them."**

Because of the violence done to the southern kingdom of Judah when they were taken captive by Babylon, because they chose to go and plunder them as well, YHWH has cut them off and will take vengeance upon them for this act of violence.

**Yechezqel (Ezekiel) 35:3-9**

**3 "and say to it, 'Thus says Adonai YHWH, "Behold, I am against you, Mount Seir, and I will stretch out My hand against you, and I will make you a desolation and an astonishment.**

**4 I will lay your cities waste, and you shall be desolate; and you shall know that I am YHWH.**

**5 Because you have had a perpetual enmity, and have given over the children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the iniquity of the end;'"**

**6 "Therefore, as I live," says Adonai YHWH, "I will prepare you to blood, and blood shall pursue you; since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you.**

**7 And I will make Mount Seir an astonishment and a desolation; and I will cut off from it him that passes through and him that returns.**

**8 And I will fill its mountains with its slain: in your hills and in your valleys and in all your watercourses shall they fall that are slain with the sword.**

**9 I will make you a perpetual desolation, and your cities shall not be inhabited; and you shall know that I am YHWH."**

YHWH is wrathful towards Edom and Mount Seir, which is Esau. It is because they did not treat their brethren, Ya'aqov, with kindness and compassion. Rather they came out against him with the sword and shed his blood. For this YHWH will slay them all.

Please take careful note of verse seven in which YHWH includes all those who return to Mount Seir as among those who will be cut off and slaughtered.

**Ovadyah (Obadiah) 1:3-4**

**3 "The pride of your heart has deceived you, you that dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that says in his heart, 'Who shall bring me down to the ground?'**

**4 Though you mount on high as the eagle, and though your nest is set among the stars, I will bring you down from there," says YHWH.**

YHWH addresses those who are dwelling in the rocks, cliffs and mountains of Esau, saying that He is going to bring down their prideful hearts. In verse seven YHWH includes all those who are allied with Edom. But where does YHWH bring them down to?

**Ovadyah (Obadiah) 1:9**

**9 “And your mighty men, Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one may be cut off from the mount of Esau by slaughter.”**

He cuts them all off and brings them down to the earth out of their pride by slaughter.

Why it is that this is important to us today? There is a teaching today in this movement that teaches that we are to flee to Petra, also known as Bozrah and Mount Seir, sometime right before Mashiach returns, as a place of safety. We have seen in Scriptures above that YHWH kills all those who are in those places. Furthermore, we have looked at the Torah commandment that YHWH commands us to not even set a foot in the territory of Esau, which is Edom and Mount Seir. Petra is in the midst of the territory of Edom, which is modern day Jordan. YHWH has told us in advance that He is going to go forth in an act of vengeance and slaughter all those who are in Edom and Mount Seir, including all those who return to that place (see above Yechezqel 35:7); i.e., perhaps including all those fleeing to Petra.

Here is what we need to see most clearly at this point: one’s salvation is in the person of Yeshua our Mashiach, and not in a place! Yeshua our Mashiach is our Rock! (See 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:4.) In much the same manner that Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of soup in pursuing what could be seen rather than walking by faith in the fullness of Mashiach who cannot be seen, so those too who seek to go to a physical place of refuge also seek salvation by some tangible means rather than what is by faith and trust in the Almighty who can neither be seen nor touched.

Let us be sure that our faith is solidly in Yeshua our Mashiach whom we do not yet see, but one day will be manifested to us and make our salvation complete in Him. Let us not sell our birthright or blessing for something that YHWH has clearly placed under His wrath.

ABBA YHWH, increase our faith and our understanding of You and Your ways that we might walk in the fullness of them; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein.

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