

Bible Overview – Session 2: The Patriarchs: Genesis 12-50

Chapter 12 – Call of Abram

- All the families of the earth will be blessed – gentile included in redemption.
- Everlasting Covenant
- Unconditional Covenant
- Original land grant
- Bless those who bless you, and curse those who curse you.

Seven “I Wills” vs. 2-3

1. I will make of you a great nation.
2. I will bless you.
3. I will make your name great.
4. I will bless those that bless you.
5. I will curse those that curse you.
6. In you all the families of the earth will be blessed/

War of the Kings and Melchizedek - Chapter 14

- The tithe (precedes the law)
- King of Salem (Peace)
- Bread and Wine
- Without beginning or end

The promise of a Son – Chapter 15

- Covenant renewed.
- Sacrifices made.
- Promises made.
- Abram contributed nothing – all initiated and consummated by God – Like our Salvation.

Sara and Hagar – Chapter 16 – taking matters into your own hands. Unbelief vs. Faith.

Circumcision – Chapter 17 – affirmation of Isaac, not Ishmael will be heir.

- Galatians 4:21-31
- Abram to Abraham, Sarai to Sarah – the “heh” – wind, spirit

Birth of Isaac promised again – Chapter 18

- Sarah laughs
- Is there anything too difficult for the Lord?
- Abraham bargains with God over Sodom. Why did Abraham stop at 10 people?

Sodom and Gomorrah – Chapter 19

- Lot's escape
- Lot's daughters
- Moab
- Ammon

Abraham and Abimelech and Sarah – Chapter 20

Isaac is Born – Chapter 21

- Sarah dismisses Hagar.
- God helps Hagar.

The Sacrifice of Isaac – Chapter 22 – *Akedah*

- Abraham's Growth and Development.
- Did not obey God to leave Ur of the Chaldeans.
- Lied about Sarah being his sister (twice).
- Tried to work out the promise through Hagar (flesh).
- See's God's supernatural provision with conception of Isaac.
- Willing to obey without reservation when commanded to offer Isaac back to God.
- Abraham believed God would raise Isaac from the dead.
- Here is the wood (on his back) and here is the fire – where is the sacrifice.
- God will provide for Himself the sacrifice.
- Isaac went willingly and allowed himself to be bound and placed on the wood.

Bride for Isaac – Chapter 24

- Rebekah
- Two sons – twins, two nations, older serve the younger – Esau and Jacob

Jacob – Chapters 27 - 35

- Deceiver
- Stolen birthright
- Isaac's blessing of Jacob – not reversible
- Jacob flees from Esau.
- Laban treachery with Rachael and Leah; add Bilhah and Zilpah and 12 sons!
- Jacob leaves Laban – Rachael's theft of the household idols – the curse, she dies.
- Jacob meets Esau.
- Jacob's name changed to Israel. – covenant renewed with Jacob.

Joseph: Chapters 36 - 50

- Favored son born of Rachael, Jacob's first love.
- The multicolored tunic
- The dream – family bows down to him
- Sold into slavery in Egypt to Potiphar
- Potiphar's wife – betrayal
- Prison – interprets dreams for baker and winetaster.
- Released, interprets Pharaoh's dream, (famine) and put in charge of grain.
- Joseph's brothers sent to Egypt.
- Simeon hostage – demands Benjamin come to Egypt.
- The big reveal – I am Joseph.
- What you meant for evil God used for good. God sent me ahead to save you/us.
- Family moves to Egypt.