

Today's Message: Obadiah Part 1: "A Refugee Crisis"

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(Obadiah 2 – 6, ESV)

*And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger."
(Genesis 25:23, ESV)*

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. ²⁸ *Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.* ²⁹ *Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted.* ³⁰ *And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!"* ³¹ *Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now."* ³² *Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?"* ³³ *Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob.* ³⁴ *Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.* (Genesis 25:27-34, ESV)

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