

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

09:08:07

Theme: UNEQUAL YOKE IN MARRIAGE

Memory Verse: *Genesis 26:34-35 “And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: [35] Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.”*

Texts: Deuteronomy 7:3-4, Joshua 23:12-13

In marrying Judith and Bashemath, Esau despised the commandment of his parents regarding the daughters of the land and grieved his parent's hearts. The Bible says: “A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her that bare him” (Proverbs 17:25). Had he yielded to their counsel and guidance in this area, Esau would have been the pride of his parents. Since the purpose of God was to raise up for Himself a peculiar people and a chosen race. Esau erred by mixing up himself with the Hittite and thereby despised the counsel of his parents against unequal yoke.

Beside the sin of unequal yoke, by marrying two Hittites at the same time, he practised polygamy. These are ruinous evils that damn the soul and cause perpetual sorrow and grief to Christian parents. We learn from this carnal deed of Esau not to go into unequal yoke with non believers. To do so will be to grieve the heart of our heavenly Father, sadden the hearts of our spiritual parents who watch over us and jeopardise our chances of making heaven. The Scripture is explicitly clear in its warning against unequal yoke (Deuteronomy 7:3, 4).

People disobey God because of the carnality of their mind and the desire to satisfy their freshly lusts. But wilful disobedience to the warnings of the scripture on unequal yoke has always turned out to be catastrophic. Ahab's marriage to Jezebel typifies the negative consequence of unequal yoke in marriage. Solomon also, the wisest king that ever lived, was turned away from following the Lord wholeheartedly because of the same problem. Unequal yoke in marriage, rather than make for a heaven-sent help mate, actual leads into snares and scourges.