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***Genesis***

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# A World of Idols



**“Believe in humanity,  
not god.”**

Brooke Byrd, Sacramento.  
Volunteer . . . Atheist

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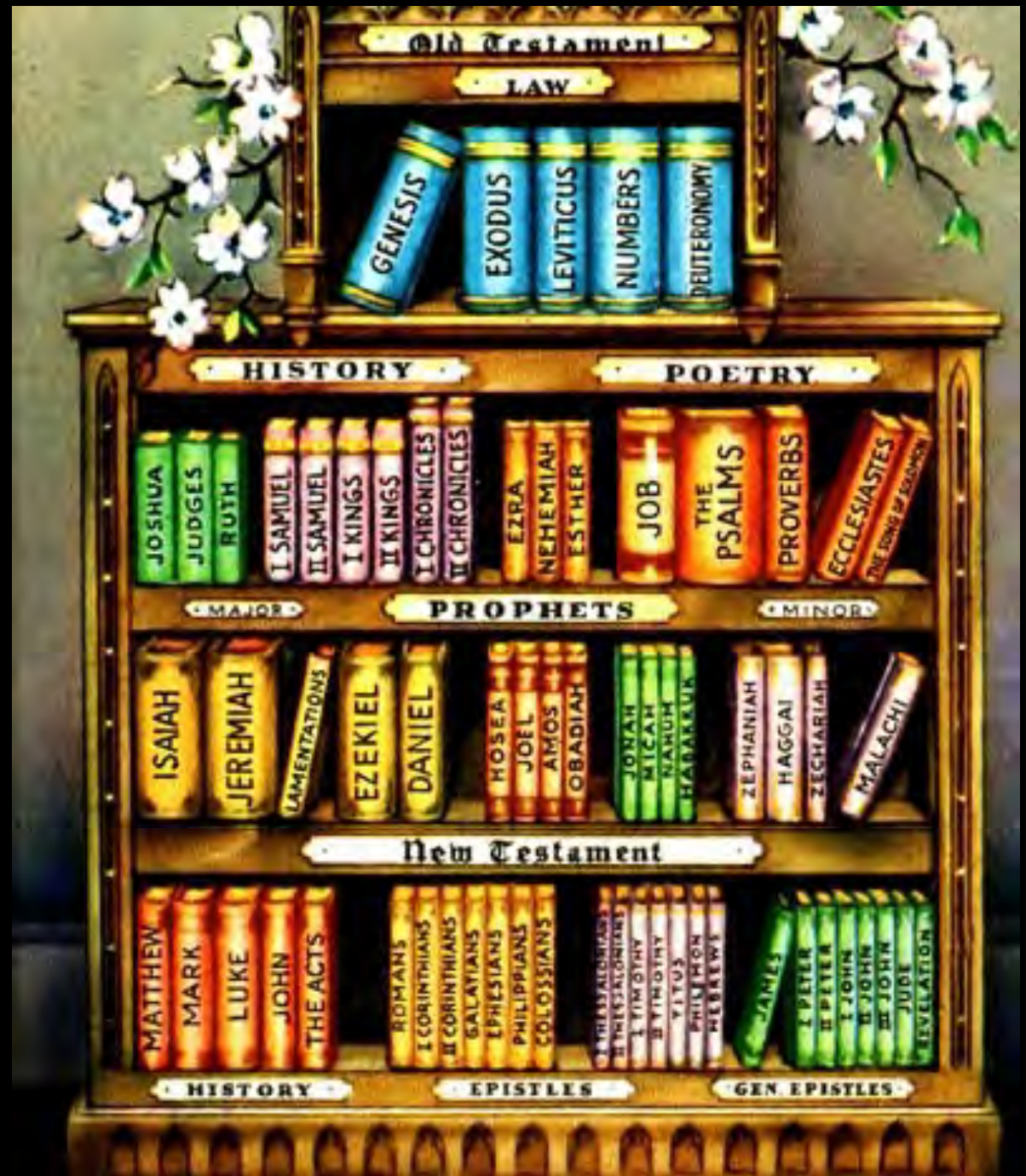


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IDOLS  
of the  
HEART



How can  
you  
remember  
all these  
books?



# **Let's Study Through Scripture**

## **The Bible: Book by Book**





# Where was Israel?





**YOU MEAN...  
40 YEARS?  
OUT HERE?**

MOSES

Exodus

Sinai

M - C - C

Kadesh Barnea

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# Jericho

JORDAN RIVER

DEAD SEA

MODERN JERICOHO

ANCIENT JERICOHO

From Jericho...  
Looking East Across the Jordan River

JOSHUA  
Jericho/Ai



**Israel needed to know,  
"Who is their God"?**

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# Genesis

## Summary Statement

**The narrow lineage of Israel from Creation to Joseph informs Israel it began by God's **election** for rule and unconditional promise for blessings through Abraham in contrast to the Canaanites**

**Key Word**

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**Election**

**Genesis**





# Genesis

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## Origin in Election and Promise

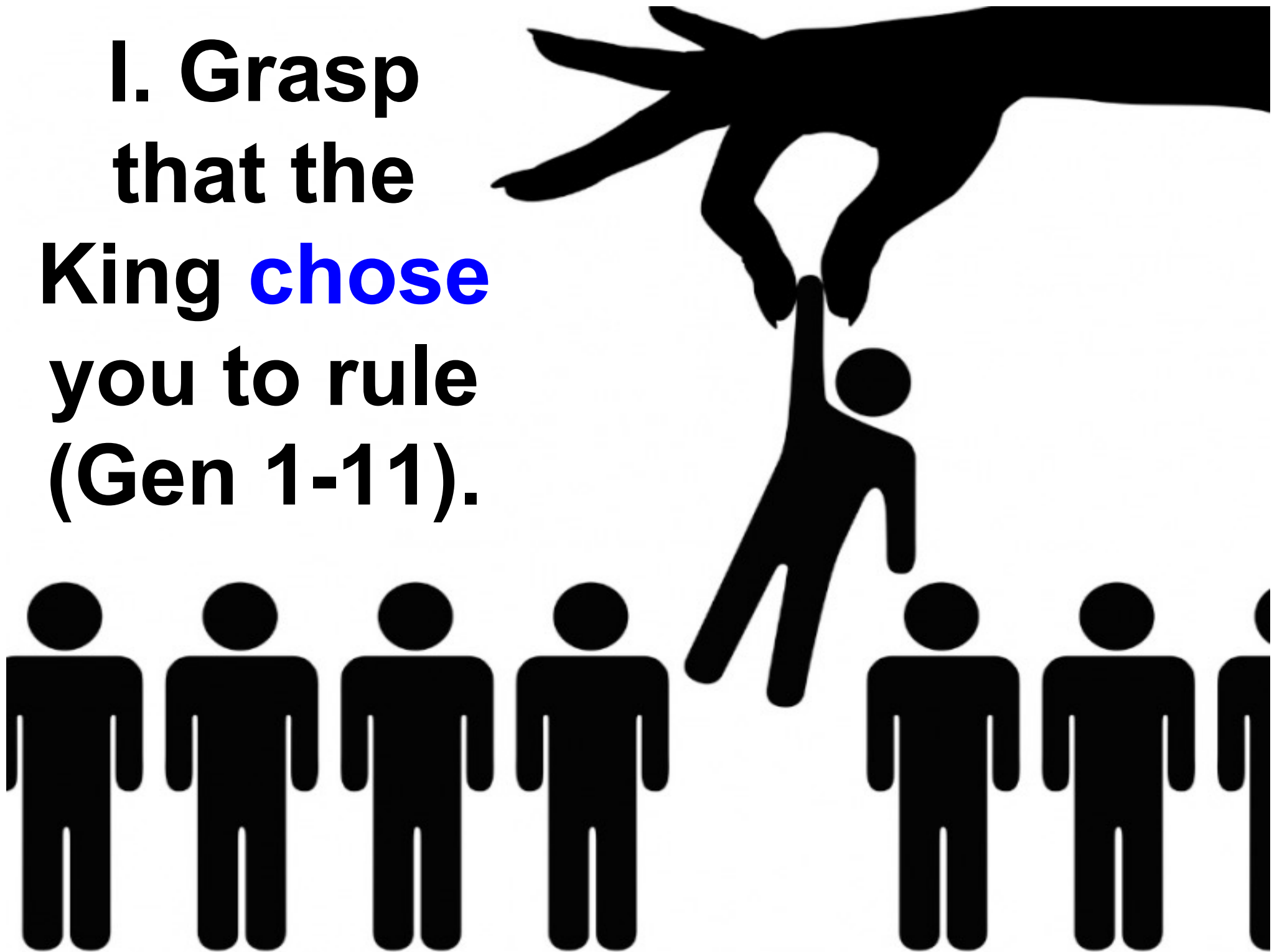
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# Is Genesis 1–11 Real History?

1. **Myths don't teach "deep truths" better** than history
2. A non-historical approach is very **subjective**
3. They have **vital information** otherwise not known
4. They fit into the book's **argument** emphasizing election
5. Events are **presented as historical**
6. **Science** confirms the Genesis 1–11 historical record
7. **Christ** affirmed their historicity



# Key Word for Genesis:

# Election

# Election

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- God's sovereignty and desire to **share this rule** with man (1:26) is totally his choice alone
- The **eleven-section structure** narrows down the chosen seed with which God can fellowship
- The **overall design** shifts from God choosing Adam & his seed (1–11) to Abraham & his seed (12–50)
- Repeated election of the **younger over the older** shows God's choices are superior to man's



# Election

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<b>Older</b>	<b>serves the</b>	<b>Younger</b>	<b>References</b>
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<b>Nahor</b>		<b>Abraham</b>	<b>11:27-28</b>
<b>Ishmael</b>		<b>Isaac</b>	<b>21:10-12</b>
<b>Esau</b>		<b>Jacob</b>	<b>25:29-34; 27:27-29, 38-40</b>
<b>Reuben, etc. (10 older brothers)</b>		<b>Joseph</b>	<b>37:5-11</b>
<b>Manasseh</b>		<b>Ephraim</b>	<b>48:13-14, 17-20</b>
<b>Reuben, Simeon, Levi (all 3 are older brothers)</b>		<b>Judah</b>	<b>49:8-12</b>

# Genesis 1



# Days of Creation

Formless → Forming

Void → Filling

**Day 1:** Light

**Day 4:** Sun, moon  
& stars arranged


**Day 2:** Water &  
air separated

**Day 5:** Fish &  
fowl

**Day 3:** Land &  
sea separated

**Day 6:** Animals  
& man

*Genesis 1:3-31*



**GOD: I just created a  
24-hour period of alternating  
lightness and darkness on  
earth...**

**GOD:  
Call it  
a day.**

**ANGEL:  
What are you  
going to do  
now?**

**When did death come into  
the world?**





# Genesis 2

**Did death exist before sin?  
What do you think?**

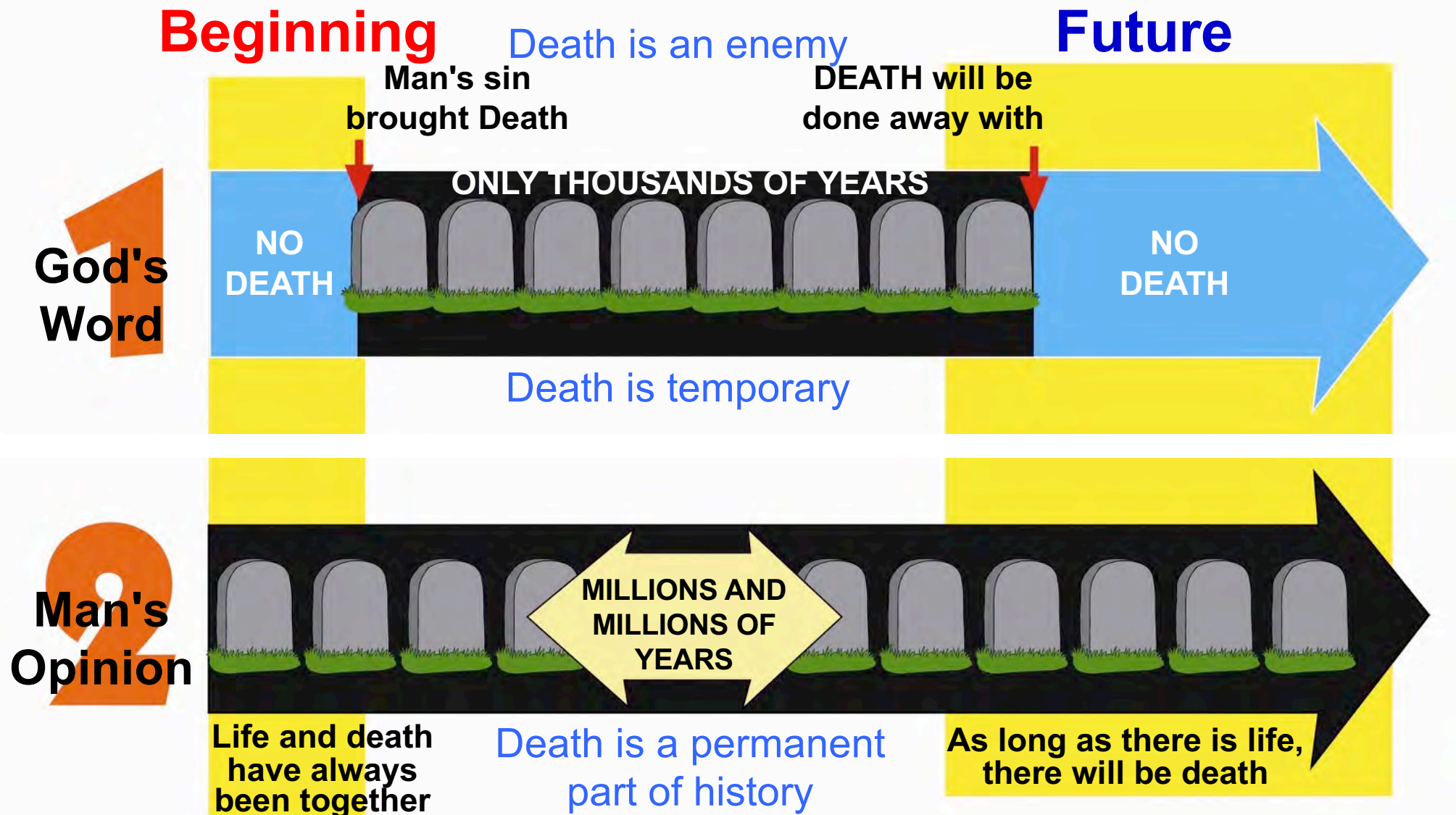
**VERY  
GOOD**



**What does it mean that creation was  
"very good" if death existed then?**

# How long has death existed (Rom. 5:12)?

## Two Histories of *Death*





# Genesis 3



What **we**  
did **wrong**



What **God**  
did **right**

# Genesis 4



**“It was **by faith** that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel’s offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of **faith**” (Heb. 11:4 NLT)**



**“By Faith...” (Hebrews 11)**



# Genesis 5

# Genesis 5 Genealogy

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Adam

Seth

Enosh

Kenan

Mahalalel

Jared

Enoch

Methuselah

Lamech

Noah

# AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha

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I JUST TURNED 969  
YEARS OLD AND PEOPLE  
KEEP TELLING ME HOW  
OLD I AM. I TELL THEM  
I'M NOT OLD! THE  
EARTH IS OLD! IT'S  
ALMOST 700 YEARS  
OLDER THAN  
I AM!

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Methuselah

Methuselah believed in an "Old Earth."



# Genesis 6

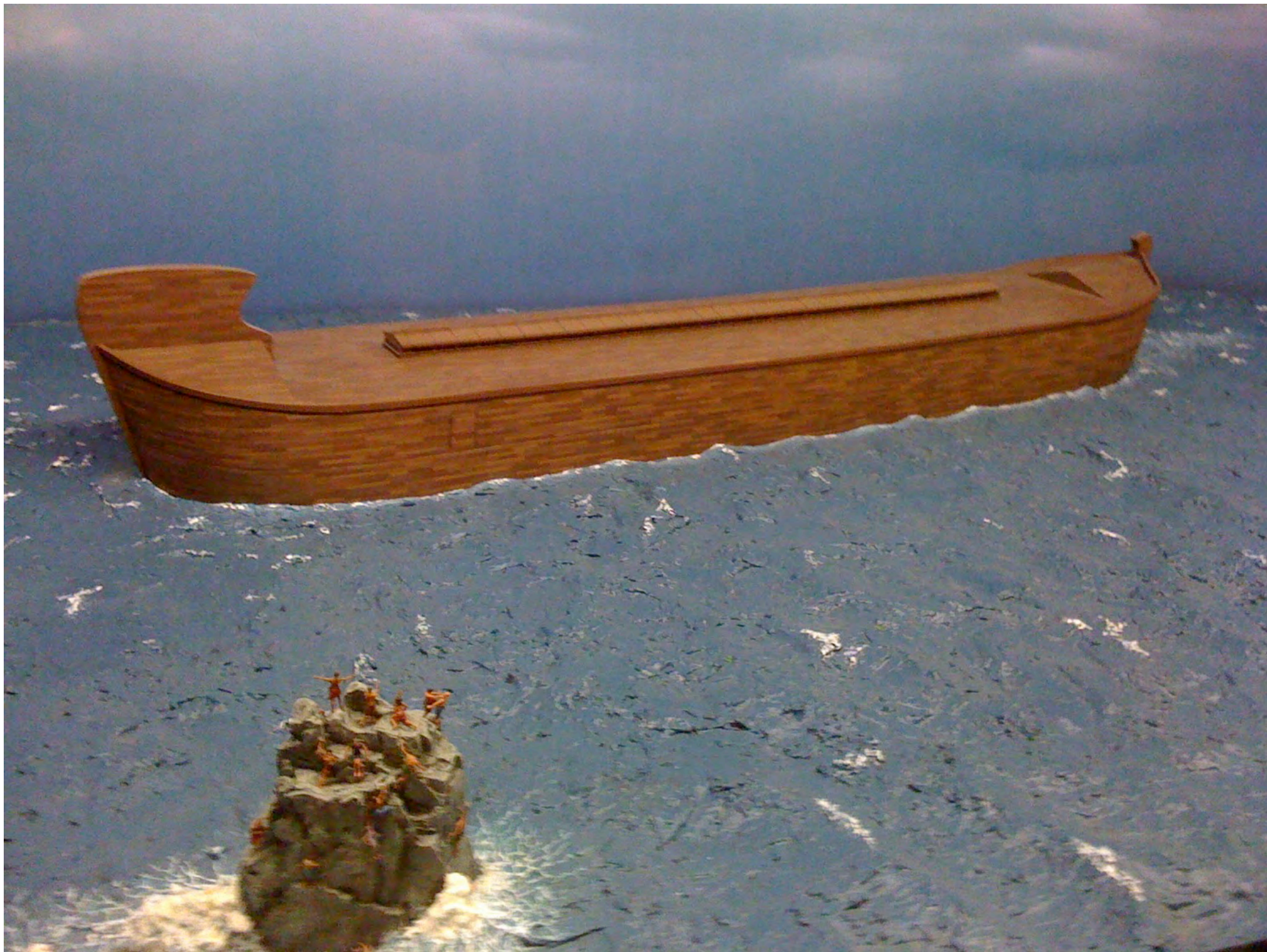


**PAIN  
DEATH  
KILLING  
DISEASE  
STRUGGLE  
SUFFERING  
EXTINCTION**

**FOSSIL  
RECORD**

**Noah's  
Flood**







# Genesis 7

# How high was the water?

**"The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water.  
<sup>19</sup> They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered.  
<sup>20</sup> The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than twenty feet" (Gen. 7:18-20).**

# Genesis 8



# 270 Flood Legends



**China**



**Babylonia**



**Hawaii**

**Mexico**



## Common Elements:

- universal flood
- boat saved
- family passengers

# Genesis 9

# Noah Wasn't Perfect

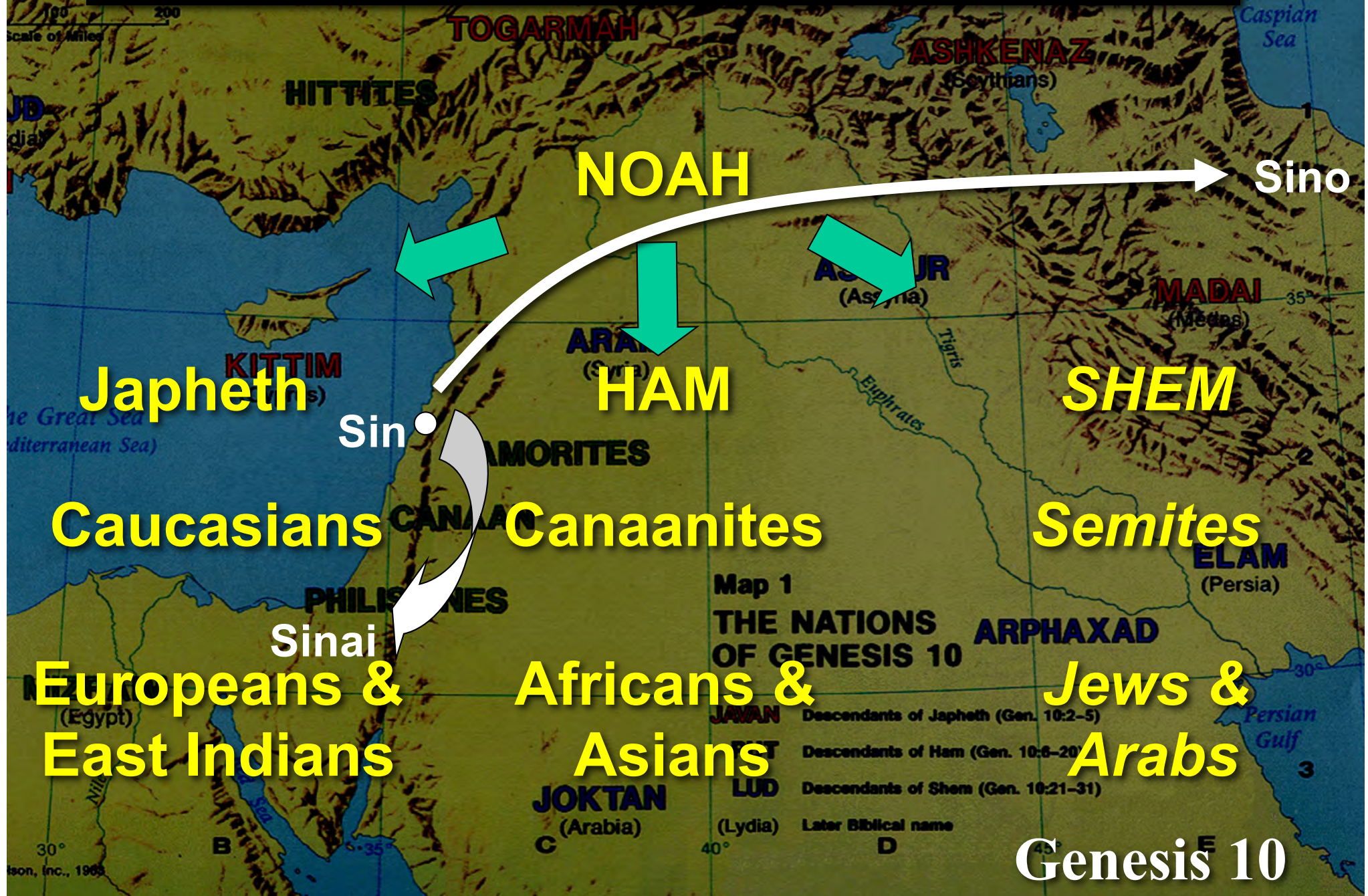
**"Ham, the father of Canaan, saw that his father was naked and went outside and told his brothers.  
23Then Shem and Japheth took a robe, held it over their shoulders, and backed into the tent to cover their father. As they did this, they looked the other way so they would not see him naked" (9:22-23 NLT).**





# Genesis 10

# The Table of Nations



# Genesis 11



¡Hola!

Spanish

Привет!

Russian

Ciao!

Italian

Bonjour!

French

“Hello!”

ACROSS THE GLOBE

Hallo!

German

Oi!

Portuguese

喂

Japanese

Traditional Chinese

Het hallo!

Dutch

Γειάσου!

Greek

# TOWER OF BABEL





**Created  
to Rule  
1:1–2:3**

**New  
Start  
8:20–9:17**

**New  
Start  
11:10-26**

# World Failure

6:1–8:19

# Family Failure 2:4–4:26

# World Failure 11:1-9

# Family Failure

9:18-29

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# Seed of Adam

## 5

# Seed of Noah

## 10

# Seed of Terah

## 11:10-26

# The Line of Blessing

# Cycles in Genesis 1–11

**Adapted from Mann, *Genesis*, 13**





# The Kingdom of God: The Bible's All-Encompassing Theme

Genesis 1:26-28

"Then God said, ' Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish ... birds ... livestock ... all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground...' God blessed them and said to them, ' Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.' "

Revelation 22:5

"There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever."

The Bible's Theme: God extends His rule to man

Command



Covenants



Fulfillment

# The Bible's Chiasm

*Repeated Patterns in Reverse Order*

**Christ's  
Redemption**

**Christ's  
Rule**

**Man's  
Rule  
Lost at  
Fall**

**Man's  
Rule  
Restored at  
Millennium**

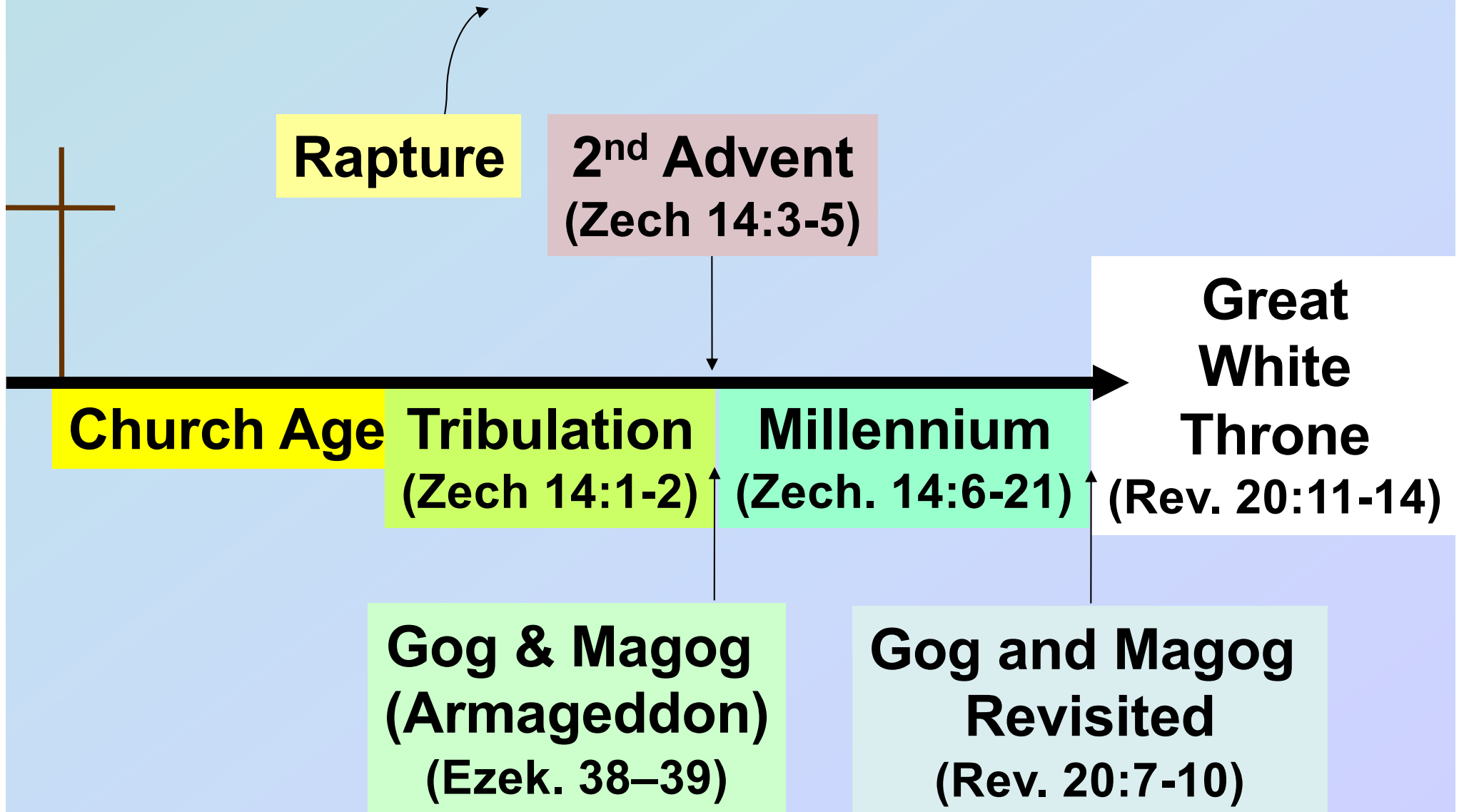
**Creation**

**New  
Creation**



# A Glimpse at the Future

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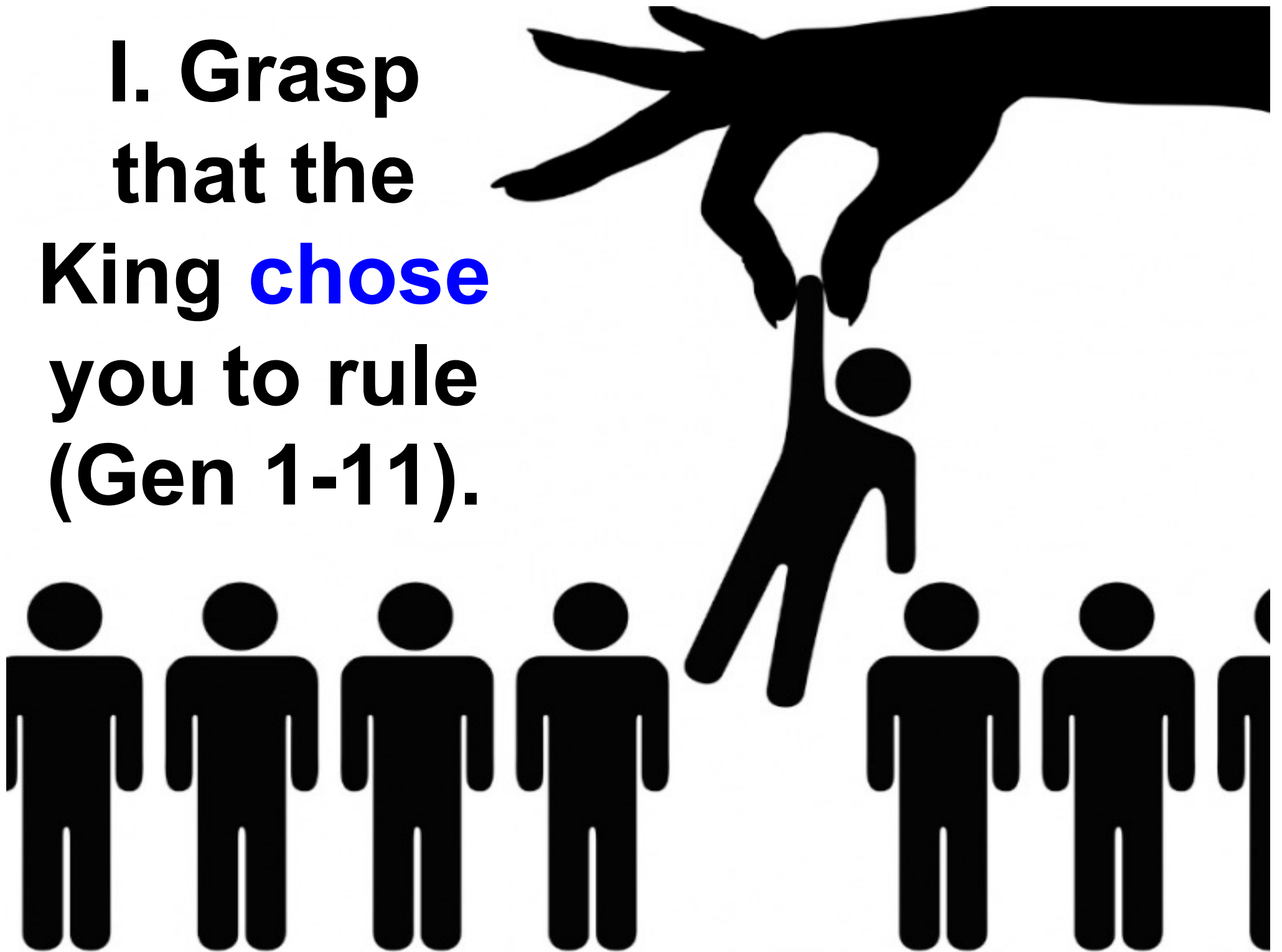


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## II. Grasp that the King **promised** you blessings (Gen 12–50).





# Key Verse

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**“I will bless you... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you”  
(Genesis 12:1-3)**

**Genesis**

# Genesis Kingdom Statement

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God created a perfect kingdom (1–2),  
but man gave up his rule to Satan (3),  
so God **elected** a seed to produce a  
ruler (4–11) to bless all nations in  
Abraham (12–50).

# The Line of Blessing

Adam

3:15

Seth

4:25-26

Noah

Shem

9:18

Terah

Abraham

12:1-3

Isaac

Jacob

Joseph

All Nations

 = Population Increase





# Genesis

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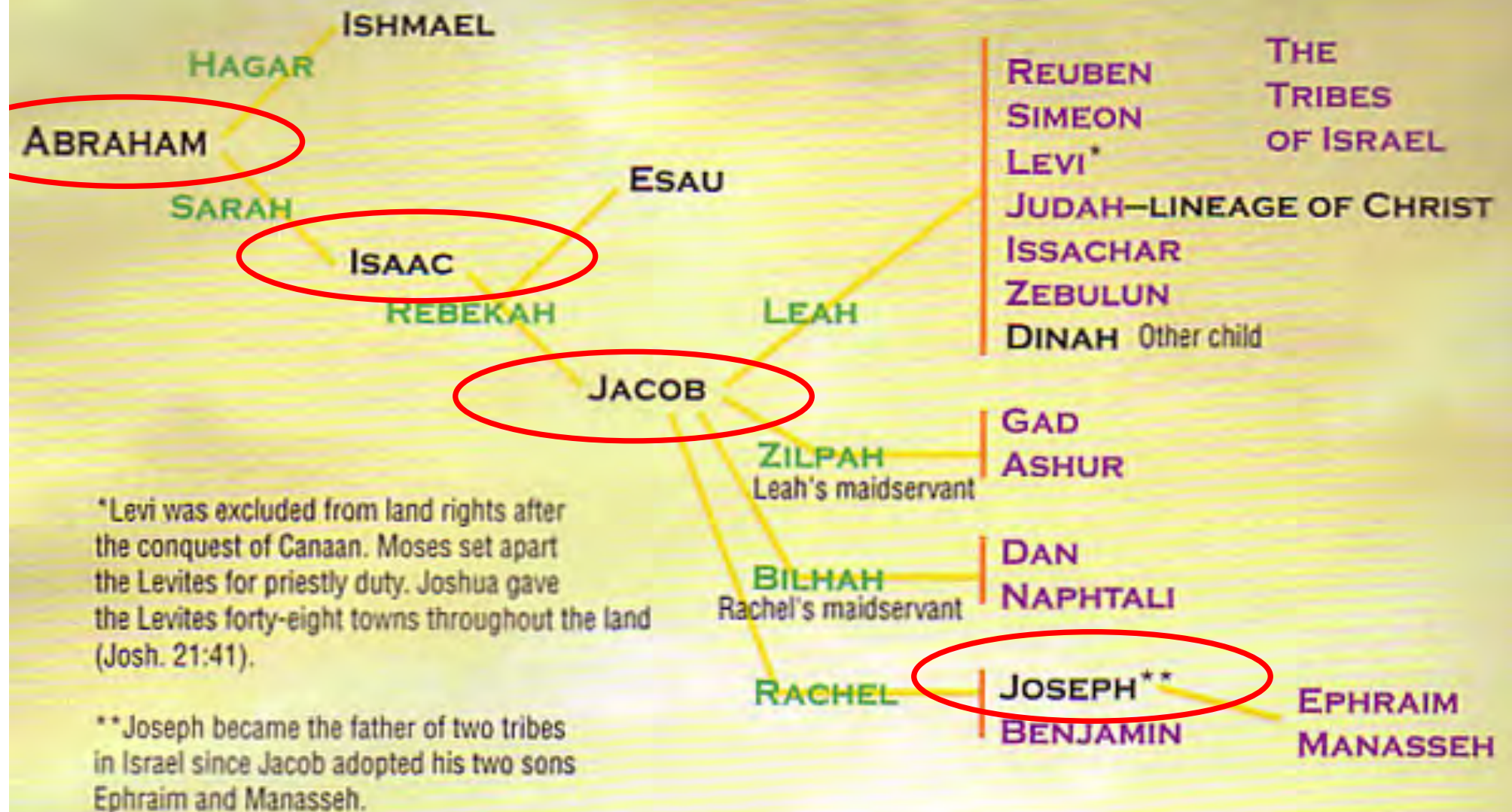
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# Genesis 12

# Patriarchal Family Tree (Gen. 12–50; 1 Chron. 1:28-34)

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# Abraham





# The Three Basic Elements

# 7

## Genesis 12

<sup>1</sup> The Lord had said to Abram,  
"Leave your country, your people,  
your father's household, and go to the land I  
will show you."

A LAND

A SEED

<sup>2</sup> "I will make you into a great nation  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will  
curse;

A BLESSING

and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you."

ABRAHAM

The CALL

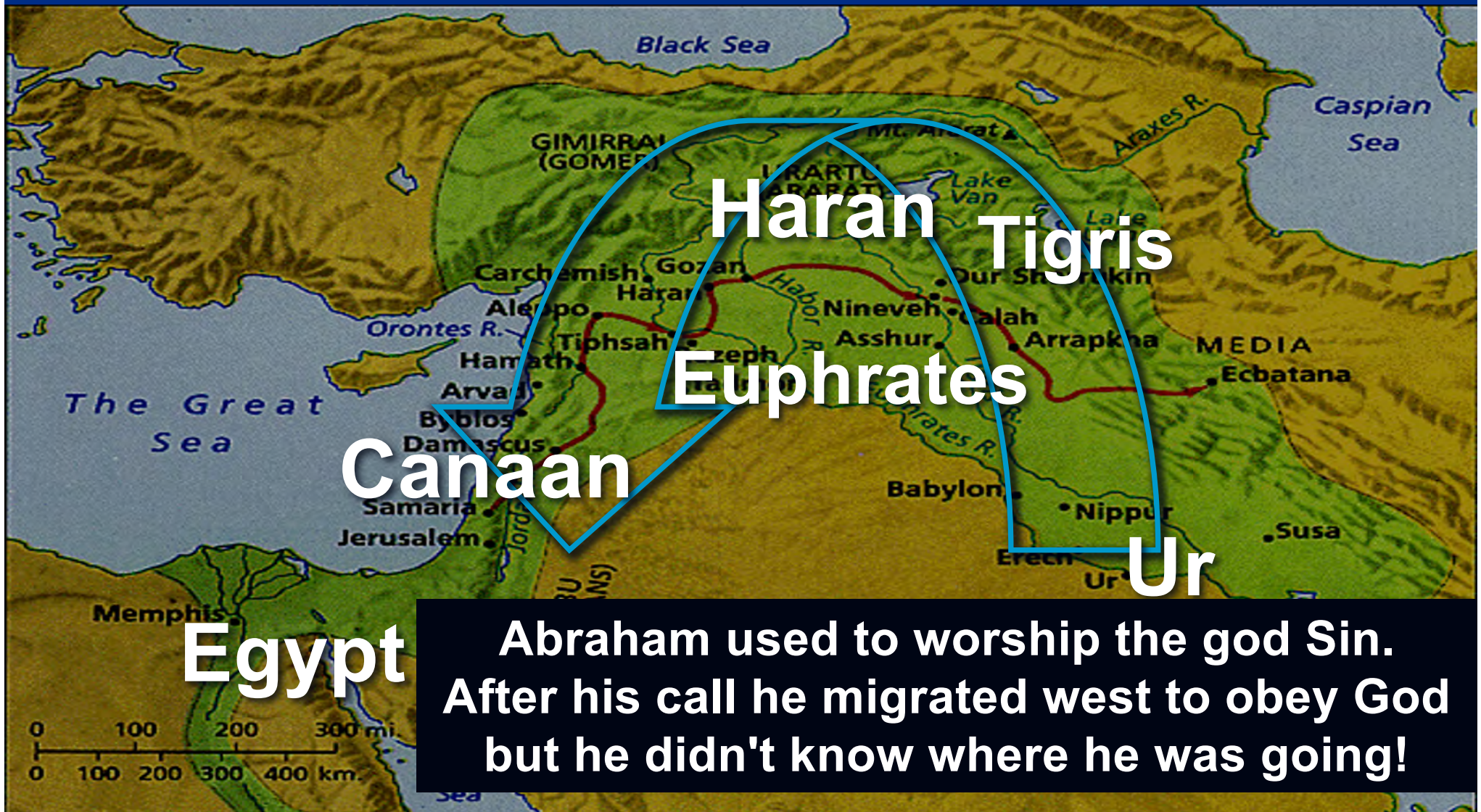
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# The Land of Abraham

Genesis 12–24



Abraham used to worship the god Sin. After his call he migrated west to obey God but he didn't know where he was going!



# Types of Unconditional Covenants

**Abrahamic**

**Land**

**Davidic**

**New**

**Land**

**Seed**

**Blessing**

**Physical**

**Political**

**Spiritual**

**Deut. 30**

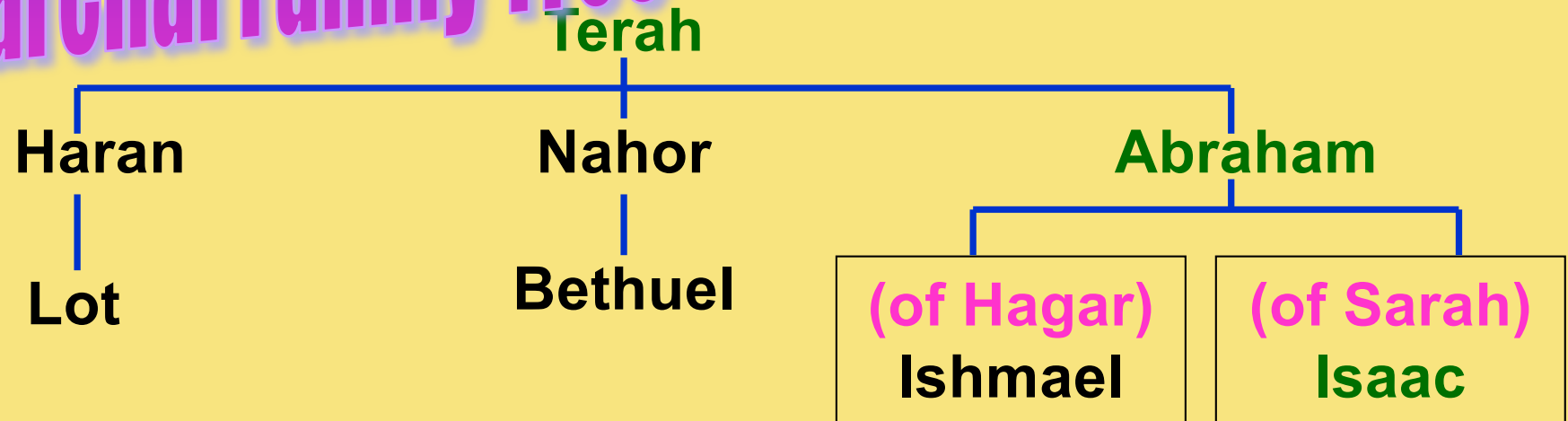
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**Jer. 31**

# Genesis 16

# Patriarchal Family Tree

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**A Carnal Plan (Genesis 16)**





**No Son of the Promise**



**Sarah & Hagar**



# Abraham & Hagar





**Ishmael & Hagar**

# Genesis 18





**Abraham & Three Guests  
(Genesis 18)**



# Genesis 19



# **The Destruction of Sodom**

# Genesis 20





**Abimelech, Sarah & Abraham**

# Genesis 29



# DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES

**(Genesis 29:31–30:24)**

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**Jacob's**

**DESPERATE**  
**HOUSEWIVES**

**Genesis 29:31–30:24**

# Genesis 34

# **Brothers Revenge**

## **Genesis 33:18–34:31**



# **Dinah Violated at Shechem**



*We don't  
talk about  
that in  
church*

**Genesis 34**

**Dinah Violated at Shechem**



# Genesis 37

# Joseph a Type of Christ

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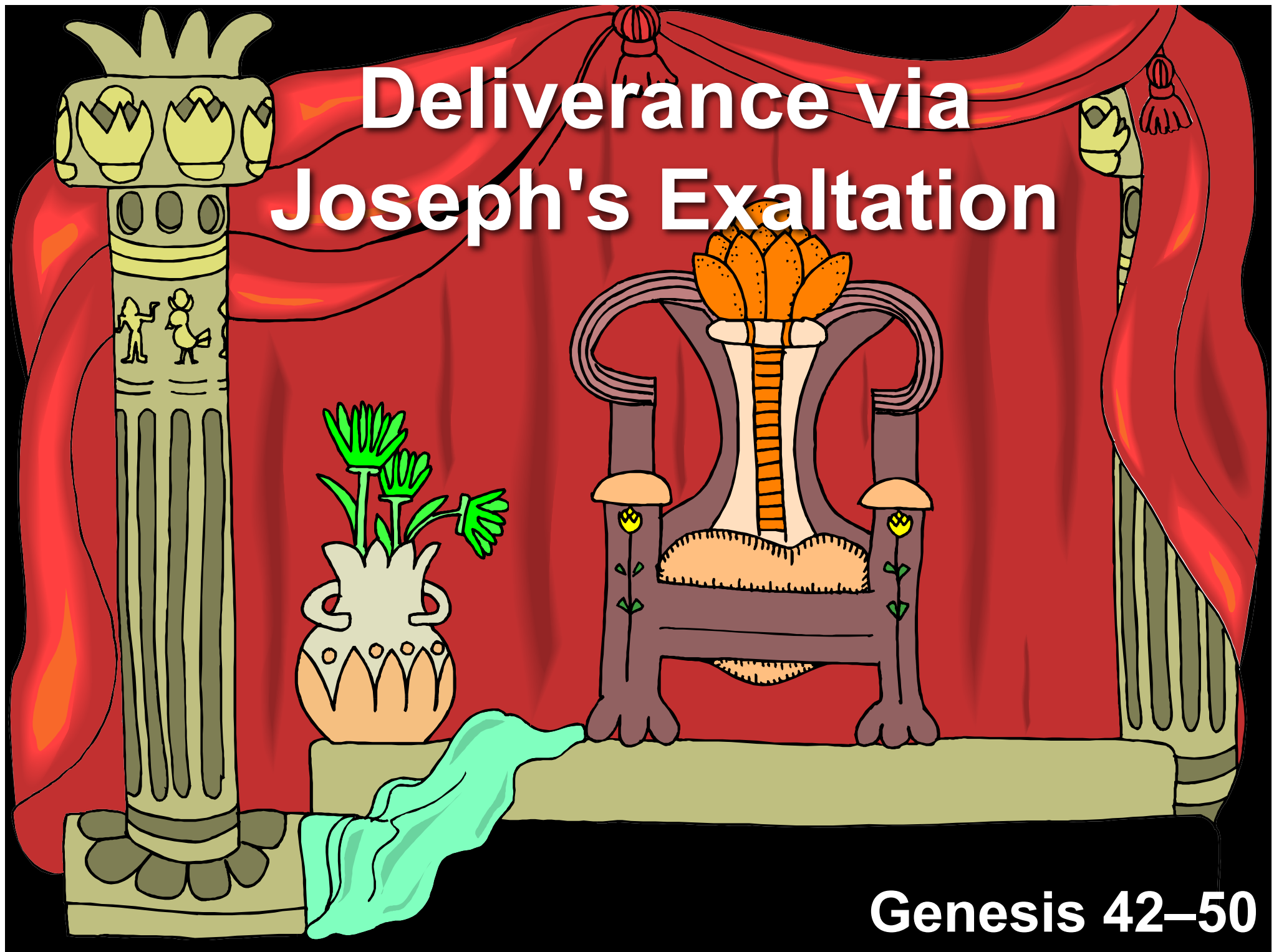
# From Palace to Prison



Genesis 39–41

# Genesis 42

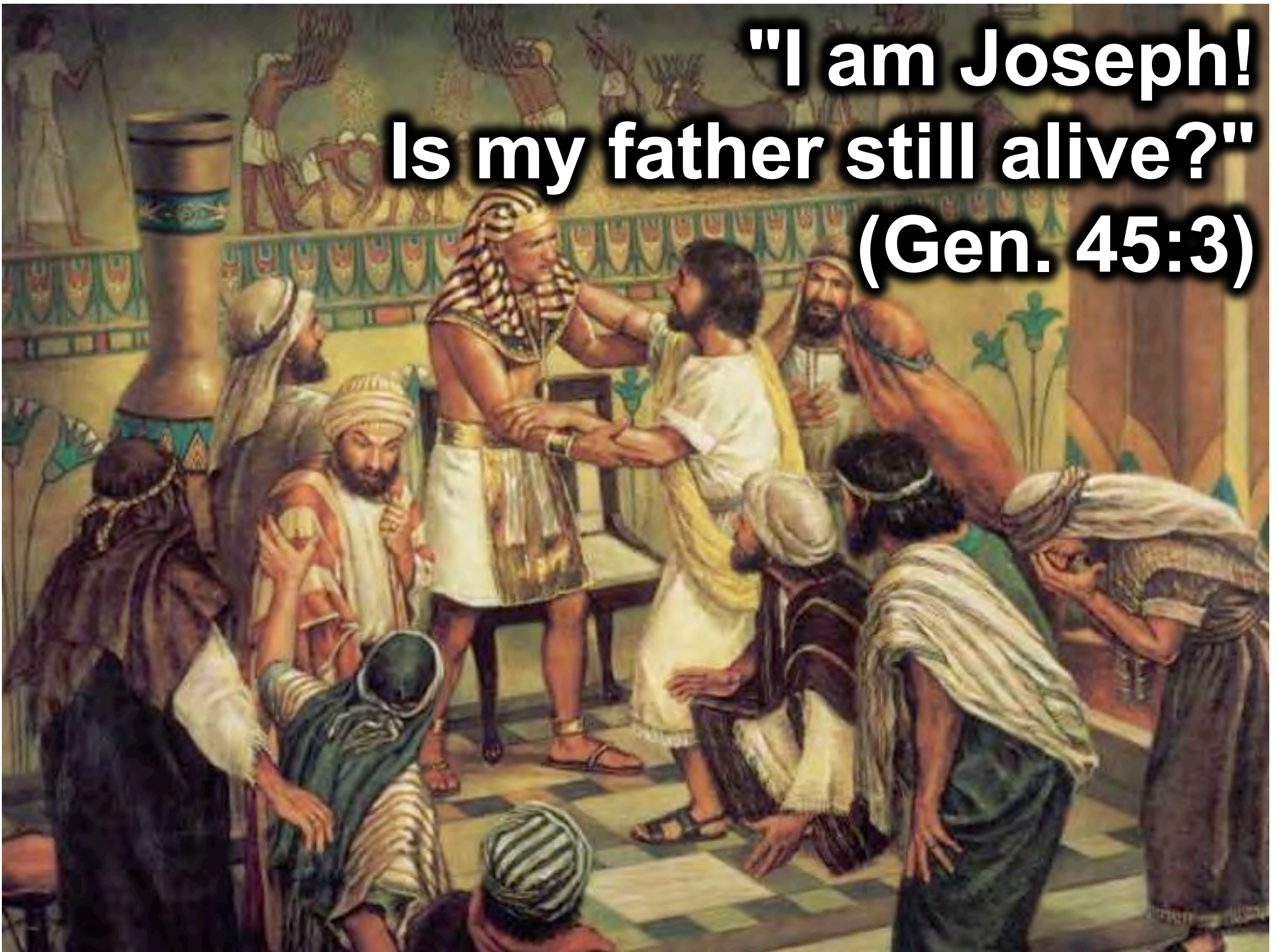
# Deliverance via Joseph's Exaltation





# Genesis 45

**"I am Joseph!  
Is my father still alive?"  
(Gen. 45:3)**



# Genesis 49



# Jacob's Blessing His 12 Sons Was Prophetic (Gen. 49)





# **Christ Descended from Judah**

**Since  
Jacob's  
blessing in  
Genesis  
49:9-10, the  
lion has  
depicted a  
king...**

**"Judah, my son, is a young lion  
that has finished eating its prey.  
Like a lion he crouches and lies  
down; like a lioness—who dares  
to rouse him?"**

**<sup>10</sup>The scepter will not depart  
from Judah, nor the ruler's staff  
from his descendants, until the  
coming of the one to whom it  
belongs, the one whom all  
nations will honor" (NLT).**



# Key Word for Genesis:

# Election



A dramatic landscape featuring a bright sunburst breaking through a dense sea of clouds. The sun is positioned in the center of the frame, casting a powerful glow and creating a lens flare effect. The clouds are thick and billowing, with the lower portions illuminated by the sun's light, giving them a golden-orange hue. Above the main cloud layer, the sky is a deep blue with scattered, lighter clouds. In the foreground, a green, grassy hill slopes upwards from the bottom left towards the right, its surface textured with grass and small plants. The overall scene conveys a sense of divine light and promise.

**God promised believers  
like us blessings of the  
Abrahamic Covenant.**

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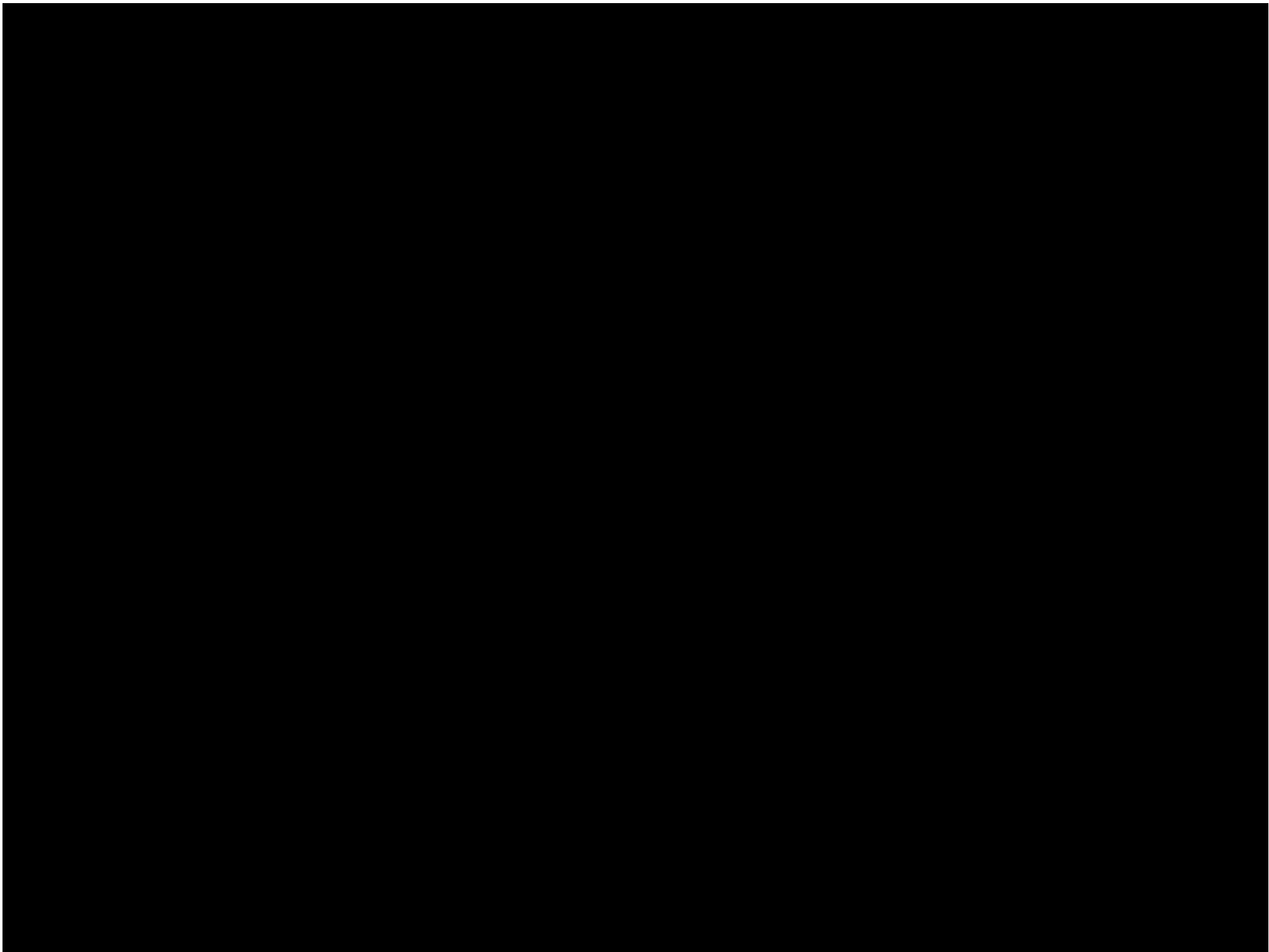
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Live out God's **choice** of  
you and **promises** for  
blessing



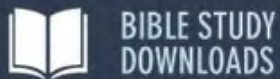
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God's election and promise?**








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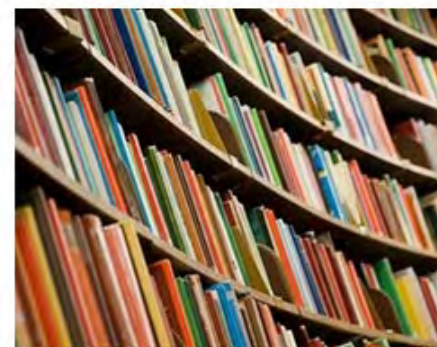
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