

Journey Through Genesis ©

Bereisheit Chapter 36

GREED! ©

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Dear Ones when we read the first Passuk / Verse of Bereisheit / Genesis 36 immediately a question should pop up. What is that question?

וַאֲלֵה תִלְדוּת עֵשָׂו הוּא אֲדוֹם:

Genesis 36.1

And these are descendants of Eisov who also was known as Edom.

Why Does our Creator Identify Eisov as Edom? What did Eisov do to become known as Edom? What is the significance of being known as Edom? Why should we go in the opposite direction?

Eisov was the first born of Yaakov. He was the older twin brother of Yaakov. He had greater potential than Yaakov to know learn and follow Ha Torah. Remember Ha Torah is Genesis Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Let's note the Gematria Miluy Godal of Edom. The final letter of Edom is a □

Final Mem. The Final Mem looks like a square. A Final Letter can only be used at the end of a Word. When a Final Letter is used for the Letter Mem the Gematria may remain as 40 or increase to 600. In this case the Letter Mem מ can be either 40 or 600. When we use the Final Mem ם

The Normal Gematria of Edom is 51. This points to Eison's desire to consume. The Gematria of eating... consuming is also 51.

Edom

אָדוֹם

51 = 40 ם 61 47 1א

וַיֵּצֵא יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים עַל־הָאָדָם לֵאמֹר מִכָּל עֵץ־הַגֶּן
אֲכַל תֹּאכַל:

Genesis 2.16, 17

And He, the Lord God Commanded to the Adam [i.e. Adam and Chavah] Saying , 'From All Trees in the Garden [of Eden] eat freely... But from the tree of knowledge of good and evil do not eat from it for in the day you eat from it you will die.

וּמֵעֵץ הַדַּעַת טוֹב וְרַע לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ כִּי בַיּוֹם
אֲכַלְךָ מִמֶּנּוּ מוֹת תָּמוֹת:

What did Adam and Chavah do? They ate from the tree. They desired the tree. They lusted for the tree they could not have. They defended their actions of sealing by saying they could see it was good for food. They disobeyed the Command of the Creator. They broke the Command do not steal. They stole. They feed their desire!

Eat / Consume

אֲכַל

51 = 30 ל 20 צ 1א

Dear Ones, What is the definition of GREED? To be Covetousness... to be

materialistic... to be money-grubbing... to be self indulge... to Desire... to Crave.. to Lust... to yearn... to hunger... From this we learn that Eisov was driven by strong appetites to do wrong.

On the day of his Grandfather Avraham's death and burial our Sages Teach 'Yitzchok and Rivkah weep; Yaakov weeps; heaven and earth weep. The sick people Avraham had healed and all those upon whom he had showered hospitality — all mourn for him. The great of all the nations stood in the mourner's row and lamented, '*Woe to the world that has lost its leader; woe to the ship that has lost its pilot!*' (Bava Basra 91b) Yishmael mourns the great father he had just helped bury. They return from the Cave of Machpelah Yitzchok sits on the ground and mourns while Yaakov prepares the customary mourner's meal from his own lentils since a mourner may not eat the first meal from his own food, but only from that of others.

Where was Eisov?

Esau, in contrast, is portrayed as going about his evil business as usual, uninvolved, as it were, in his family's bereavement: '*Esau came in from the field*' after he committed five crimes on that very day:

1. He violated a betrothed maiden.
2. He committed murder.
3. He denied God.
4. He denied the resurrection of the dead.
5. He spurned the birthright. See Artscroll Bereisheit 25

This brings us to the Spirituality of our discussion. The Gematria of Torah is 611. Eisov had the opportunity to learn from the world's best Spiritual Teachers, Shem and Eiver. He walked away from them... Eisov walked away from Torah Observance.

Torah

תּוֹרָה

611 = 5ה 2007 ו6 400ת

The Midrash Teaches that when Esau learned why Jacob was preparing lentils he exclaimed blasphemously, ‘If Judgment has been able to overtake that righteous man (i.e. Abraham who did not reach the longevity of Adam or Noah – [Yafeh Toar]) then there is neither reward nor resurrection!’ To this the Midrash concludes, the Shechinah cried out, ‘Weep not for the dead – i.e. for Abraham – nor bemoan him; but weep bitterly for him who went away – that is, for Esau (who forsook the true faith).’]

This brings us to the Word Edom. What did Eisov say to Yaakov?

We know that the Seven Laws come from Bereisheit 2.16. We Mystically the connection between Edom and Greed. There is also a Spiritual connection. What is the Spiritual Connection?

Edom

אֶדוֹם

611 = 600 □ 6 ו 4 ד 1 א

Genesis 25.30

וַיֹּאמֶר עֵשָׂו אֶל-יַעֲקֹב הַלְעִיטֵנִי נָא מִן-הָאֶדָם
הָאֶדָם הַזֶּה כִּי עֵיף אָנֹכִי עַל-כֵּן קָרָא שְׁמוֹ אֶדוֹם:

And He Eisov said to Yaakov, [with animal like voracity] pour into me, now some of that red red stuff for I am exhausted. And therefore he was named Edom.

Dear ones the point to our discussion is for us to ask ourselves what drives us. Why do we do the things we do?

Blessings and peace,

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