

**graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER<sup>1</sup> The Papou Study Bible** is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use

the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths

the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

**Christ IN You Series**

**Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)**

<sup>27</sup>To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory

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**Obadiah Intro Part 3**



So we’re going to finish our intro today by looking at Israel’s relationship with his brother nation Edom. God is particularly angry with Edom for standing aloof in the day of Israel’s disaster. These words are chilling to me.

Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever. <sup>11</sup> On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them. You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, nor hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble.

God holds us accountable for things like that. Let’s look at the rest of the NIV Study notes retelling of the history between these two brothers. Perhaps it will inform us about relationship approaches we should take.

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<sup>1</sup> NOT TO BE REPRODUCED OR UPLOADED TO WEB WITHOUT EXPRESS PERMISSION OF AUTHOR.

David at Adullam and Mizpah

22 David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there. 2 All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their commander. About four hundred men were with him. 3 From there David went to Mizpah in Moab and said to the king of Moab, "Would you let my father and mother come and stay with you until I learn what God will do for me?" 4 So he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him as long as David was in the stronghold.

5 But the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold. Go into the land of Judah." So David left and went to the forest of Hereth. Saul Kills the Priests of Nob

6 Now Saul heard that David and his men had been discovered. And Saul was seated, spear in hand, under the tamarisk tree on the hill at Gibeah, with all his officials standing at his side. 7 He said to them, "Listen, men of Benjamin! Will the son of Jesse give all of you fields and vineyards? Will he make all of you commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds? 8 Is that why you have all conspired against me? No one tells me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse. None of you is concerned about me or tells me that my son has incited my servant to lie in wait for me, as he does today." **9 But Doeg the**

**Edomite**, who was standing with Saul's officials, said, "I saw the son of Jesse come to Ahimelek son of Ahitub at Nob. 10 Ahimelek inquired of the Lord for him; he also gave him provisions and the sword of Goliath the Philistine. . . 16 But the king said, "You will surely die, Ahimelek, you and your whole family." . . he king's officials were unwilling to raise a hand to strike the priests of the Lord.

18 The king then ordered Doeg, "You turn and strike down the priests." So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck them down. That day he killed eighty-five men who wore the linen ephod.

**So we studied the relationship of Israel and Edom ancestrally and through the period of wandering through the Wilderness for 40 years. We'll now study their after the monarchy began.**

**The first that comes up is a comparison of 1 Samuel 22 with Psalm 52. See Text boxes. What's interesting to me is the reference in verse 7, which says he "grew strong by destroying others."**

**Another Scripture listed is the following.**

2 Samuel 8:13-14

<sup>13</sup> And David became famous after he returned from striking down eighteen thousand Edomites<sup>(Some say this is Aram)</sup> in the Valley of Salt.

<sup>14</sup> He put garrisons throughout Edom (this is unmistakably Edom), and all the Edomites became subject to

Psalm 52[a]

For the director of music. A maskil of David. When Doeg the Edomite had gone to Saul and told him: "David has gone to the house of Ahimelek."

1 Why do you boast of evil, you mighty hero?

Why do you boast all day long, you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God?

2 You who practice deceit, your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor.

3 You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth.

4 You love every harmful word, you deceitful tongue! 5 Surely God will bring you down to everlasting ruin: He will snatch you up and pluck you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living.

6 The righteous will see and fear; they will laugh at you, saying,

7 "Here now is the man who did not make God his stronghold

but trusted in his great wealth and grew strong by destroying others!" 8 But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.

9 For what you have done I will always praise you

in the presence of your faithful people.

And I will hope in your name, for your name is good.

Psalm 83[a]

A song. A psalm of Asaph.

1 O God, do not remain silent;  
do not turn a deaf ear,  
do not stand aloof, O God.

2 See how your enemies growl,  
how your foes rear their heads.

3 With cunning they conspire against your  
people;  
they plot against those you cherish.

4 "Come," they say, "let us destroy them as  
a nation,  
so that Israel's name is remembered no  
more."

5 With one mind they  
plot together;

they form an  
alliance against  
you—

6 the tents of  
Edom

and the Ishmaelites,

of Moab and the Hagrites,

7 Byblos, Ammon and Amalek,

Philistia, with the people of Tyre. . .

13 Make them like tumbleweed, my God,  
like chaff before the wind.

14 As fire consumes the forest  
or a flame sets the mountains ablaze,  
15 so pursue them with your tempest  
and terrify them with your storm.

16 Cover their faces with  
shame, Lord,

so that they will seek your  
name.

God's discipline is  
restorative. Remember  
this verse in Amos 8:9:

<sup>11</sup> "In that day

"I will restore David's fallen  
shelter . . . <sup>12</sup> so that they may  
possess the remnant of Edom  
and all the nations that  
bear my name (or so that all  
the nations that bear my  
name may seek me)

David. The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.

**The Hebrew is telling here. Let me quote a  
more literal translation.**

אֲשֶׁר	בְּכֹל	אֶת־דָּוִד	יְהוָה	וְיִשְׁשׁוּ
ashr	b-kl	dud - ath	ieue	u-iusho
which	in-all	David	» Yahweh	and-he-is- <sup>s</sup> saving

**"In all" David, Yahweh, "he is saving."**

**Here are some more Scriptures speaking of  
the relationship of Israel and Edom.**

2 Kings 8:20-22

New International Version

<sup>20</sup> In the time of Jehoram, Edom rebelled against Judah and set up its own king. <sup>21</sup> So Jehoram<sup>[a]</sup> went to Zair with all his chariots. The Edomites surrounded him and his chariot commanders, but he rose up and broke through by night; his army, however, fled back home. <sup>22</sup> To this day Edom has been in rebellion against Judah. Libnah revolted at the same time.

2 Kings 14:7

New International Version

<sup>7</sup> He was the one who defeated ten thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt and captured Sela in battle, calling it Joktheel, the name it has to this day.

Ezekiel 35

New International Version

## A Prophecy Against Edom

**35** The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir; prophesy against it <sup>3</sup> and say: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against you, Mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against you and make you a desolate waste. <sup>4</sup> I will turn your towns into ruins and you will be desolate. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> "Because **you harbored an ancient hostility** and delivered the Israelites over to the sword at the time of their calamity, the time their punishment reached its climax, <sup>6</sup> therefore as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I will give you over to bloodshed and it will pursue you. Since you did not hate bloodshed, bloodshed will pursue you. <sup>7</sup> I will make Mount Seir a desolate waste and cut off from it all who come and go. <sup>8</sup> I will fill your mountains with the slain; those killed by the sword will fall on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines. <sup>9</sup> I will make you desolate forever; your towns will not be inhabited. Then you will know that I am the LORD. . .

<sup>11</sup> therefore as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I will treat you in accordance with the anger and jealousy you showed in your hatred of them and I will make myself known among them when I judge you. <sup>12</sup> Then you will know that I the LORD have heard all the contemptible things you have said against the mountains of Israel. You said, "They have been laid waste and have been given over to us to devour." <sup>13</sup> You boasted against me and spoke against me without restraint, and I heard it. <sup>14</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says: While the whole earth rejoices, I will make you desolate. <sup>15</sup> Because you rejoiced when the inheritance of Israel became desolate, that is how I will treat you. You will be desolate, Mount Seir, you and all of Edom. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

Joel 3:18-19

New International Version

<sup>18</sup> "In that day the mountains will drip new wine,  
and the hills will flow with milk;  
all the ravines of Judah will run with water.

A fountain will flow out of the LORD's house  
and will water the valley of acacias.

<sup>19</sup> But Egypt will be desolate,  
Edom a desert waste,  
because of violence done to the people of Judah,  
in whose land they shed innocent blood.

Amos 1:11-12

New International Version

<sup>11</sup> This is what the LORD says:

"For three sins of Edom,  
even for four, I will not relent.

Because he pursued his brother with a sword  
and slaughtered the women of the land,  
because his anger raged continually  
and his fury flamed unchecked,

<sup>12</sup> I will send fire on Teman  
that will consume the fortresses of Bozrah."

**Edom will be seen as God's people one day (see Amos 9:11-12 in the text box).**

**Let's finish this with the final quote from the NIV Study Bible Intro.**

"Since the Edomites are related to the Israelites, their hostility is all the more reprehensible. Edom is fully responsible for her failure to assist Israel and for her open aggression. The fact that God rejected Esau in no way exonerates the Edomites. Edom, smug in its mountain strongholds, will be dislodged and sacked. But Israel will prosper because God is with her."