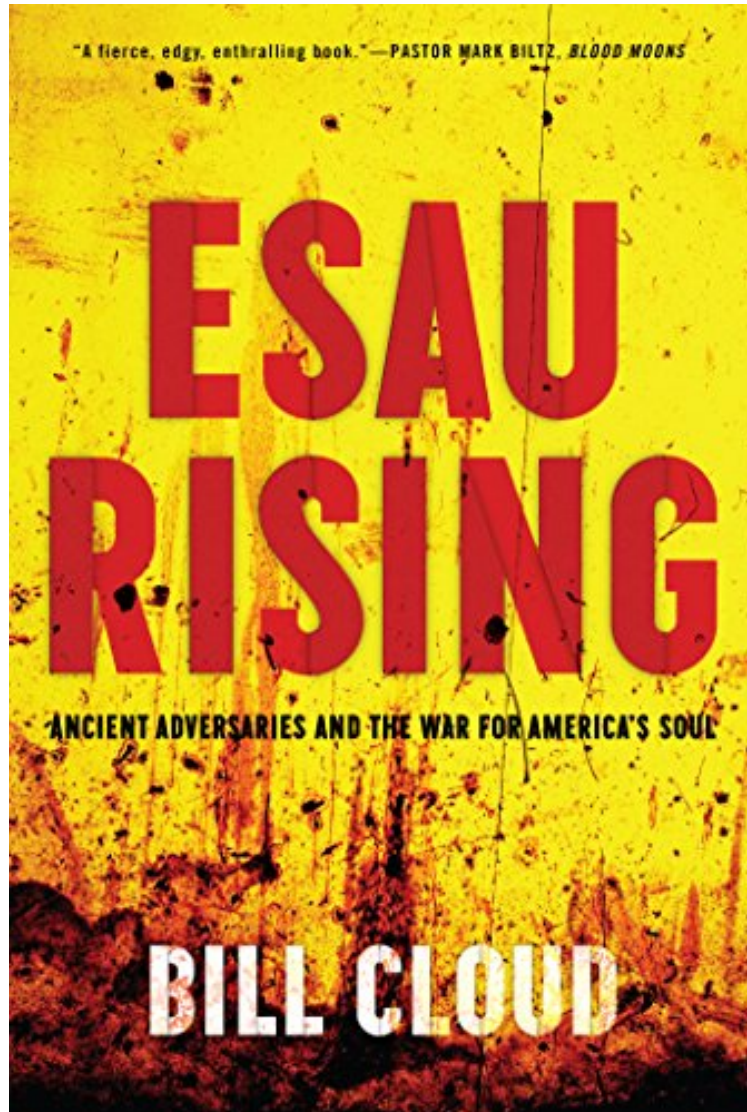


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Bill Cloud : Esau Rising: Ancient Adversaries and the War for Americas Soul before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Esau Rising: Ancient Adversaries and the War for Americas Soul:

21 of 23 people found the following review helpful. The Spirit of EsauBy William StruseWhen I started this book I couldnt help but think of my friend Bill Cloud the former Marshall of Tombstone, Arizona, The town to 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 Bell was demonstrated by his ability to predict the future. To me Isaiah 46 and the captivity of Babylons gods made more sense in the bigger context of Isaiah 44 and YHWH's prophecy concerning Cyrus and his future capture of Babylon. In any case Mr. Cloud proffers an understanding of the verse which sees this passage as a testimony to the idea that the future is encoded in the past. He quotes Ecclesiastes 3:15 to prove his point: That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past. Ecclesiastes 3:15 I'm not sure I totally agree with Mr. Cloud's view on this, but it does offer intriguing possibilities which warrant further consideration. As I was reading this part of the book I couldn't help but think of Mark Twain's famous quote, History doesn't repeat itself, but it does rhyme. To be sure Biblical history doesn't repeat exactly, but Mr. Cloud did demonstrate several examples of its rhyming. Fascinating. * * * In the final section of this book Mr. Cloud looks at how the underlying spiritual issues are the driving force in the affairs of mankind. He offered some really good insights which I thought worth repeating, especially in light of our current political environment. If we have honest, virtuous leaders, it's likely because we are a righteous people. On the other hand, if we are continually laden with self-serving and devious politicians, it is because we have become a corrupt, self-serving, and devious society. I'll go so far as to say that those who hold political office, even the highest offices in the land, are God's servants: I did not say they are servants of God, but that they are God's servants - there is a huge difference. In the interest of a fair review I do have some respectful disagreements, or at least, thought more clarification was warranted. First there were a couple instances in the book where I thought Mr. Cloud reached a little far in his criticism of Esau. Not that Esau may not have been guilty of such sin, but the text just wasn't clear about it. I think the speculation detracted from some of the already well established examples Mr. Cloud made. An area where I thought Mr. Cloud missed an opportunity was when discussing the Judeo-Christian roots of America's founding. To be sure many of America's founders understood the necessity of morality in governance. What concerns me though, is today many confuse the issue of Judeo-Christian morality and Christianity itself. In a well-meaning attempt to insert necessary Biblical principles back into the political realm many have watered down the term Christian. A Christian (a follower of Christ) in the Biblical sense is one who believes that Yeshua paid the eternal price for our sins, that He was YHWH come in the flesh. In fact the apostle John was rather harsh in his criticism of those who did not believe in the divinity of Christ calling them the spirit of antichrist. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 1 John 4:3 In the days ahead, for the sake of those who have not yet believed, I think it necessary to clearly distinguish the difference between Biblical morality and Biblical Christianity. Or in other words the difference between following moral Biblical principles and being a follower of Christ. Today's secular Christianity which sees Yeshua as only a historical personality of high moral character is in fact the spirit of the antichrist. This is the same spirit of Esau that Mr. Cloud so well described in this book. This idea twists the truth just enough to allow secular enlightenment to entangle itself with the faith once delivered to the saints. Frankly, in my opinion one of the greatest dangers on the horizon is some version of this secular Christianity mixed with fervent nationalism. In summary, I think it imperative that Christians understand that the spirit of Esau is flourishing in our world today. This spirit is the same adversary which deceived Adam and Eve in the garden and it will be the same spirit which will lead mankind in the final rebellion against Yeshua when He returns. Esau Rising provides a unique and useful look at Satan's methods and purpose as carried out through the Biblical personality of Esau. I enjoyed reading Esau Rising and many of the insights Mr. Cloud brought to the subject. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. lots of good insight. Esau is a spiritual attitude that has ... By Ray F Ortiz lots of good insight. Esau is a spiritual attitude that has always been in the world. He uses the historical Esau to show how current events are really an extension of ancient events. It was a good read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.) For more information See Beyond The Veil of Moses by Brian Martin and Christianity's Great dilemma by Glenn Hill By Robert Bierals The Author does not seem to know that the Second Coming has already happened (70 A.D.) For more information See Beyond The Veil of Moses by Brian Martin and Christianity's Great dilemma by Glenn Hill.

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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.

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. The Bible says it declared the end from the beginning and if you want to know the end you need to go to the beginning of the rise of Esau to see how history is repeating itself in our day. Thank you Bill Cloud for a real eye-opener! --Mark Biltz, founder of El Shaddai Ministries and author of Blood Moons Solomon wrote, "The thing that has been is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done" (Eccl. 1:9). This unusual spiritual principle is repeated in Ecclesiastes 3:15: "That which has been is now and that which is to be has already been." In contemporary terms, we would say, "History repeats itself." For those who believe in biblical patterns this truth is validated time and again; biblical events which occurred thousands of years ago are being played out in our time. For instance, the story of two brothers - Jacob and Esau - contains numerous clues to understanding events we now see unfolding in Israel, the Middle East and even in America. I have known Bill Cloud for almost thirty years. Bill is known nationally for his incredible teaching on the Hebrew roots of our faith and for bringing to light the wonderful scriptural nuggets found in the Hebrew text. He is gifted in reading these ancient stories and recognizing how the events of long ago are reflected in today's headlines. In this eye-opening book, Esau Rising, you will discover new and relevant insight as Bill examines the conflict that divided an ancient family and that continues to affect the world today. If you want to know the end of the story you must start at the beginning; and if you want to understand what is happening in our world, you can learn a lot by examining the story of Jacob and, most definitely, Esau. This book clearly explains what it is really all about. Esau Rising is like a treasure hunt only, in the end, you discover the treasure. --Perry Stone, host of Manna-Fest, author, and international evangelist About the Author Bill Cloud has served as a youth pastor, chief researcher, writer, and publications director for Perry Stone and Voice of Evangelism Ministries. Cloud is a featured speaker in venues throughout the country and has appeared with notable teachers such as Hal Lindsay, J.R. Church, Jack Van Impe, John Hagee, Grant Jeffrey, Perry Stone, Tim La Haye, and Chuck Missler. Through Shoreshim Ministries, Bill and his family have launched an effort to re-introduce Christians to the Jewish Yshua and to educate believers in the Hebraic roots of their faith. He and his family reside in Cleveland, Tennessee.