TWO NATIONS: ISRAEL AND EDOM

Day 1: Review

1. How did the commentary notes help you in understanding lesson?

2. What challenged you from the lecture?

Day 2: Read Genesis 35:1-8, 1 John 1:9 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

3. FACTS:

A. What did God instruct Jacob to do (verse 1)?

B. What instructions did Jacob give to his household (verses 2-3)?

C. What was their response (verse 4)?

D. How did God protect Jacob and his household (verse 5)?

E. What was the tangible evidence of Jacob's obedience to God's command (verses 6-7)?

4. LESSONS: Explain why it is important that Jacob demonstrated his obedience, and is it still important today in the New Testament church age?

5. APPLICATION: In verse 2, God instructed Jacob to "get rid of the foreign gods you have with you and purify yourselves." What is a 21st century application to this command? (Hint: 1 John 1:9.)

Day 3: Read Genesis 35:9-15 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

6. FACTS:

A. What new name did God give to Jacob (verses 9-10)?

B. From the footnotes in your Bible, what does Jacob's new name mean?

C. Explain why Jacob's new name was appropriate for him.

D. Of what did God remind Jacob in verses 11-12?

E. How did Jacob respond to God's reminder of His promise?

7. LESSONS: How did God identifying Himself as God Almighty encourage Jacob?

8. APPLICATION:

A. How does the fact that God renamed Jacob, Israel, (he struggles with God) encourage you?

B. When have you ever "struggled with God?"

Day 4: Read Genesis 35:16-29, Genesis 30:22-24 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

9. FACTS:

A. What happened to Rachel (verses 16-20) and how did God answer her prayer from Genesis 30:22-24?

B. List the twelve sons of Jacob with their mothers (verses 23-26).

Leah's Sons:

Rachel's Sons:

Bilhah's Sons:

Zilpah's Sons:

C. Where did Isaac die?

D. How old was he when he died?

E. Who buried him (verses 27-29)?

10. LESSONS: What do you learn about God using this imperfect man, Jacob, to birth the nation of Israel?

11. APPLICATION: What did Jacob do that you might model and what did he do that should be a warning?

A. Something to model from Jacob's life:

B. A warning from Jacob's life:

Day 5: Read Genesis 36:1-36, Genesis 28:6-9 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

12. FACTS:

A. Where did Esau find his wives (verse 2)?

B. List Esau's wives and their respective fathers (verses 2-3).

C. Why did Esau move away from Jacob?

D. Where did Esau go to live?

E. What did the land come to be called (verses 6-9)?

13. LESSONS:

A. From Genesis 28:6-9, why did Esau take Canaanite wives?

B. What lesson is learned from Esau's disobedience?

14. APPLICATION: How might you apply something you learned about Esau's life from today's lesson?

Day 6: Read Genesis 25:21-26, Obadiah 1:17-18 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

15. LESSONS: How was the prophecy given to Rebekah about her twins in Genesis 25:21-26 fulfilled in Obadiah 1:17-18?

16. APPLICATION: What is your take away from reading about the life of Esau and his descendants?

MEMORY VERSE;

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9