

**Event 17:** Edom's Incessant Advance

Edom's desire for the southern crossing to Philistia brought the Edomites into direct conflict with Judah who wanted the Negev as an entrance into the arena of southern trade. The blue arrows show Edom launching a programmatic westward migration which resulted in Edomite ('Idumean' in Greek) control of the Negev, the southern Hill Country of Judah and the southern Shephelah.