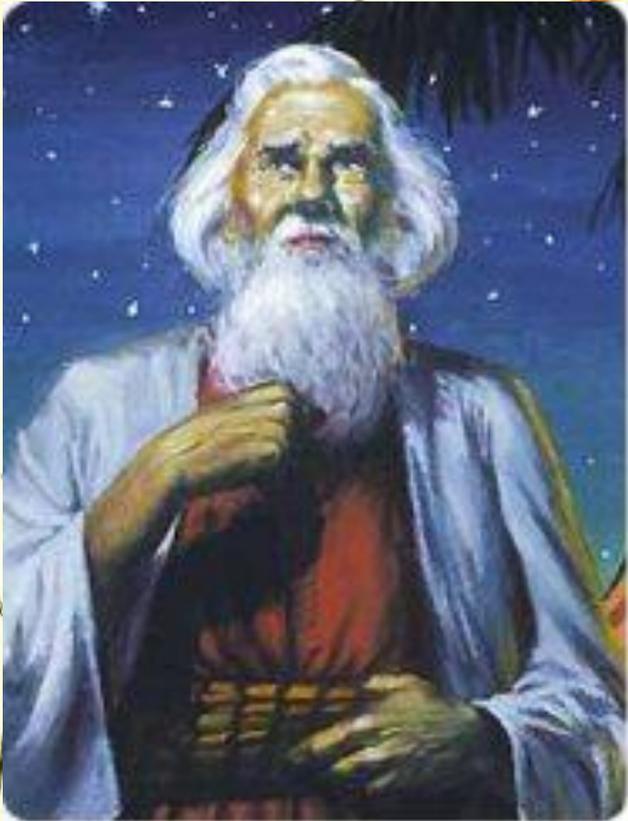


Introduction to the book of Genesis

the chosen nation



**“blessing I will bless
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is on the seashore.”
(Genesis 22:17)**

Book of Genesis

- First book in the Bible
- Originally written in Hebrew; translated to Greek in 280 B.C.
- Greek word meaning **origin, source, beginning.**
- Tells about the beginning of many things.
- Written by Moses around **1450 B.C.**
- Answers the question, **"Where did I come from?"**

The Creation

- God spoke the world into existence.
(Psalm 33:6)
 - **Day 1:** God created light—night and day.
 - **Day 2:** He placed the firmament.
 - **Day 3:** Separated water/land; vegetable life.
 - **Day 4:** Placed the sun, moon, and stars, in the firmament.
 - **Day 5:** Created sea animals and birds.
 - **Day 6:** Created land animals and mankind.
 - **Day 7:** He rested!

Sin Begins

- Everything God created was good **(1:31)**.
- Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden.
- The marriage relationship **(2:24)**.
- The Law **(2:16,17)**.
- The serpent (Satan) tempts Eve **(3:1-6)**.
- The birth of sin **(3:10-13)**.
- Sin's consequences **(3:14-19)**.
- Man's spiritual death **(3:24)**.

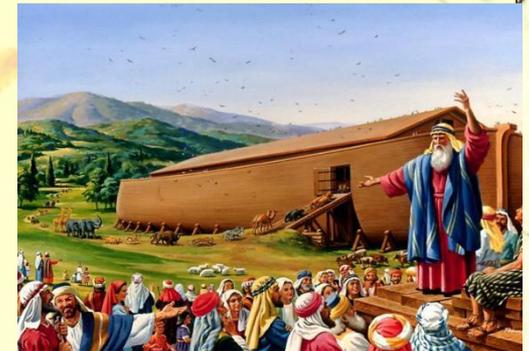


Sin Increases

- Cain slew Abel (4:1-9).
- Lamech practiced polygamy (4:19).
- Enoch walked with God (5:24).
- Seth's descendants began to intermarry with Cain's wicked descendants (6:1-4).
- Men were evil continually (6:5,6).
- Noah found grace in God's eyes (6:8).

The Flood

- Instructions for building the ark **(6:13-22)**
- Noah entered the ark when he was 600 years old **(7:11)**.
- It rained on earth 40 days, covering the highest mountain **(7:17-20)**.
- Water remained on the earth for one year and 10 days.
- Rainbow given as the sign of God's Promise **(9:13)**.



The Nations

- All nations that now exist obviously descended from Noah and his children.
 - **Shem**: (Semitic)—Aramaeans, Arabians, etc.
 - **Ham**: (Hamitic)—Ethiopians, Egyptians, Canaanites, etc.
 - **Japheth**: (Indo-Europeans)—Greeks, Medes, etc.

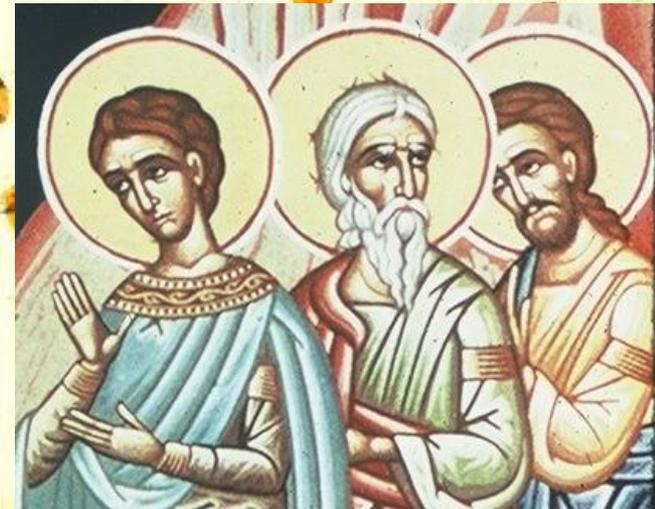
Tower of Babel

- All peoples lived together and spoke one language.
- They wanted to make a name for themselves **(11:4-6)**.
- God confused their language.
- They scattered.
- The nations began.
- One family (Shem's) through which Christ came.



Patriarchs I

- Abraham(21:1-25:18)
- Isaac(25:19-26:35)
- Jacob(27:1-37:2a)
- Joseph(37:2b-50:26)



Abraham's Life

- Abram lived with his father, Terah, in Ur.
- God called Abram to leave his home.
- He gave him three great promises **(12:1-7)**.

– **Nation**

– **Land**

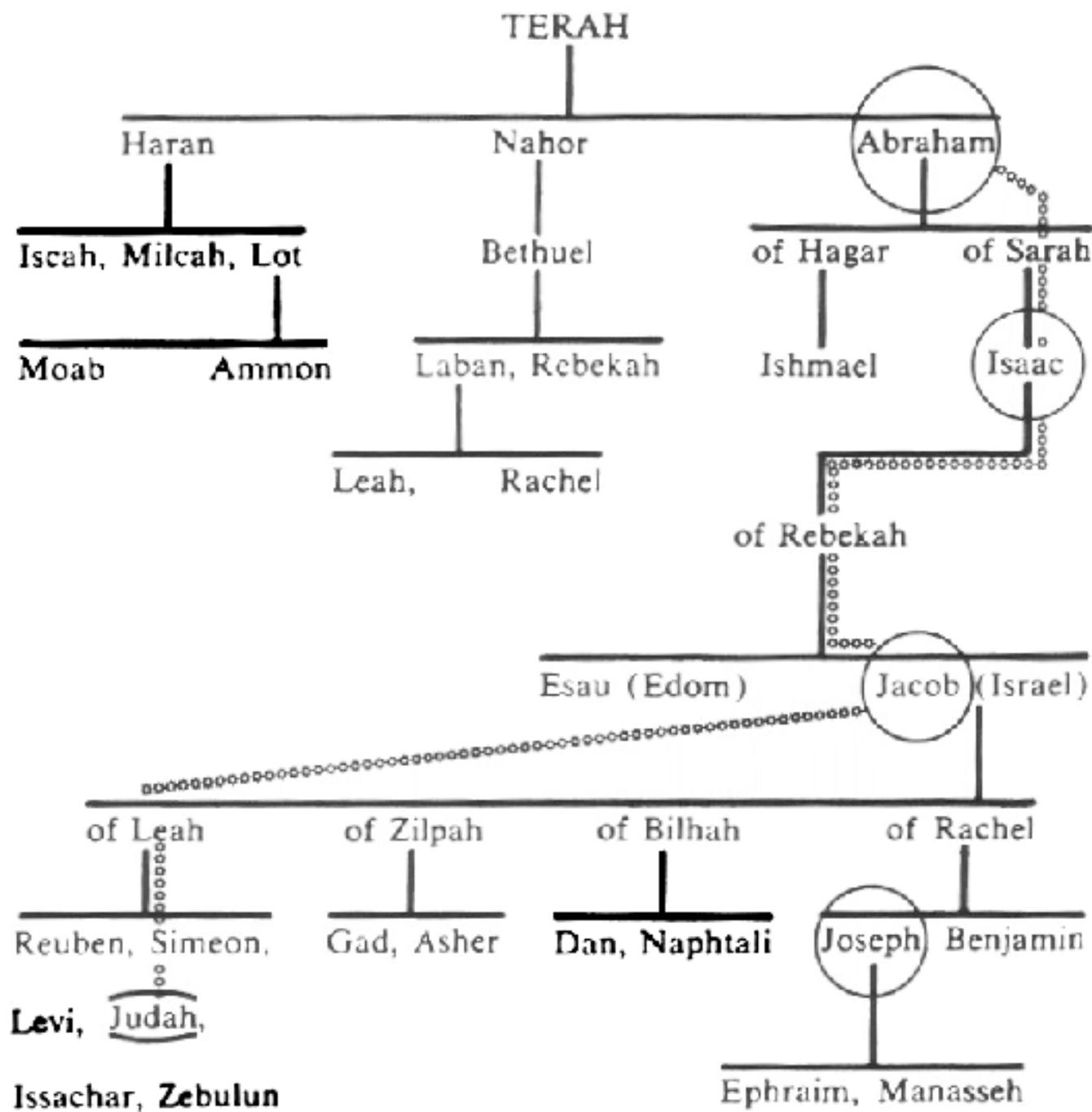
– **Seed**



- When famine strikes, Abram and Sarai move to Egypt. Sarai lies **(12:8-20)**.

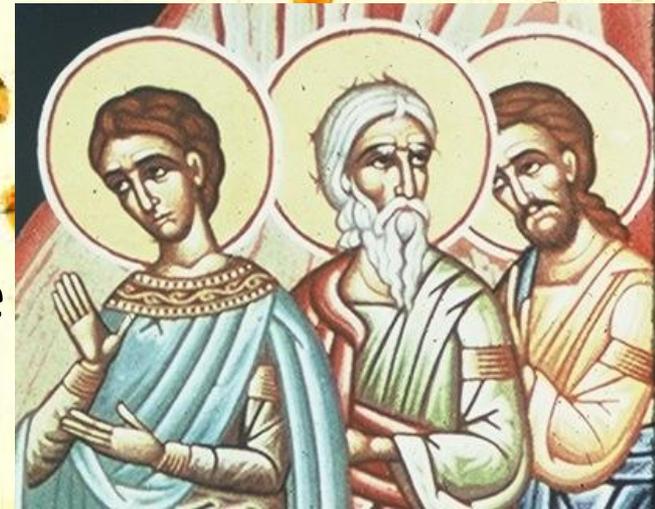
PATRIARCHAL FAMILY TREE

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Patriarchs II

- Abraham, Father of Israel(21:1-25:18)
 - Establish faith that God requires by
 - Test of Obedience
 - Test of Values
 - Test of love and Loyalty
 - Test of faith
 - God's promise is originated, anchored in him
 - Seal of faith and seal of promise



Strife Between Abram and Lot

- Lot was given first choice **(13:10)**.
- Lot taken captive in battle of the kings; rescued by Abram.
- Abram paid tithes to Melchizedek.
- Abram and Sarah were well advanced in years, but they had no child.
- The promise would be fulfilled in later generations **(15:13-20)**.
- Sarah's plan to use Hagar **(16:1-4)**.
- Ishmael was born, but he was not the child of promise **(16:15,16)**.

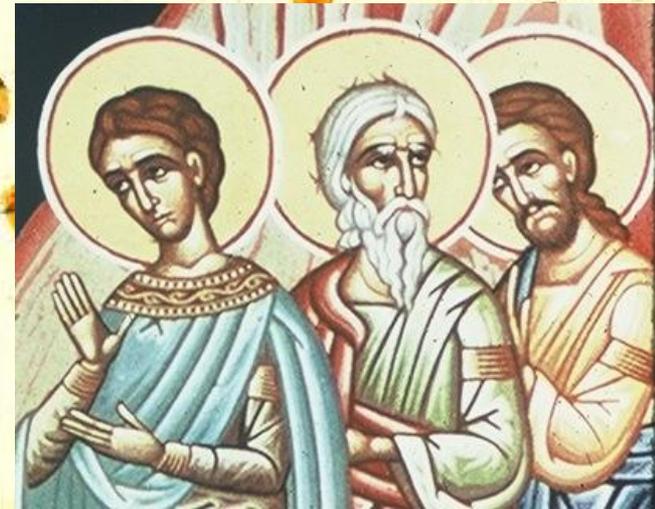
Sodom and Gomorrah

- Cities of the plain become morally corrupt.
- They desire to have carnal relations with the men under Lot's roof **(19:5-11)**.
- Only Lot's family escaped.
- Lot's wife became a pillar of salt **(19:26)**



Patriarch III

- Isaac(25:19-26:35)
 - God establish Isaac's family(23:1-24:67)
 - Distress in transmission of Blessing(25:19-34)
 - Test of faith and God's Blessing in Isaac's family(26:1-35)



Isaac's Birth

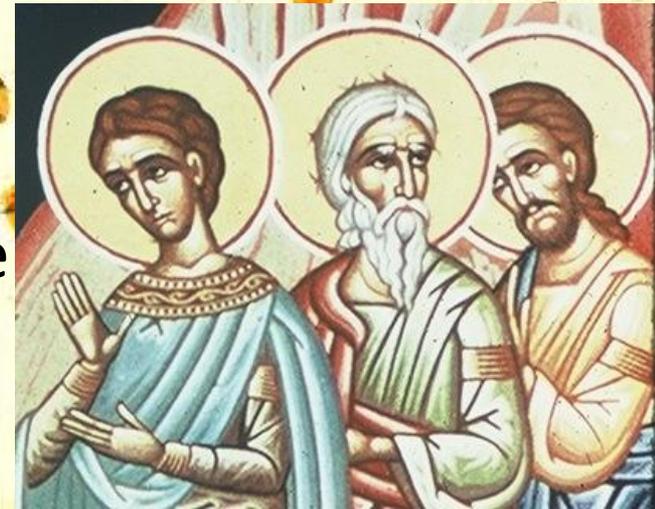
- When Abram was 99, God reconfirmed the promise—next year, he would have a son.
- Isaac was born **(21:1-4)**.
- Abram's name changed to **Abraham**, and Sarai's to **Sarah (17:9-14)**
- Abraham's faith is tested **(22)**.
- Sarah died at 120; was buried in a cave at Machpelah near Hebron **(23:1,2)**.
- Rebekah is chosen to be Isaac's wife **(24:15ff)**.

Isaac's Life

- Abraham died when he was 175 **(25:7-11)**.
- Isaac had two sons—**Jacob and Esau**.
 - Isaac was partial to Esau.
 - Rebekah was partial to Jacob.
- The older would serve the younger **(25:23)**.
- Esau sold his birthright **(25:29-34)**.
- Isaac, because he was deceived, gave the blessing to Jacob **(27:27-29)**.
- Jacob fled, and Esau took a Canaanite wife.

Patriarch IV

- Jacob(27:1-37:2a)
 - Personal encounter with God and receiving God's promise (27:1-28:22)
 - Jacob's Marriage (29:1-30:24)
 - Jacob's struggle for blessing(30:25-31:55)
 - New Beginning of Jacob's faith(32:12-33:20)
 - Reaffirmation of God's promise (34-35)
 - Esau, a twin without God's promise (36-37:1a)

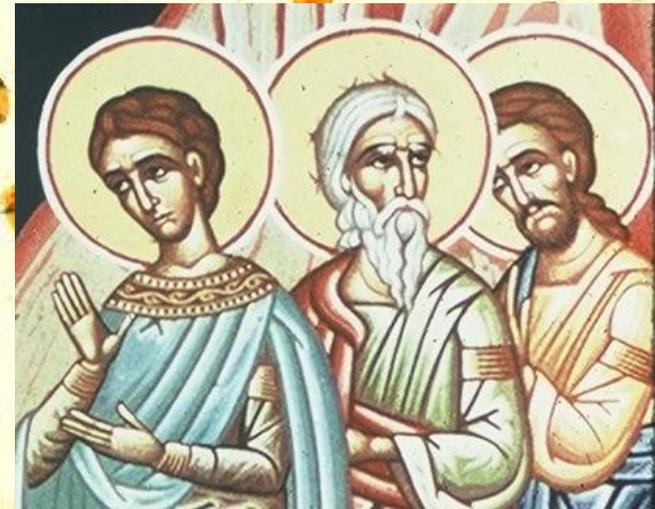


Jacob's Life

- Covenant made at Bethel **(28:10-22)**
- Jacob marries Leah and Rachel **(29:21-28)**
- Jacob's children:
 - Leah: **Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun** (also a daughter, Dinah)
 - Zilpah (Leah's handmaid): **Gad and Asher**
 - Bilhah (Rachel (handmaid): **Dan and Naphtali**
 - Rachel: **Joseph and Benjamin**
- Jacob becomes wealthy, and Esau receives him back.

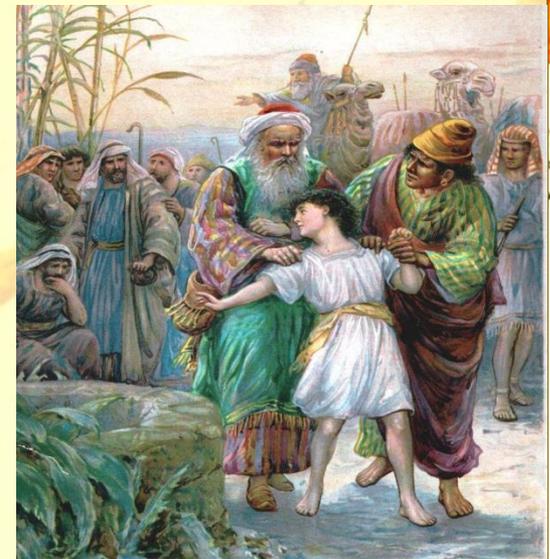
Patriarch V

- Joseph(37:2b-50:26)
 - Joseph, a flickering light of God, among sinful brothers(37:2b-36)
 - Judah, a man of sin (38)
 - Joseph's righteousness in distress(39)
 - God's sovereign will in Joseph(40-41:57)
 - Saving of Israel(42-50:26)



Joseph's Life

- Joseph was Jacob's favorite son **(37:1-3)**.
- Joseph's two dreams **(37:6-11)**.
- His brothers sold Joseph into slavery **(37:19-28)**.
- The brothers told Jacob that Joseph was dead **(37:31-36)**.
- Joseph ended up as head of Potiphar's household in Egypt **(37:36)**.
- Jacob's name was changed to Israel **(35:9-12)**.



Joseph's Life

- Held a place of honor in Potiphar's house **(39:1-4)**.
- Falsely accused and imprisoned **(39:9-18)**.
- Prospered in prison **(39:19-23)**.
- The baker's and the butler's dreams **(40:9-23)**.
- Pharaoh dreams **(41:1-13)**.
- Joseph's interpretation of the king's dreams **(41:14-37)**.

Joseph's Life

- Joseph is second in command in Egypt **(41:38-49)**.
- Joseph's brothers come to buy grain; do not recognize him **(42:1-11)**.
- He returns their money and keeps Simeon until they bring back Benjamin **(42:24-38)**.
- They return, with Benjamin, to buy more grain **(43:1-16)**.
- Joseph reveals himself to them **(45:1-3)**.
- Joseph sends wagons to bring Jacob to Egypt—**70** souls **(46:1-27)**.

Joseph's Life

- Joseph's family settles in Goshen **(47:1)**.
- Joseph has all the money and land the people gave him for the grain **(47:20-26)**.
- Israel makes Joseph promise to take his body for burial out of Egypt **(47:27-31)**.
- Israel blesses Joseph and all his other sons **(48 and 49)**.
- Israel dies and is buried **(50:1-16)**.
- Brothers are afraid that Joseph will try to pay them back **(50:18-21)**.
- Joseph's bones to be carried out of Egypt **(50:24-26)**.

“blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

(Genesis 22:17-18)



**GLORY BE TO GOD. FOR
EVER. AMEN.**