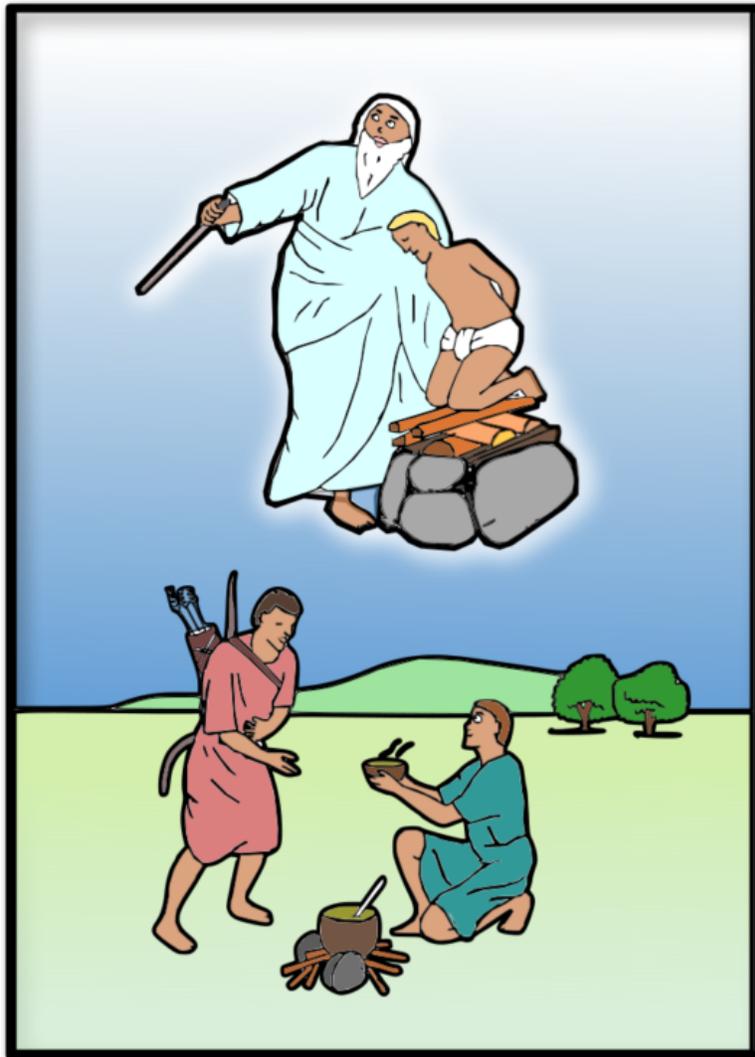


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Genesis 12-36

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BIBLE

Book	Author	Chapter	Date
Genesis	Moses	12 - 36	1450-1410 B.C.

SUMMARY

God calls Abraham, promising to make his descendants a great nation, and this covenant unfolds through Isaac and Jacob. Jacob's journey includes divine encounters, family conflict, and the birth of twelve sons who become the foundation of Israel

NOTES

Abraham (Abram)

- **Call & Promise (1st time)** - God called Abram (later Abraham) to leave his home Promises to make him a great nation Genesis 12:1-3 *"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you"*
- **Promise (2nd time)** - Though very old & Sara (later Sarah) barren God promises Abram a Son to carry the promise & to his decedents he gives the land of Canaan. - Genesis 15
- **Ishmael** - Unable to conceive, Sarah gives her maid Hagar to Abram. Hagar gives birth to Ishmael - Genesis 16:1-6
- **Promise & Sign (3rd time)** - God restates the promise to Abram - all males in his household and descendants are to be circumcised as a sign of the promise . Names change to Abraham and Sarah. - Genesis 17:1-27
- **Son of Promise** - Abraham's wife Sarah finally gives birth to Isaac Genesis 21:1-7
- **The Testing** - God called Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, testing his faith Genesis 22:1-9

Isaac

- **Rebekah** - Abraham's servant is sent back to Haran to find a wife for his son Isaac from among his own people. God gives the servant favour and returns with Rebekah - Genesis 24:1-67
- **Twin Sons** - Rebekah gives birth to twin sons Jacob and Esau. God reveals that each would become a nation, but that the older would serve the younger. - Genesis 25:19-26
- **Blessing of Jacob** - Although Isaac favoured Esau, Rebekah (who favoured Jacob) tricked Isaac in his old age and Jacob received the blessing intended for his older brother. - Genesis. 27:1-40

Israel (Jacob)

- **Flees Brother** - After deceitfully receiving blessing he fled from Esau to Haran. On the way he has a dream and God affirms the promise he made to Abraham. - Genesis 28:1-22
- **Marries** - Works for his uncle Laban & is deceived into marrying Leah, when he wanted to marry Rachel. But also takes Rachel has his wife. - Genesis 29:15-30
- **Children** - Between Leah and Rachel and their maids Jacob fathers 12 sons. These would become the patriarchs of the 12 tribes of Israel. - Genesis 29:31-30:24
- **Wrestles with God** - _While returning to Canaan, as they were crossing back into the land over the Jordan river Jacob is confronted with divine being representing God and they wrestle all night until Jacob insist that this being bless him before he lets go. Jacob is blessed and his name is changed to Israel. - Genesis 32:22-32

KEY POINTS

1. Gods redemptive plan begins by him choosing a man and his family
2. He promises Abraham and his descendants land, people and blessing
3. The people who God chose were far from perfect