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# Esau's Sons and Grandsons
# 36: 9-14

**This is the account of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir (36:9). He** had **five sons** and **ten grandsons. Esav's daughters (36:6)** probably married Horite men and presumably **his granddaughters** did also. First, there is a summary statement about **Esau's** first two **wives. These are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz**, **the son of Esav's wife Adah, and Reuel, the son of Esau's wife Basemath (36:10).** First, **the sons of Eliphaz** are mentioned. They were **Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam and Kenaz (36:11).** Later one of **Jobs three friends** was named **Eliphaz the Temanite (Job 2:11, 4:1 to7:21).** It very well could have been this **son** because they lived about the same time. **These were grandsons of Esau's wife Adah (36:12).**

Then, as a side note, Moses tells us that **Esav's son Eliphaz also had a concubine named Timna, who bore him Amalek** who was to play a key role in the future history of Isra'el**.** Because **Amalek** was **the son** of **a concubine**, **he** was looked down upon by the other **sons of Eliphaz** and seen as inferior. This may have forced **him** to live in a separate region and to develop **his** own nation. **The**

descendants of **Amalek** became the notorious Amalekites, who settled in the area of the Sinai and the Negev **(Genesis 14:7, Numbers 13:29, 14:43-45).** The Amalekites were the first nation to oppose the entrance of Isra’el into the Promised Land after their deliverance from Egypt **(Exodus 17:8-16)**, and they later subjugated Isra’el in the period of the judges **(Judges 3:13, 6:3, 7:12).** However, they were slaughtered under King Sha’ul **(First Samuel 14:48, 15:1-9)**, and later attacked by King David **(First Samuel 27:8, 30:1).** Finally the tribe of Simeon exterminated them in the days of Hezekiah **(First Chronicles 4:42-43).**

Next, **the sons of Esau’s** second **son Reuel** are mentioned. They **were Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were grandsons of Esav’s wife Basemath (36:13).** Therefore, these were **Esav’s grandsons** through **his son Reuel**.

Lastly, **the sons of Esau’s wife Oholibamah daughter of Anah and granddaughter of Zibeon, who bore** three **sons to Esav: Jeush, Jalam and Korah (36:14).** At that point no **grandchildren** were recorded.