

Bible Readings in Oikos

Joshua's Notes

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Introduction

Mark is a very succinct, quick, gospel. He focuses on Jesus as a worker, the deeds of Jesus. That's the significance of this book. Mark was not part of the 12 disciples. He was a young boy during the life and ministry of Jesus. The early church of Jerusalem met in Mark's home. He accompanied the apostle Paul and Barnabas on the first part of their missionary outreach. Mark later became a sort of assistant to the apostle Peter. And most of these events were an eyewitness testimony of Peter, because Mark was so young during the time.

1 The promise of faith

1.1 Genesis 35

⁹God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him.

¹⁰And God said to him,

"Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name."

So he called his name Israel ¹¹And God said to him,

"I am God Almighty. be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. ¹²The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you."

¹³Then God went up from him in the place where he had spoken with him.

(Genesis 35:9–13)

1.2 Hebrews 11:11-20

1.2.1 The Promise

¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

(Hebrews 11:11–12)

1.2.2 You might not see it

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

(Hebrews 11:13)

1.2.3 An eternal land

¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

(Hebrews 11:11–20)

1.2.4 The test

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said,

”Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”

¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.

2 Edom will be humbled

2.1 The Violence of Esau

¹¹The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz. ¹²(Timna was a concubine of Eliphaz, Esau’s son; she bore Amalek to Eliphaz.)

(Genesis 36:11–12)

2.2 The vision of Obadiah

¹Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom: We have heard a report from the Lord, and a messenger has been sent among the nations:

“Rise up! Let us rise against her for battle!”

²Behold, I will make you small among the nations; you shall be utterly despised.

³The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart,

“Who will bring me down to the ground?”

”⁴Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down,”

declares the Lord.

But why does the Lord despise Edom?

¹⁰Because of the violence done to your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever.

2.2.1 The coming of the Lord

¹⁵For the day of the Lord is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head.

(Obadiah 1:15)

2.2.2 The final victory of the Lord’s Kingdom

²¹Saviors shall go up to Moutn Zion to rule Moutn Esau, and the kingdom shall be the Lord’s.

(Obadiah 1:21)