



Moabites, Edomites, and Israel: Kinship and Conflict

The Moabites and Edomites were two of Israel's closest neighbors, both geographically and genealogically. Descended from Lot and Esau, these peoples shared kinship with Israel yet often lived in hostility toward them. Throughout the Old Testament, Moab and Edom appear in stories of conflict, uneasy alliances, and prophetic warnings. Their history with Israel sheds light on the nature of covenant faithfulness, the dangers of pride and compromise, and the enduring significance of these nations in prophecy.

By examining their origins, conflicts, and prophetic futures, we gain a clearer picture of the spiritual battles underlying Israel's story and the lessons for believers today.