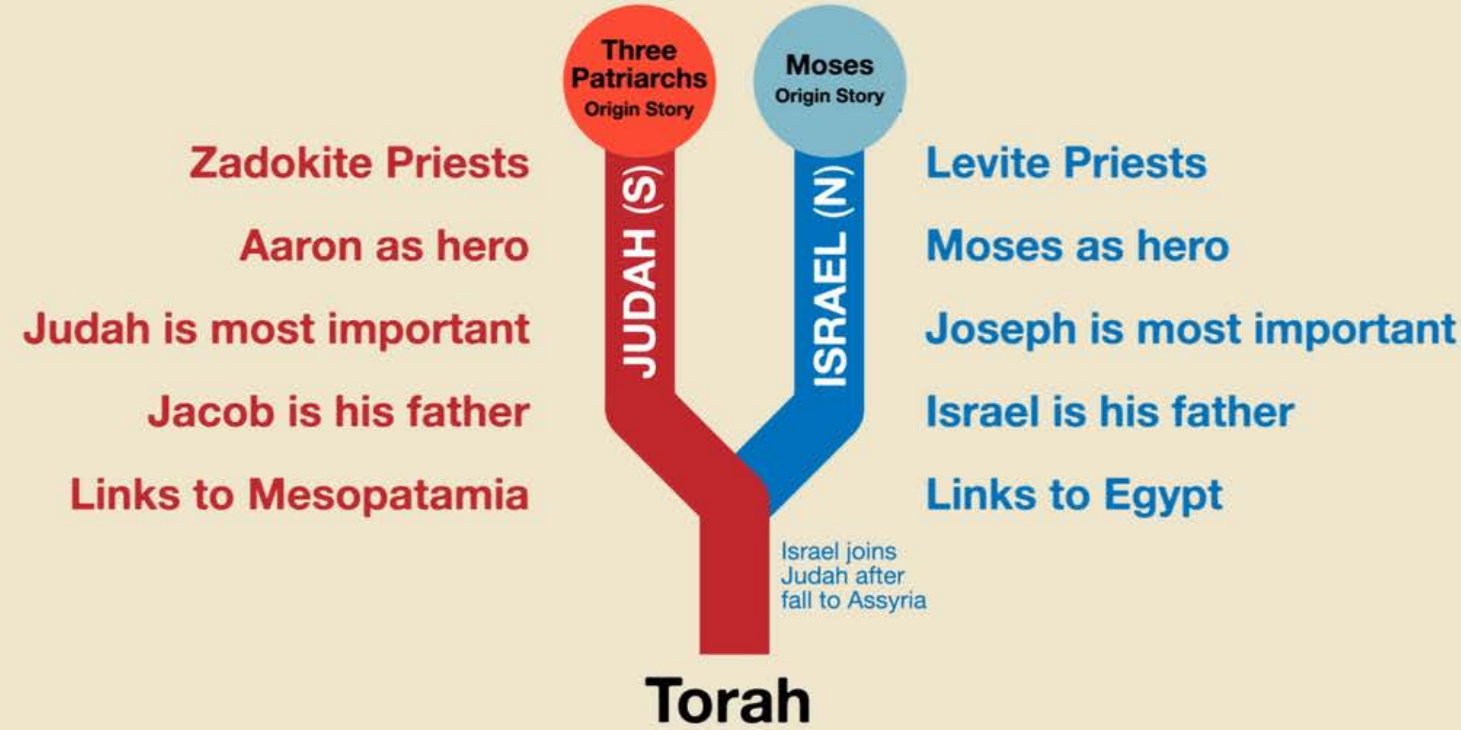


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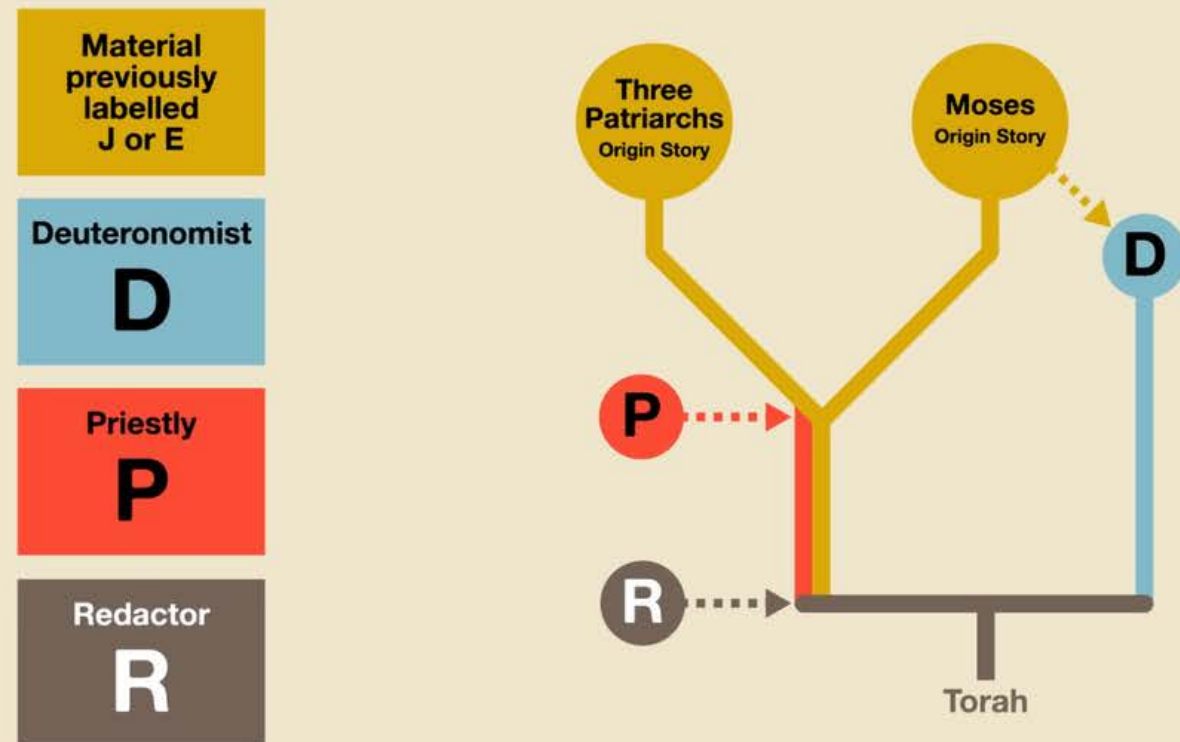
The Jacob Cycle

Journey Through Genesis

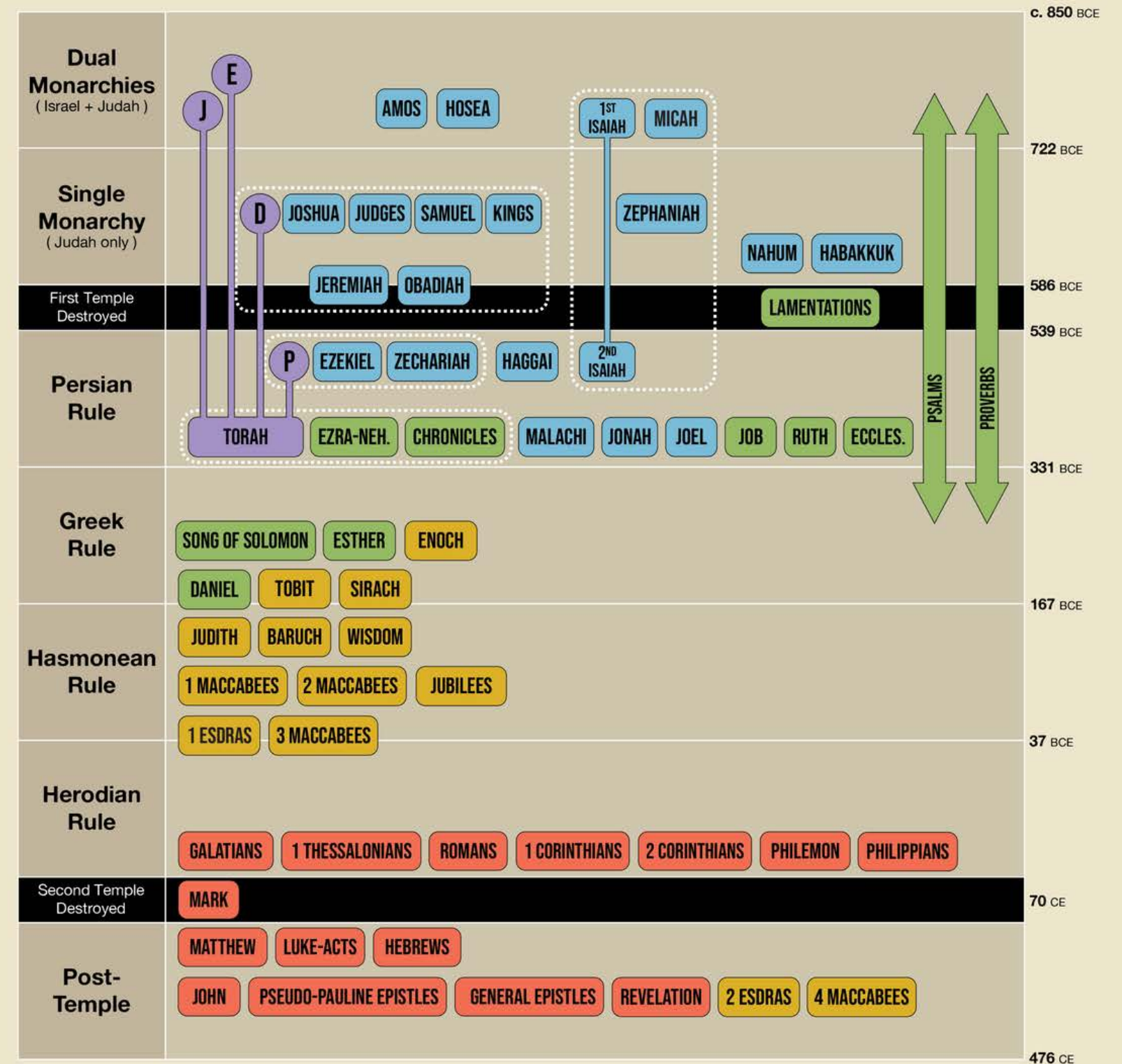
Questions from Last Time...



Theory #3 - The Dual Origins Hypothesis



When Was The Bible Written?



Key: TORAH (purple), PROPHETS (blue), WRITINGS (green), APOCRYPHA (yellow), NEW TESTAMENT (red)

Overview Pt 4

This section of Genesis concludes the
"Abraham Cycle"

Genesis 21: Birth of Isaac/Casting out of Ishmael
Abraham and Abimelech Again

Genesis 22: Sacrifice of Isaac
Genealogy Insert

Genesis 23: Death of Sarah

Genesis 24: Isaac and Rebekah

Genesis 24: Rebekah



- Hand under thigh = promise
- Servant goes to find a wife
- Praying for a sign he finds Rebekah demonstrating kindness and generosity by offering water to both him and his camels
- He recognizes her as the chosen one. Rebekah agrees to marry Isaac.
- Let's read verse 60- the end

Rebekah is presented as a woman of God

Abram Chiasm

A. Genesis 11:27-32 The Genealogy of Terah

B. Genesis 12:1-9 Promises Made — Test of Faith

C. Genesis 12:10-20 The Sister Fib, Part 1

D. Genesis 13-14 The Rescue of Lot, Part 1

E. Genesis 15-17 Walking with God by Faith in Covenant

D'. Genesis 18-19 The Rescue of Lot, Part 2

C'. Genesis 20:1-18 The Sister Fib, Part 2

B'. Genesis 21-22 Promises Kept — Test of Faith

A'. Genesis 22:20-24 The Genealogy of Nahor

In the beginning

Genesis 1:1 (narrative)

Toledot of Sky and Land

Genesis 2:4 (narrative)

Toledot of Adam

Genesis 5:1 (genealogy)

Toledot of Noah

Genesis 6:9 (narrative)

**Toledot of Shem, Ham,
and Japheth**

Genesis 10:1 (genealogy)

Toledot of Shem

Genesis 11:10 (genealogy)

Toledot of Terach

Genesis 11:27 (narrative)

Toledot of Ishmael

Genesis 25:12 (genealogy)

Toledot of Isaac

Genesis 25:19 (narrative)

Toledot of Esau

Genesis 36:1 and 36:9 (genealogy)

Toledot of Jacob

Genesis 37:2 (narrative)

Chiasm in Jacob Cycle

A Struggle in childbirth - Jacob born (25:19-24)

B Jacob fears Esau and flees (27:1-28:9)

C Arrival at Harran (29:1-30)

D Jacobs wives are fertile; (29:31-30:34).

FOCAL POINT - BIRTH OF JOSEPH

D' Jacobs flocks are fertile (30:25-43)

C' Flight from Harran (31:1-34)

B' Jacob returns and fears Esau (33:1-20)

A' Struggle in childbirth - Benjamin born (35:1-22)

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CHIASM IN THE JACOB STORY

As in the Abraham story (see p. 39), there may be a chiastic pattern in the Jacob story, where themes introduced in its first half are resumed in reverse order in the second. This kind of pattern places emphasis on its center (in boldface), in this case the fertility of Jacob himself and of his flocks:

- A. Encounter between Jacob/Esau (25.21–34; 27)
- B. Encounter with God and departure from home (28)
- C. Acquisition of wives, Leah and Rachel (29.1–30)
- D. Fertility: the birth of Jacob's children (29.31–30.24)**
- D'. Fertility: the growth of Jacob's flocks (30.25–43)**
- C'. Jacob's removal of his wives from their father's household (31.1–32.1)
- B'. Encounter with God on return home (32.22–32)
- A'. Reunion encounter between Jacob and Esau (33.1–33.17)

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Jacob Cycle Themes



- Covenants
- Blessings
- Sister Fib's....
- Barren Wife
- "Younger Son"
- Naming

Many of these motifs are repeated

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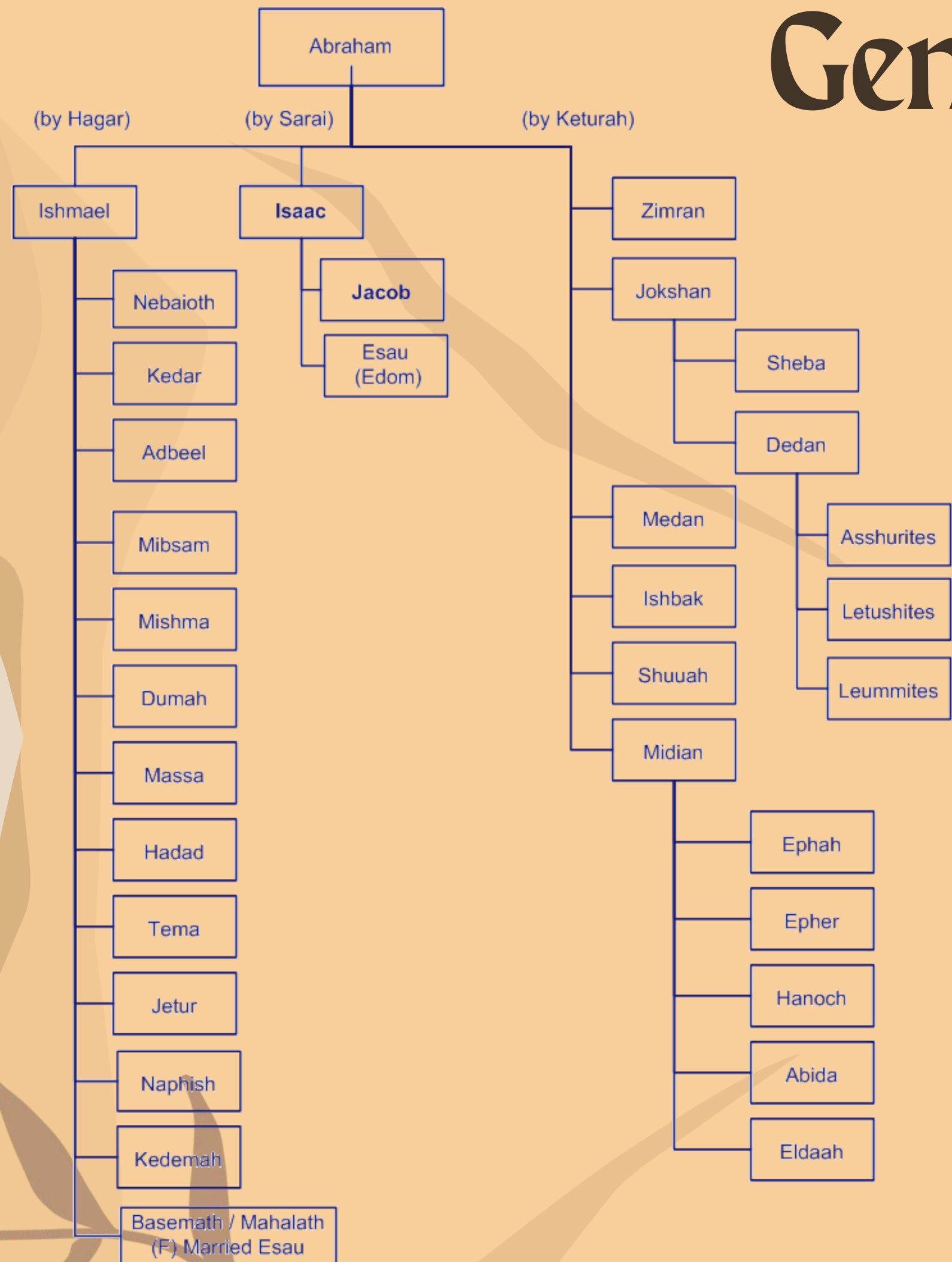
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Genesis 25: Genealogy



- Genealogy on the Back on Handout
- Abraham marries Keturah (who could be Hagar)
- Abraham is buried in Machpelah with Sarah



Genesis 25: Birth of Jacob/Esau



- Two sons in conflict
- The older will serve the younger
- Jacob is (perfect) living in tents
- Esau is red and hairy, a hunter
- Rebecca loves Jacob
- Issac loves Esau
- Esau sells his birthright for stew
- Abraham's Funeral and Lentil Stew
- Flesh > Bless

Esau is presented as wild and disrespectful

RIVALRY · BLESSING · PROPHECY ·

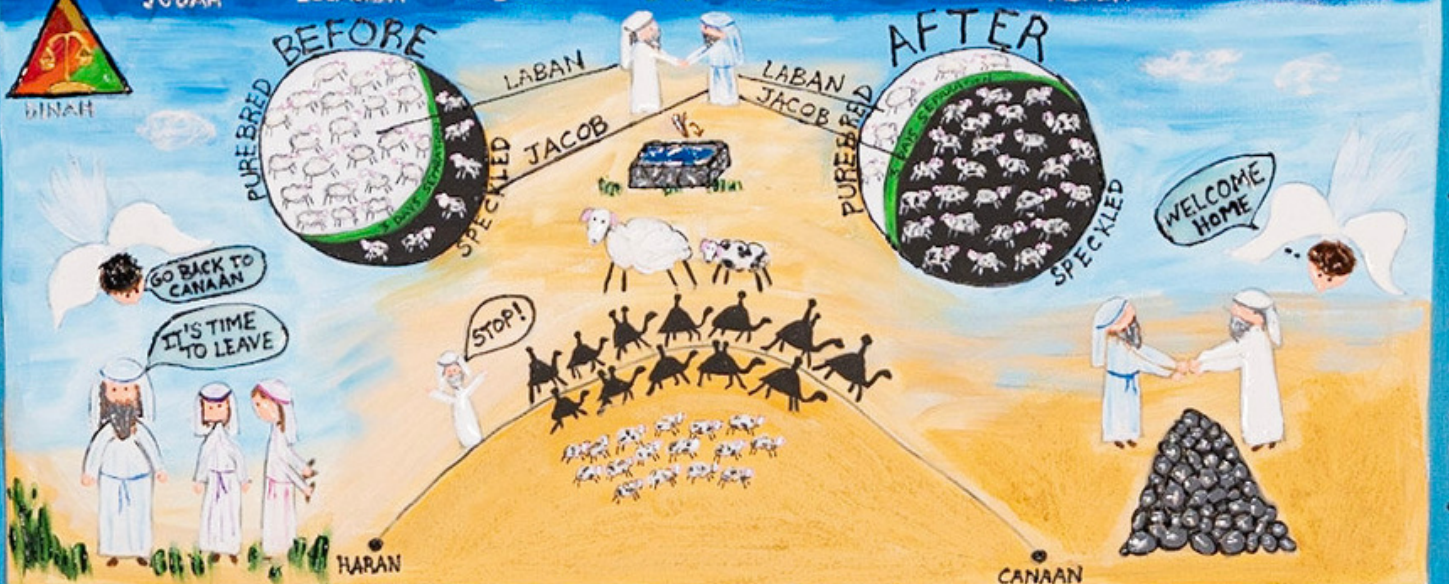
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- A similar story to the first two "Sister Fibs"
- Issac goes to Gerar (Philistines) because of a famine at God's instruction to remain in the land
- Here Issac displays his love for Rebekah publically (wild like Edom)
- He was greatly blessed in the land

Would you follow God somewhere less "logical"?

Genesis 26: Sister Fib Part 3



- They dig 3 wells:
 - Esek (contend)
 - Sitnah (accuse or hostile)
 - Shibah (seven or oath)
- Abimelech and Issac make peace
- Esau marries two Hittites out of spite

Jacob is favored while Esau is unworthy

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Genesis 27: Jacob Steals the Blessing



- In a plot from Rebecca Jacob steals Esau's blessing
- Isaac is infirm to see so Jacob pretends to be Esau
- Isaac "blesses" Jacob with ALL the inheritance and prophetically as a blessed master of others
- Esau is "blessed" like Ishmael with strife and hardship

Jacob becomes the heir and son

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