
Day 16 - January 16

Period of the Patriarchs (2100 -1525 BCE)

Record of the Edomites

Readings: *Genesis 36:1-43*

Reflections:

- This section is simply a list of Esau's descendents. It is interesting that within the story of Israel, this careful listing of the descendents of Esau would be a constant reminder that those who become Israel's long time enemies are actually family members. God wants all people to remember that because of our common ancestry all those who we call enemy are actually our long lost relatives.
- We even see some interesting and honoring anecdotal comments about these family members. For example, Anah is affirmed for having discovered some hot springs. Maybe others enjoyed these hot springs. Would we want to honor our enemies this way?
- We also see the great number and obvious power of Esau's descendents. They become kings of the ancient Mediterranean world.