

Search for Truth
Lesson Three

Chart 1 - Second Dispensation “Conscience”

A. Adam and Eve

The dispensation of **conscience** began when Adam was driven from the garden. After man’s spirit had died, God’s communion with His choice creation was interrupted. Therefore, until the time of the written law, God implemented another means for communicating instructions. God chose to speak with man through an inner voice called “conscience.”

Conscience, the faculty by which we know right from wrong, began to function when Adam and Eve ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. It has since been a guiding force in mankind’s moral actions.

B. Cain and Abel

Genesis 4:1-16

- 1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare **Cain**, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.
- 2 And she again bare his brother **Abel**. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.
- 3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of **the fruit of the ground** an offering unto the LORD.
- 4 And Abel, he also brought of **the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof**. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:
- 5 But unto Cain and to his offering **he had not respect**. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.
- 6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?
- 7 **If thou doest well**, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, **sin lieth at the door**. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.
- 8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and **slew him**.
- 9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, **I know not**: Am I my brother's keeper?
- 10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood **crieth unto me from the ground**.
- 11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;
- 12 When thou tillest the ground, **it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength**; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.
- 13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him **sevenfold**. And the LORD **set a mark** upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

C. Seth

Genesis 4:25

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name **Seth**: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

Through Seth's descendants **the Redeemer** would come to earth. However, there were not just two distinct lines of the human family.

Genesis 5:4

4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and **he begat sons and daughters**:

Every son of Adam began a different branch of the human race.

D. Enoch

Enoch a descendant of Seth, was especially favored of God.

Genesis 5:24

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God **took him**.

Hebrews 11:5

5 By faith **Enoch was translated** that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had **translated him**: for before his translation he had this testimony, **that he pleased God**.

Enoch also was **a Prophet** of God and prophesied of the coming judgment in the day of the Lord upon the ungodly.

Jude 1:14-15

14 And **Enoch** also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

15 To **execute judgment** upon all, and to convince all that are **ungodly** among them of all their **ungodly deeds** which they have **ungodly committed**, and of all their **hard speeches** which **ungodly sinners** have spoken against him.

Chart 2 - God's Judgment "The Flood"

Genesis 6:5-8

5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that **every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually**.

6 And **it repented the LORD** that he had made man on the earth, and **it grieved him** at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, **I will destroy man** whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But **Noah found grace** in the eyes of the LORD.

A. God's Blueprint for Escape

Genesis 6:12-17

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, **it was corrupt**; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, **The end of all flesh is come before me**; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, **I will destroy them** with the earth.

14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

17 And, behold, **I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh**, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and **every thing** that is in the earth **shall die**.

B. Which animals were in the Ark?

Genesis 6:18-22

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, **two of every sort** shalt thou bring into the ark, **to keep them alive** with thee; they shall be **male and female**.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, **two of every sort** shall come unto thee, **to keep them alive**.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, **so did he**.

Genesis 7:1-3

7:1 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee **have I seen righteous** before me in this generation.

2 Of every **clean** beast thou shalt take to thee **by sevens**, the male and his female: and of beasts

that are **not clean by two, the male and his female.**

3 Of fowls also of the air **by sevens**, the male and the female; **to keep seed alive** upon the face of all the earth.

C. A Worldwide Flood

Genesis 7:4-24

4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth **forty days and forty nights**; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

5 And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were **all the fountains** of the great deep broken up, and **the windows of heaven were opened.**

12 And the rain was upon the earth **forty days and forty nights.**

13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

14 They, and every beast **after his kind**, and all the cattle **after their kind**, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth **after his kind**, and every fowl **after his kind**, every bird of every sort.

15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in **male and female** of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and **the LORD shut him in.**

17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and **all the high hills**, that were under **the whole heaven, were covered.**

20 **Fifteen cubits upward** did the waters prevail; and **the mountains were covered.**

21 And **all flesh died** that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and **every man:**

22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, **died.**

23 And every living substance **was destroyed** which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and **they were destroyed** from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth **an hundred and fifty days.**

Chart 3 - Third Dispensation “Human Government”

A. Noah’s Covenant

Genesis 9:8-17

8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, behold, I establish **my covenant** with you, and with your seed after you;

10 **And with every living creature** that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11 And I will establish **my covenant** with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12 And God said, This is **the token** of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for **perpetual generations**:

13 I do set **my bow** in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that **the bow** shall be seen in the cloud:

15 And I will remember **my covenant**, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters **shall no more** become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And **the bow** shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember **the everlasting covenant** between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Noah, This is **the token** of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

B. Curse and Blessings Divide Noah’s Family

Genesis 9:18-27

18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.

19 These are **the three sons** of Noah: and **of them** was the whole earth overspread.

20 And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And **Ham**, the father of Canaan, **saw the nakedness** of his father, and told his two brethren without.

23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and **went backward**, and **covered** the nakedness of their father; and **their faces were backward**, and they **saw not** their father’s nakedness.

24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and **knew** what his younger son had done unto him.

25 And he said, **Cursed be Canaan**; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

26 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and **Canaan** shall be his servant.

27 God shall **enlarge** Japheth, and he shall dwell **in the tents** of Shem; and **Canaan** shall be his servant.

Chart 4 - The Beginning of Nations and Languages

Noah's predictions about his three sons were most important. Not only to his immediate family, but to each of us. Through this prophecy, we are informed about **the origin** of all nations, peoples, and races today.

Genesis, chapter 10 records the table of nations and **stands alone** in ancient literature to explain the distribution of people according to a **genealogical framework**.

Many today are especially interested in learning about their family roots. Through research, it is possible to trace lineage and construct a family structure showing ancestors and descendants from many previous generations.

However, the most complete family tree is the one reported **by Moses** in Genesis, chapter 10. It relates **all the people** of the world to **one common ancestor** – Noah. This astonishingly accurate document is **without parallel** among the literature of any other ancient people. Most of the names and “roots” given have been substantiated by **archeological discoveries** in the past century.

This chapter explains where **the nations** settled, their relationship with Israel, political and geographical positions, and territorial locations. It verifies that the nations of the world sprang from **a common ancestry** and that all men are indeed brothers. Despite our diverse races and nationalities, **we are one** in the sight of our Creator.

Acts 17:26

26 And hath made **of one blood all nations** of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

Notice carefully that all the human family is divided into **three main** groups surrounding Palestine. Every location can be spotted inside a circle within a radius of fifteen hundred miles around the Holy Land.

Also included is the major part of an area known today as the Near East. Here is the origin of all living – the cradle of civilization!

A. Shem, Ham, Japheth

Notice the migration of each of Noah's three sons. The family of **Shem** moved eastward to Asia and Assyria.

The sons of **Japheth** settled primarily to the north and west in Europe. He fathered the vast and progressive European nations that would explore, colonize, and settle much of the other side of the globe, including the Americas.

The sons of **Ham** (meaning “burning heat”) migrated southward to the warmer climates in Arabia and the continent of Africa.

Shem, the favored “Messianic” line (from whom the Messiah would come) represents the Semitic peoples in the east from whom the Jewish race emerged. **Abraham**, the first patriarch, came from Shem’s lineage.

Ham’s sons **were cursed** and designated as a servile race because of **immorality**. They inhabited Phoenicia and Canaan. Constantly their tribes were in conflict with Israel.

Archeologists reveal the Canaanite religious cultures **were unequalled** in profane and sexual pagan practices.

Many years elapsed between the day Noah gave prophetic utterances to his sons and its fulfillment. They did not scatter immediately, preferring to unite themselves on the plains of Shinar. After God interrupted their pattern of living, **they dispersed**.

B. The Dispersion at Babel

Another question remains unanswered. How and why did the many languages and dialects originate?

One common language was spoken among Noah’s family. Their small group settled eastward in the rich, fertile soil of the plain of Shinar. Noah’s prophetic utterances began to be fulfilled soon afterward.

Ham’s grandson, **Nimrod**, became the first instigator of opposition. After a hundred or more years, the settlements on the plains of Babylonia had multiplied sufficiently to develop industries and arts. Humanism began to emerge when the citizens conspired an impressive project.

Genesis 11:4

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and **let us make us a name**, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Nimrod founded a kingdom in Shinar with several large cities. Using his influence, he began building a great city for protection, counter to God’s protecting promise. Featured was a tower too tall for water to reach, in the event of another flood, so was their faulty thinking.

Historians indicate that the ancient **Tower of Babel** was actually an astronomical observatory from which the heavens could be studied. Chaldean priests used this tower to gaze at the stars and were the first to divide the heavens into **the twelve sections** of the zodiac. This pagan religion of stars controlling the destiny of men originated in a tower built to study the heavenly bodies, chart their courses, and make predictions.

The first tower was halted **by the confusion of tongues**. But it was later finished and became the **temple of Belus**, the principal god of Babylonia. (Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*).

The Lord allowed everything to progress for a time. Knowing their motives and plans to defy

Him, the project had to be stopped.

Suddenly, chaos erupted! The **masons** could not understand each other. The **carpenters** could not follow the **architect**'s instructions. **Construction** workers and **overseers** became frustrated and confused. Without communication, **progress came to a halt**.

Having promised Noah that mankind would not be destroyed, God confused their language. Those who could communicate, separated into small groups to reorganize their lifestyle and settle together.

At this precise point, Noah's prediction began to be fulfilled. **After the confusion of tongues**, the LORD scattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth in three broad directions corresponding to the three sons of Noah. Modern linguistic scholars have now established that the various existing languages belong to **three great families**. Therefore, Babel gave birth to all nations and languages of the earth. (Merrill F. Unger, *Archaeology and the Old Testament*)!

Consequently, mankind faced physical and sociological problems that could never be overcome. Modern man's effort to minimize and resolve linguistic and racial differences indicates the massive problem created at Babel. The confusion at Babel has no other explanation than **a direct act of God**.

Genesis 11:9

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there **confound** the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD **scatter** them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

The population scattered all over the earth. As they strayed from the vicinity of the ark, the worship and knowledge of God faded to the worship of nature (sun, moon, stars, fire) and then to idols. The oldest sacred books and traditions of each nation concur with the scriptural account.

Chart 5 - Abraham "Father of the Faithful"

A. Abraham "Father of the Faithful"

Why would God withdraw from the human race in general to deal with merely one person? Here are three reasons:

- 1) God designed the Hebrew nation to be a vault of safekeeping for His Word and His holy oracles (utterances).
- 2) The Hebrew nation would provide a channel through which **the Redeemer** would come to earth. Through Christ, God's blessings would flow to all the world.
- 3) Israel was appointed to witness to all nations about the beautiful life God had intended for them. Israel was to exemplify and ideal nation of happy, healthy, prosperous, peaceful people. They would testify to the fact that sin, sickness, poverty, hunger, and discord are from Satan –

not from God.

After the flood, men sought explanations for the source of life. Therefore, they experimented with worshipping the powers of nature – sun, moon, stars, rain, fire, and animals. Gradually, images of these gods emerged to make them more real. Because sex was the means through which life came, descriptions of perverted sexual acts between gods and goddesses also became an integral part of heathen religion.

God trusted in Abram **to remain separated** from such idolatrous practices. To represent Yahweh to all nations and prepare the way for the coming Redeemer, Abram and his descendants **were commanded** to separate from idolatry and wickedness.

The term “patriarch” expresses the social structure of the early Israelites. Those who founded the Hebrew nation are given this title.

In the patriarchal system of government, a clan was governed by the oldest man. The father was both legal and spiritual head of the family. Wives, children, and slaves were subject to the patriarch, who represented **the sole authority** under God. In the absence of a formal government, the patriarch ruled absolutely. However, true love existed among patriarchal family groups.

The first eleven chapters of Genesis cover about two thousand years – half the duration of the whole Old Testament time frame. By comparison the preceding events from the time of Creation were less detailed in Scripture. Through the lineage of Shem, **the Spirit** singled out one man and devoted fourteen chapters to him.

Abram lived in Ur of the Chaldees around 2000 B.C. Though highly civilized and industrially prominent, the city was pagan and idolatrous. Four hundred years after the Flood, God called Abram to travel, by faith, to an undisclosed, distant land.

Abram’s call was a personal summons for **separation**. In a grossly idolatrous world, Abram must teach his family, who in turn would teach their families about **the one true God**.

Separation from familiar surroundings meant leaving his own parents. Often we must also separate ourselves from the plans and wishes of our loved ones and friends. Like Abram, we must walk by faith, guided by God.

B. Covenant Promises

The Hebrew word for “covenant” comes from a verb signifying “to cut or divide.” In most scriptures, the Hebrew word implies: “to cut the covenant.”

For ages, primitive people have practiced this rite. In his book *The Blood Covenant*, Dr. H. Clay Trumbull has accumulated data from all parts of the world that reveal men entering into a binding agreement similar to the Genesis record.

Before officially entering into covenant, Abram and Sarai received new names – Abraham and Sarah.

Genesis 17:1-8

- 1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, **I am the Almighty God**; walk before me, and **be thou perfect**.
- 2 And I will make my covenant **between me and thee**, and will multiply thee exceedingly.
- 3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,
- 4 As for me, behold, **my covenant** is with thee, and thou shalt be **a father of many nations**.
- 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be **Abraham**; for a father of many nations have I made thee.
- 6 And I will make thee **exceeding fruitful**, and I will make **nations of thee**, and **kings shall come** out of thee.
- 7 And I will establish **my covenant** between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an **everlasting covenant**, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.
- 8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, **the land** wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of **Canaan**, for an **everlasting possession**; and **I will be their God**.

Genesis 17:15-16

- 15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but **Sarah** shall her name be.
- 16 And **I will bless her**, and give thee **a son** also of her: yea, **I will bless her**, and she shall be a **mother of nations**; **kings of people** shall be of her.

C. God's Covenant Sign – Circumcision

Then God gave to Abraham the method of cutting the covenant.

Genesis 17:10-14

- 10 This is **my covenant**, which ye shall keep, between **me and you and thy seed after thee**; Every man child among you **shall be circumcised**.
- 11 And ye shall circumcise **the flesh** of your foreskin; and it shall be **a token** of the covenant betwixt me and you.
- 12 And he that is **eight days old** shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.
- 13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, **must needs be circumcised**: and my covenant shall be **in your flesh** for an everlasting covenant.
- 14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, **that soul shall be cut off from his people**; he hath broken my covenant.

Circumcision was a visible mark and sign in a man's flesh that he had been **separated** unto God. Without circumcision, it was **impossible** to share the benefits of Abraham's promises. This mark constantly reminded the Israelite of **God's promises** to him and of **his responsibilities** to God. Even the lowliest Hebrew – including bond servants and strangers – were included.

D. Gentiles become Abraham's Heirs

Romans 4:8-12

8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord **will not impute sin**.

9 Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham **for righteousness**.

10 How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but **in uncircumcision**.

11 And he received **the sign of circumcision**, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being **uncircumcised**: that he might be the father of all them **that believe**, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also **walk in the steps of that faith** of our father Abraham, which he had being yet **uncircumcised**.

Romans 4:13-25

13 For **the promise**, that he should be the **heir of the world**, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, **but through the righteousness of faith**.

14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, **faith is made void**, and the promise made of none effect:

15 Because the **law worketh wrath**: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

16 Therefore **it is of faith**, that it might be **by grace**; to the end **the promise might be sure to all the seed**; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the **father of us all**,

17 (As it is written, I have made thee **a father of many nations**;) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

18 Who against hope **believed in hope**, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, **So shall thy seed be**.

19 And being **not weak in faith**, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about **an hundred years old**, neither yet **the deadness** of Sarah's womb:

20 **He staggered not** at the promise of God through unbelief; but was **strong in faith**, giving glory to God;

21 And being **fully persuaded** that, what he had promised, he was able also **to perform**.

22 And therefore **it was imputed** to him for righteousness.

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 **But for us also**, to whom it shall be imputed, **if we believe on him** that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

25 Who was delivered **for our offences**, and was raised again **for our justification**.

Colossians 2:11-14

11 In whom also ye are **circumcised** with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by **the circumcision** of Christ:

Putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, and putting on Christ!!

12 Buried with him **in baptism**, wherein also ye are risen with him through the **faith of the**

operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he **quickened together** with him, having **forgiven you all trespasses**;

14 **Blotting out** the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and **took it out of the way**, nailing it to his cross;

Romans 2:28-29

28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he is a Jew, **which is one inwardly**; and circumcision is that **of the heart**, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Chart 6 - Fourth Dispensation – “Promise”

A. Fourth Dispensation – “Promise”

The fourth dispensation is so named because of the covenant promises first made to Abraham, then extended to Isaac, and Jacob.

Men now were required to love and believe in God and to obey the Abrahamic covenant stipulations. The first requirement was go be a holy people, separate, and apart from all others.

B. Isaac, Son of Promise

Genesis 21:1-5

1 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, **at the set time** of which God had spoken to him.

3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, **Isaac**.

4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being **eight days old**, as God had commanded him.

5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

C. Ishmael, Father of Arab Nations

Genesis 21:9-13

9 And Sarah saw **the son of Hagar** the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, **mocking**.

10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, **Cast out this bondwoman and her son**: for the son of this bondwoman **shall not be heir** with my son, even with **Isaac**.

11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.

12 And God said unto Abraham, **Let it not be grievous** in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; **for in Isaac shall thy seed be called**.

13 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because **he is thy seed**.

D. Abraham's Test

Genesis 22:1-19

1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of **Moriah**; and **offer him there for a burnt offering** upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 And Abraham rose up **early** in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, **and Isaac** his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which **God had told him**.

4 Then **on the third day** Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and **laid it upon Isaac** his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but **where is the lamb** for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, **God will provide himself** a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham **built an altar** there, and laid the wood in order, and **bound Isaac** his son, and **laid him on the altar** upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife **to slay his son**.

11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

12 And he said, **Lay not** thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing **thou hast not withheld thy son**, thine only son from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him **a ram** caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering **in the stead of his son**.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place **Jehovahjireh**: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

17 That in **blessing I will bless thee**, and in **multiplying I will multiply thy seed** as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and **thy seed shall possess** the gate of his enemies;

18 And **in thy seed** shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast **obeyed my voice**.

19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

E. Isaac, Esau, and Jacob

Genesis 25:19-28

19 And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac:

20 And Isaac was forty years old when he **took Rebekah to wife**, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.

21 And Isaac **entreated** the LORD for his wife, because **she was barren**: and the LORD was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife **conceived**.

22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, **why am I thus?** And she went to inquire of the LORD.

23 And the LORD said unto her, **Two nations** are in thy womb, and **two manner** of people shall be **separated** from thy bowels; and the one people **shall be stronger** than the other people; and **the elder shall serve the younger**.

24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, **there were twins** in her womb.

25 And the first came out **red**, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name **Esau**.

26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called **Jacob**: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

27 And the boys grew: and **Esau** was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and **Jacob** was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

28 And **Isaac** loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: **but Rebekah loved Jacob**.

Romans 9:10-13

10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, **that the purpose of God according to election might stand**, not of works, **but of him that calleth**;))

12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, **but Esau have I hated**.

F. Birthright Exchange

Genesis 25:29-34

29 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same **red pottage**; for I am faint: therefore was his name called **Edom**.

31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and **what profit shall this birthright do to me?**

33 And Jacob said, **Swear to me this day**; and he sware unto him: and **he sold his birthright unto Jacob**.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: **thus Esau despised his birthright**.

G. Jacob's Dream

Genesis 28:10-22

10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and

he took of the stones of that place, and **put them for his pillows**, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, **the LORD** stood above it, and said, **I am the LORD God** of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, **to thee** will I give it, and **to thy seed**;

14 And **thy seed** shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and **in thee and in thy seed** shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, **I am with thee**, and **will keep thee** in all places whither thou goest, and **will bring thee again** into this land; for **I will not leave thee**, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; **and I knew it not.**

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and **set it up for a pillar**, and **poured oil** upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place **Bethel**: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, **If God** will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; **then shall the LORD be my God**:

22 And **this stone**, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: **and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.**

H. A New Man! A New Name!

Genesis 32:24-32

24 And Jacob was left alone; and there **wrestled a man** with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched **the hollow** of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was **out of joint**, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, **except thou bless me.**

27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, **but Israel**: for as a prince hast thou **power with God and with men**, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place **Peniel**: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

31 And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him, and **he halted upon his thigh.**

32 Therefore the children of Israel **eat not of the sinew which shrank**, which is upon **the hollow** of the thigh, unto this day: because **he touched the hollow** of Jacob's thigh **in the sinew that shrank.**