Genesis 36

Gen. 36 gives the lists of descendants of Esau (after this chapter, we basically don't hear much more about Esau) – he leaves the Biblical record (accept for occasional references later in the Bible)

Genesis 36.1-8

V 1-3 – The 3 wives of Esau: Adah, Oholibamah, Basemath (the daughter of Ishmael – not a good sign – Esau was marrying pagan women)
-The Hittites and Ishmael's daughter
-**Note:** Many archaeologists did not believe in the existence of the Hittites until material discovered about them in the 1906-1907, when 10,000 clay tablets were discovered that gave the history of the Hittites (see *Zondervan Bible Dictionary*, p. 356 or any standard Bible reference book)

V 4-5 – The sons of Esau

V 6 – **Was Esau prosperous?** Yes

V 7 – **What did Esau have to do?** He had to move to a new territory – there was not enough grazing land for Esau and Jacob

V 8 – **Where did Esau go?** To the land of Edom (due south of the Dead Sea)

Genesis 36.9-14

V 9 – For more information on the Edomites, see the book of *Obadiah* (and its capital city Petra, the supposed location of the "Indiana Jones" movies)

V 12 – Notice Amalek, the father of the Amalekites – they became great enemies of the Jews later in the Old Testament

V 14 – The grandchildren of Esau

Genesis 36.15-19

The sons of Esau who became "chiefs"

Genesis 36.20-30

V 20 – "Horite" means "cave-dweller" – the fact that there were cave-dwellers verifies the Bible

V 24 – "Hot springs" – later generations would have known where these springs were located

Genesis 36.31-39

-The purpose of this section is to show the background of the people of Edom when Esau moved there

-**Note:** There were kings in Edom before the Israelites had any kings – this might have been one reason that the Israelites demanded a king from God when Samuel was ending the period of the Judges

V 33 – Bela Bartok (famous Jewish musical composer)

V 37 – "River" – a reference to the Euphrates

Genesis 36.40-43

-The leaders south of the Dead Sea (descendants of Esau)

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