

God will redeem you—and bless you to be a blessing for Him.

1. God Promised and Instituted the Covenant.

Gen. 12-20

- a. Abram (Abraham) and Sarai (Sarah) were chosen. Promises were made (12, 15, 17).
- b. Abraham’s line would be blessed and protected to bring a blessing to the world (12:1-4).
- c. Faith was tested and failed; Ishmael was born to Abraham but not Sarah (18).
- d. Lot was separated (Gen. 13) and Sodom destroyed (19).

“Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him...” Gen. 12:1-4a

2. God Blessed and Multiplied the Lineage.

Gen. 21-36

- a. Isaac was born. Abraham’s faith was tested and confirmed (21-22).
- b. Jacob was born second; but gained Esau’s firstborn blessing (27).
- c. Jacob became Israel—the 12 tribes (30, 35). Christ’s lineage was assured (Matt. 1).

“But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’” ... “I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you.” ... “So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations,” Gen. 22:11-12 ... 35:11 ... Matt. 1:17

3. Fall, Famine and Bondage of the Lineage.

Gen. 37-50

- a. Joseph’s family sinned against both him and God (37).
- b. Joseph was tested and exalted in Egypt (39-41).
- c. The broken family reconciled in forgiveness, safety and protection (43-50).

“And Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. So Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come near to me, please.’ And they came near. And he said, ‘I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life,’” Gen. 45:3-5

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