

## **ISAIAH – The LORD is the Holy One of Israel**

### **Lesson 6 – Question 3 Reflections**

**Why is Edom so much in the cross hairs of God’s judgment in the Day of the LORD?  
(Isaiah 34:5-15)**

**The simple answer is from the LORD’s own words in Ezekiel 35:5 with the phrase: because of their “ancient hostility” or “eternal hatred” for Israel.**

**Consider the following Bible references:**

- 1. Jacob (Israel) and Esau (Edom) were twin brothers and the battle began in their mother, Rebekah’s womb, with the prophecy that the older will serve the younger. Read Genesis 25:19 – 34. Esau gave up his birthright for a bowl of red stew. Later Jacob tricked Esau out of his father, Isaac’s blessing, and Esau wanted to kill his brother and Jacob had to flee.**
- 2. With Jacob being the father of the nation of Israel and Esau the father of the nation of Edom the conflict between their descendants continued through Biblical times and the centuries that have followed all the way down to today with the continuing conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians.**
- 3. Jeremiah 49:7 – 22, Ezekiel 25:12 – 14, 35:1 – 15; Amos 1:11 – 12, 9:11 – 12; Obadiah 1 – 21; and Malachi 1:1 – 5, give us future prophecy concerning God’s serious judgment that will fall upon Edom, that support and add to the picture painted in Isaiah 34:5 – 15.**
- 4. Psalm 137:1 – 9 makes a connection between Edom’s support of Babylon against Israel. Both Babylon and Edom receive some of the most harsh judgment from God in the Day of the LORD and beyond.**