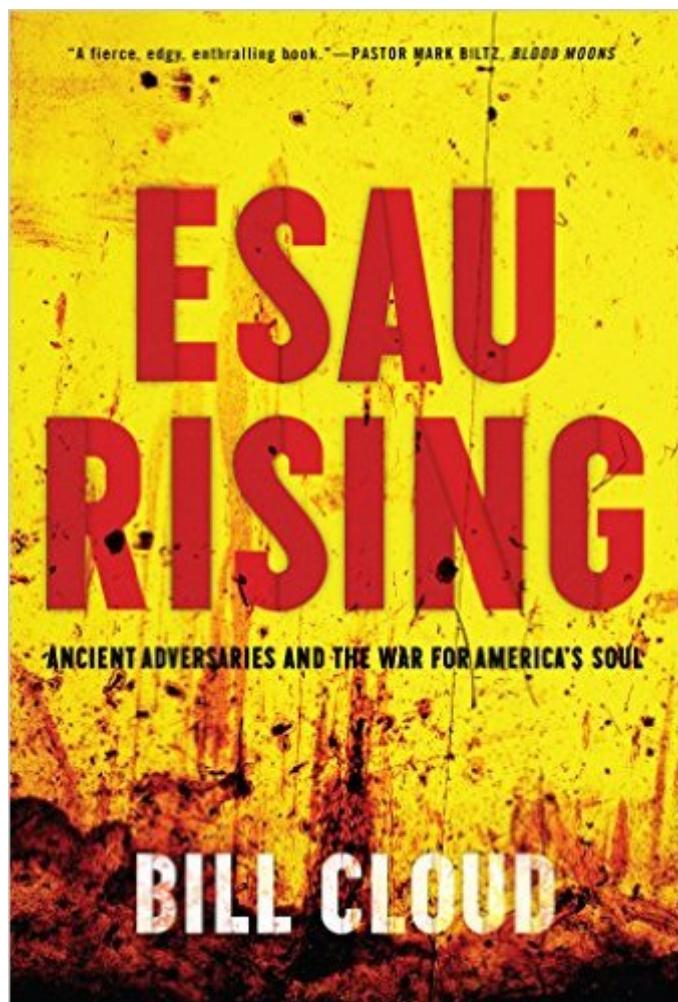


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# Esau Rising: Ancient Adversaries And The War For America's Soul



## **Synopsis**

Esau Rising is a masterpiece that will truly impact the lives of those who read it. Esau Rising exposes the spirit of Amalek in our day that wants to destroy Israel and extinguish any light that reveals their self-indulgence lifestyle without regard to the consequences. Mark Biltz, founder of El Shaddai Ministries and author of Blood Moons Genesis 25 is the account of the birth of the twins Esau and Jacob. When grown, Esau came in from hunting and smelled the food Jacob prepared and traded his birthright for a bowl of stew. The spirit of Esau is the desire of the flesh and he was willing to trade his entire spiritual heritage for a whim of the moment. Esau, representing the flesh, is the father of the Edomites. Jacob, who became Israel and a prince with God, represents the spirit of righteousness. When Esau traded his birthright in effect Esau said, "I would rather have a bowl of soup than have a relationship with God." How is this story relevant to Americans today? In today's age of selfies and entitlements, sexual licentiousness and online vilification, and an out-of-control government that is usurping the role of God as the provider and protector, it is clear that the spirit of Esau is dominating our culture. Esau Rising analyzes the characteristics and mind-set of the biblical figure Esau and explains why these traits have prophetic ramifications for our day. Specifically, author Bill Cloud relates them to current political and societal developments transpiring in the world and particularly in the United States of America. Cloud skillfully explains how the spirit of Jacob has always been a light to the nations, a blessing to the people, and he offers hope for restoring righteousness and favor to this great country.

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When I started this book I couldn't help but think of my friend Bill Cloud the former Marshall of Tombstone, Arizona, "The town too tough to die." Bill was one of the many marshalls who did his best to combat the lawless element of this notorious western silver mining town. In case you are wondering, Marshall Cloud and author Bill Cloud are not the same person or even related as far as I know but in many ways they battle the same foe. You see, Esau Rising as Bill Cloud, the author, describes is not really about Esau the person so much as it is the spirit behind the man. The book is a character sketch which provides a timeless model of dishonor, arrogance, hate, violence, and vice to the neglect of honor, virtue, peace, and faith. In Esau Rising Mr. Cloud makes a compelling argument that the spirit of Esau will always be at war with the descendants of Israel (Jacob), whether those children are the physical seed of Israel or those believers who through the Messiah Yeshua are grafted into the same olive tree. The book is written in three parts: I. A Light to the Nations II. A Tale of Two Brothers III. Breaking the Yoke. In the first chapter of Part I, Mr. Cloud looked at the famous passage from Isaiah 46:8-10 and offered an interpretation that I had not considered before. Here is part of the famous passage: "Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other, I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done." I had always understood this passage to mean that YHWH's superiority to the Babylonian gods Nebo and Bel was demonstrated by his ability to predict the future.

Everything that happened to the patriarchs is a portent for the children" (Rambam, cited on p. 22). "Now these things happened to them AS TYPES and were written for our admonition" (Paul in 1 Cor. 10:11, cited on p. 119). In *ESAU RISING*, Bill Cloud examines the narratives of Esau with particular emphasis on the Hebrew words, to analyze Esau's character and motivation, and to apply the pattern to our day. The core material is in chapter 2, "A Tale of Two Brothers" (75 pages). Bill Cloud shows the important pattern revealed in this Biblical drama, that when the dominant brother becomes weak, the other brother "rises;" --as "When the voice of Jacob is weak, the hand of Esau is strong." (See [biblebackstory.net/moses-hands-in-the...](http://biblebackstory.net/moses-hands-in-the...) on Gen. 27:22.) Bill Cloud shows that Esau had contempt for the birthright, selling it for a pot of beans; but Esau WANTED the blessing! In this, Esau expresses the entitlement mentality "rising" today in the free world. This spirit is captured in the saying, "When the choice is Freedom or Freebies, Freebies wins every time." In our day, the West is abandoning the Judeo-Christian foundations of our culture for the secular "higher ground" rooted in entitlements and "fairness." Instead of the sought-after Utopia of blessings, secular

policies are weakening the West with the result that "Esau is Rising.

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