

## The Lord's Blessing > Genesis 36:1-43

**36:1-5** Esau and his family matter to God's plans. Not only are they human beings, created in His image, but they also fulfill His own promises given to Abraham in **Genesis 17**.

**36:6-8** Yet, their blessing would only be partial: Esau's family was not part of God's chosen people. Though God does care for all people, He has a special and specific blessing for His people, shown by how He protects and provides for them.

**36:9-30** Esau – the founder of Edom – ends up with an ever-expanding genealogy including many people: they grow from a family to a tribe to a nation. Yet, in contrast to the other genealogies we see in the Scriptures, there is no blessing for their simply growing large. Instead, blessing comes only from being connected to the Lord via His promises.

**36:31-43** Lastly, we read of the kings and leaders of Edom. Once more, however, we need to remember the point: earthly power and riches never last. Only God's eternal blessing will endure.

**Context:** As we often see in Genesis, our section of the story ends with a genealogy which points us back to God's work.

**Aim:** God's care cannot be fully enjoyed apart from God's promised blessing.

**Gospel:** The salvation we have in Christ is what is needed by all people, everywhere.

**Applications:** Are you settling for something less than enjoying Jesus? Will you share the Good News with others?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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