

JOURNEY

THROUGH

GENESIS



**Learn HOW to
Learn**

"Frameworks"

"Two Types of Studying"

Academic

vs

Devotional

Scholarship

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Fundamentalist

Contradictory

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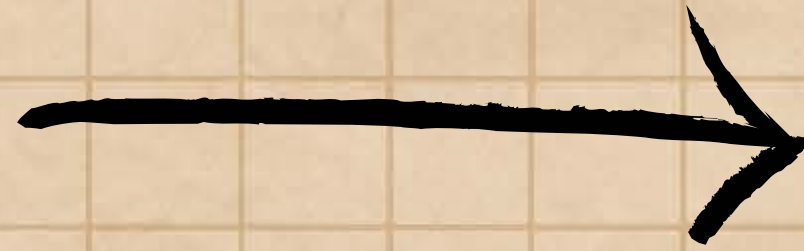
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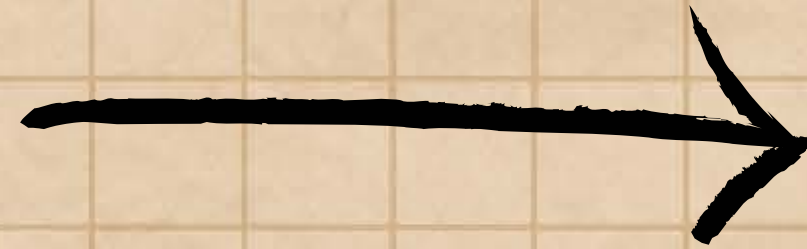
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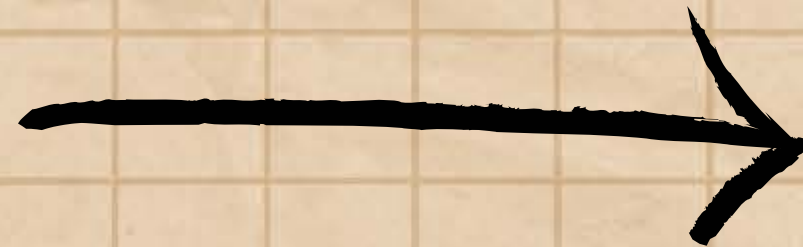
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Devotional

**Multiple Authors
and Sources**



**Compiled and
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"Meta Narrative"

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Wrestling with God



Reading the Bible As Literature

- Author(s)
- Composition Date(s)
 - Oral Traditions Compiled Together
 - Multiple Written Sources Edited
- Setting
- Languages
- Theme
- Plot
- AND POETRY!

"Scholar Hats"

- Geography
- EJPD
- Origin Stories
- Priestly Vs NonP
- Creation Myths

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- Meta-Narrative
- Doublets
- Chiasm
 - Chiastic Structure

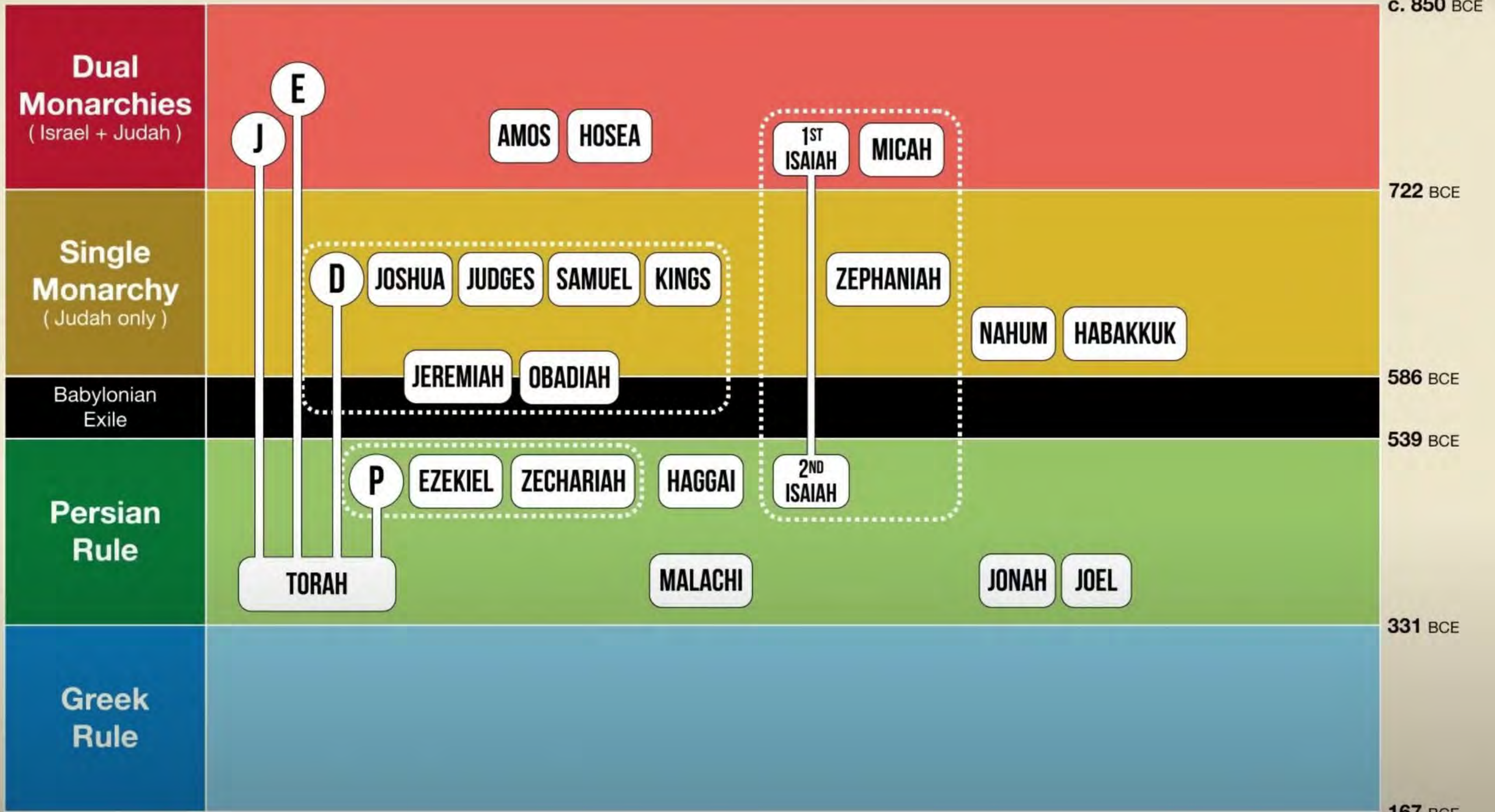
EGYPT

ISRAEL

ASSYRIA-
BABYLON

First Temple Period

Second Temple Period



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Genesis
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Torah / Pentateuch

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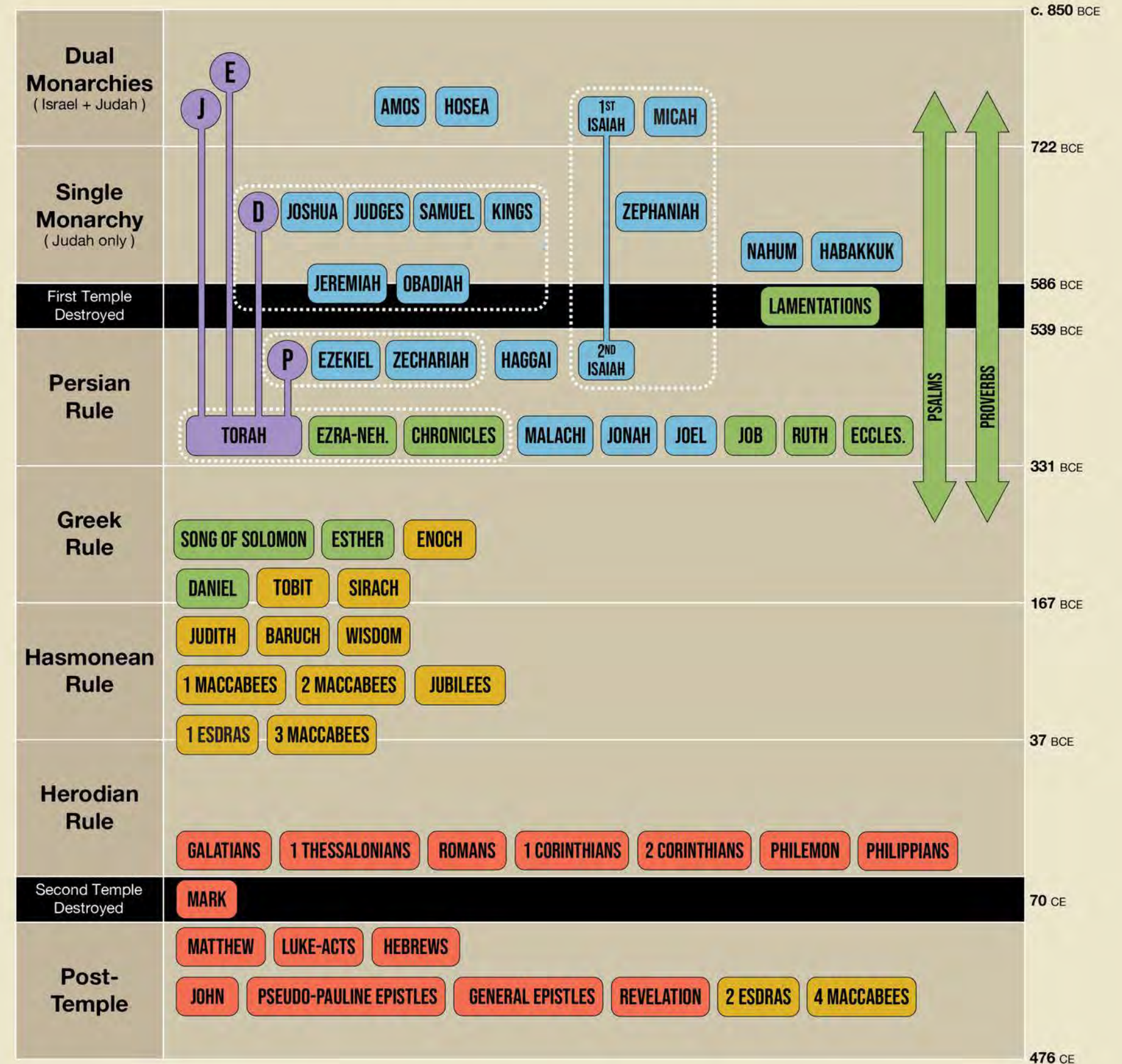
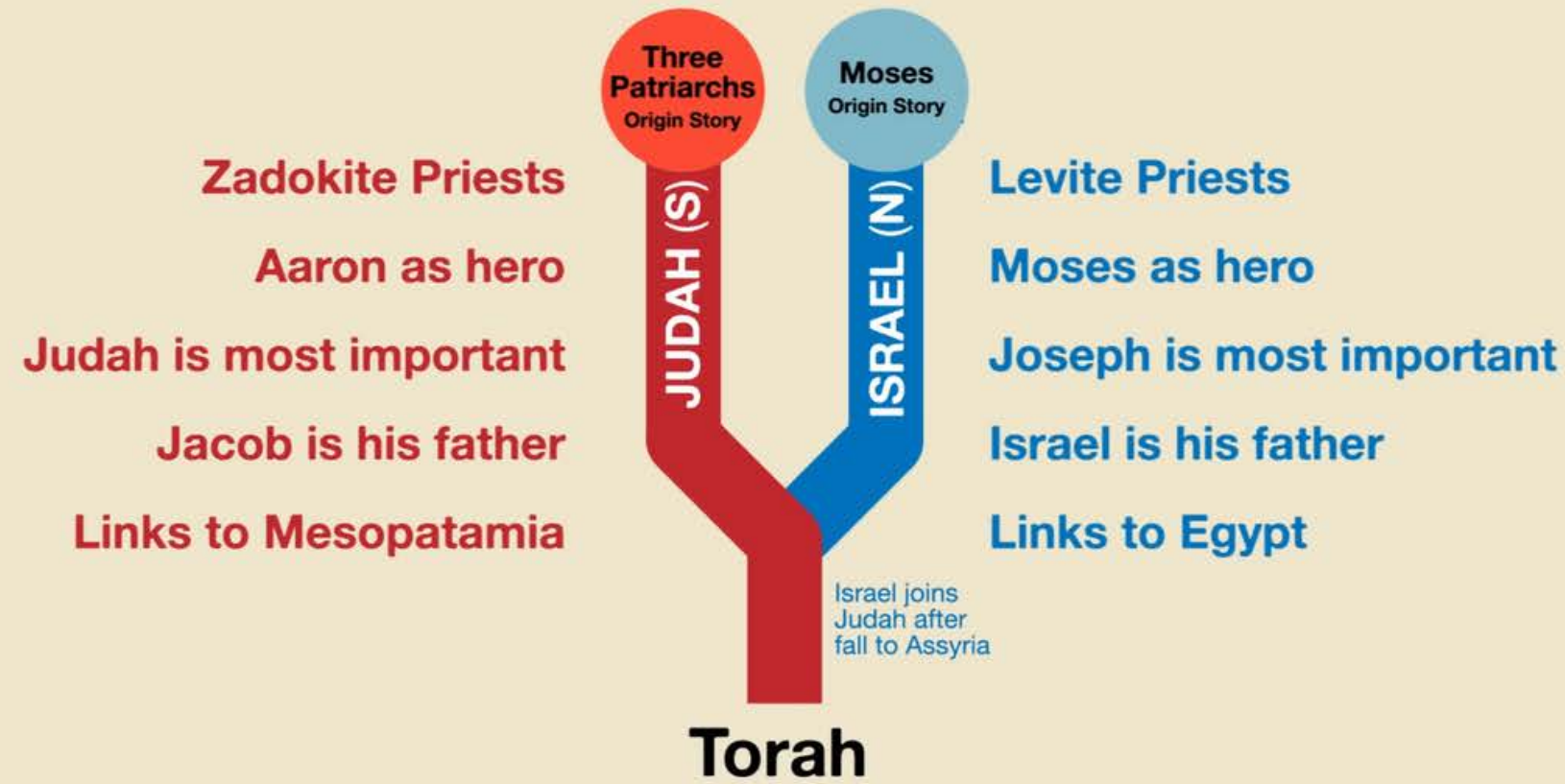
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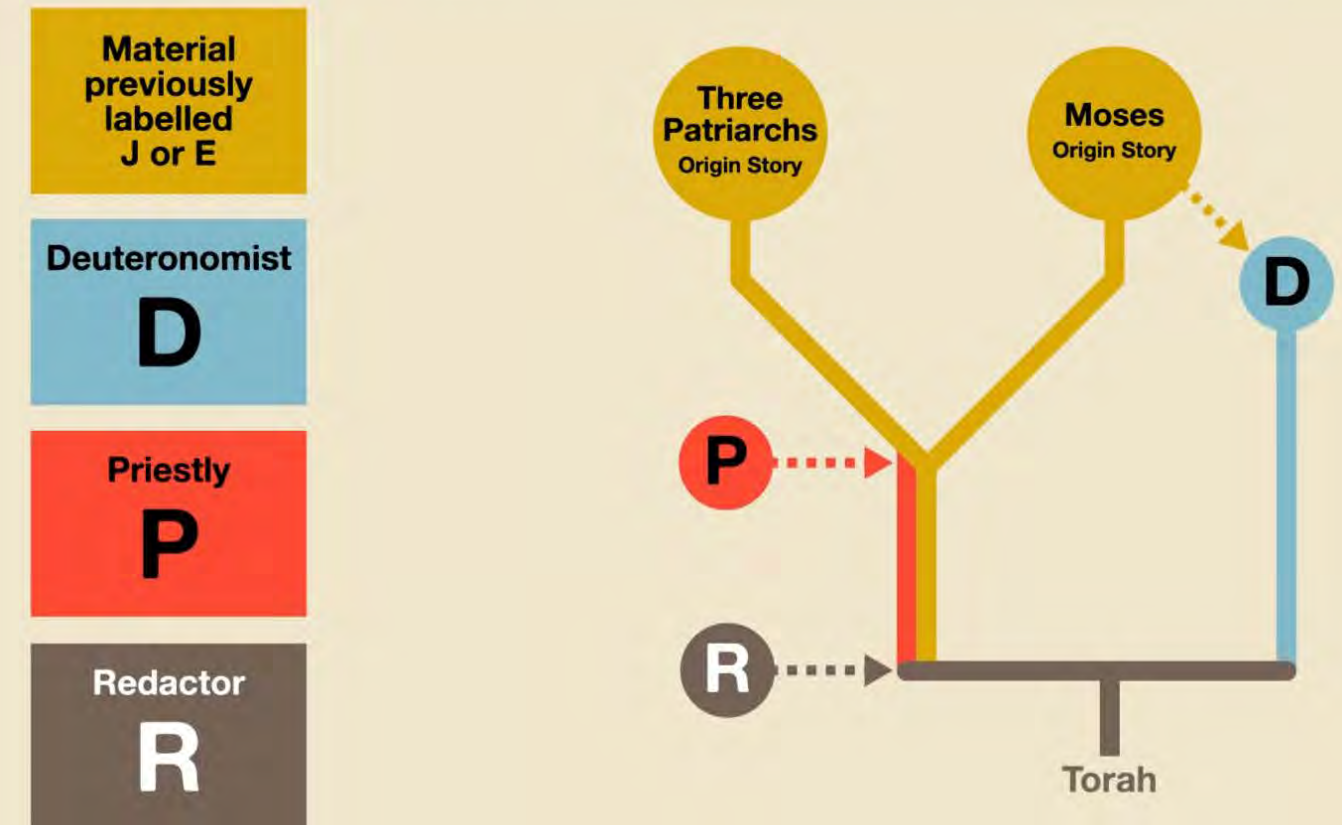
Deuteronomy



When Was The Bible Written?



Theory #3 - The Dual Origins Hypothesis



Key: TORAH PROPHETS WRITINGS APOCRYPHA NEW TESTAMENT

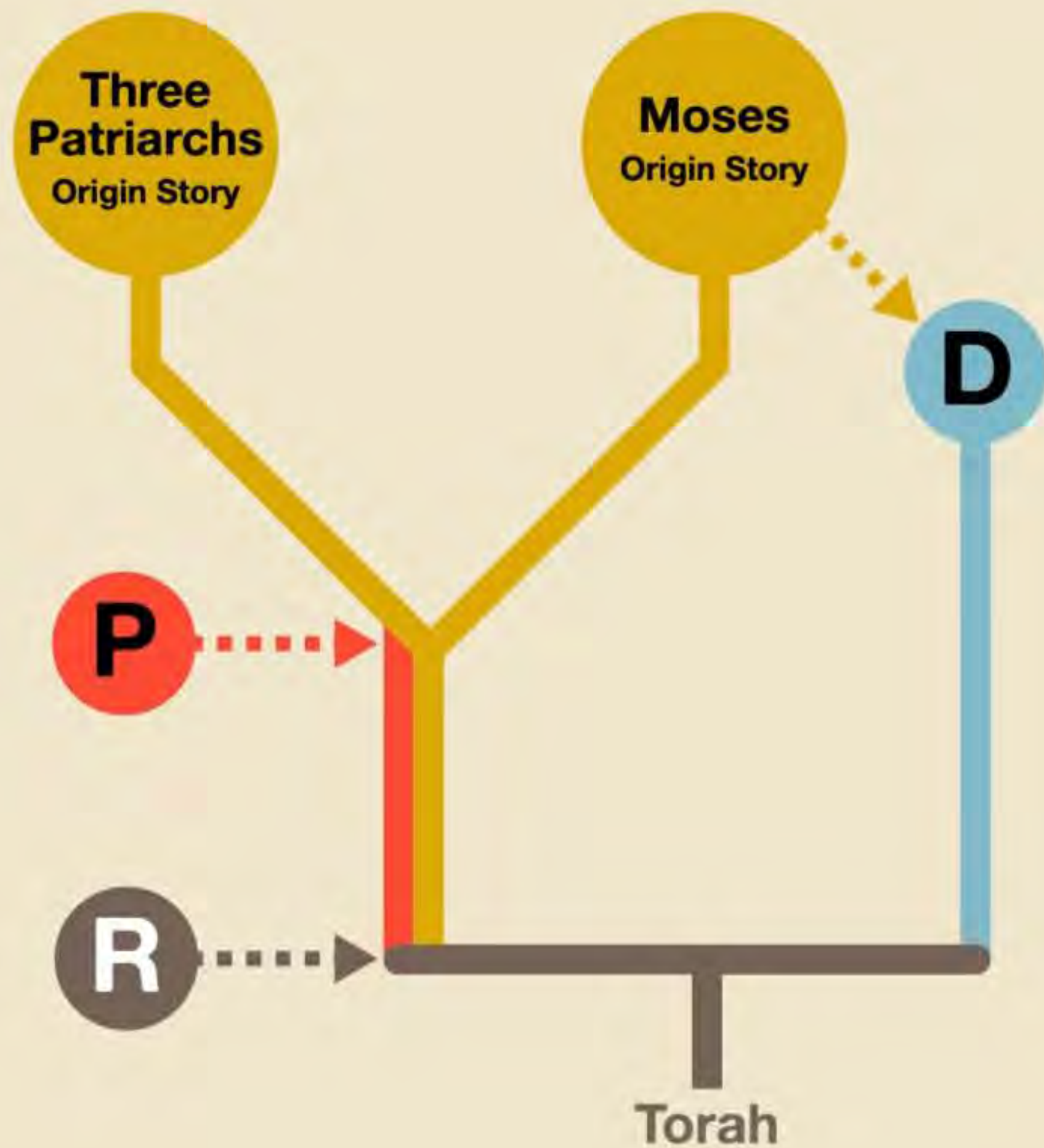
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Catching up from last week!

- Linguistic
- Terminology
- Consistent Content
- Continuity
- Intrabiblical Connects
- Extrabiblical Connections
- Convergence (doublets)

How was it written?

Documentary
Hypothesis

Supplementary
Hypothesis

Dual Origins

(use chart)

Version 1

Version 2

Creation Story

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Genesis 2:4-25

Abraham's Lie

30 "DOUBLETS"
Genesis 12:10-20

Genesis 20:1-18

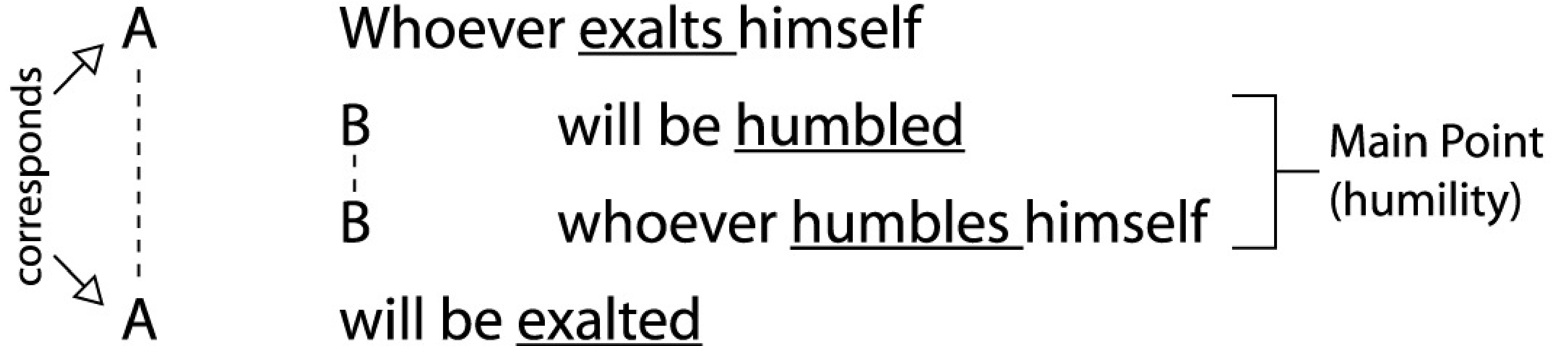
Name Change

Genesis 32:25-33

Genesis 35:9-10

Chiastic Structure

Matthew 23:12



A – YHWH establishes the King (v.1)

B – He is sent to conquer (v.2)

C – The day of power(v.3)

D – YHWH makes an unbreakable oath (v.4)

C' – The day of wrath (v.5)

B' – He goes out to conquer (v.6)

A' – YHWH establishes the King (v.7)

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A	Noah (vi 10a)
B	Shem, Ham and Japheth (10b)
C	Ark to be built (14-16)
D	Flood announced (17)
E	Covenant with Noah (18-20)
F	Food in the ark (21)
G	Command to enter ark (vii 1-3)
H	7 days waiting for flood (4-5)
I	7 days waiting for flood (7-10)
J	Entry to ark (11-15)
K	Yahweh shuts Noah in (16)
L	40 days flood (17a)
M	Waters increase (17b-18)
N	Mountains covered (19-20)
O	150 days waters prevail ((21)-24)
P	GOD REMEMBERS NOAH (viii 1)
Q	150 days waters abate (3)
N'	Mountain tops visible (4-5)
M'	Waters abate (5)
L'	40 days (end of) (6a)
K'	Noah opens window of ark (6b)
J'	Raven and dove leave ark (7-9)
I'	7 days waiting for waters to subside (10-11)
H'	7 days waiting for waters to subside (12-13)
G'	Command to leave ark (15-17(22))
F'	Food outside ark (ix 1-4)
E'	Covenant with all flesh (8-10)
D'	No flood in future (11-17)
C'	Ark (18a)
B'	Shem, Ham and Japheth (18b)
A'	Noah (19)

Genesis 6-9

Noah, sons, ark,
flood, covenant,
food, command, 7,
7, enter/exit,
open/close, 40,
150
GOD REMEMBERS
NOAH

THE POINT



GENESIS



GOD'S PLAN TO RESCUE AND BLESS HIS REBELLIOUS WORLD
EXODUS 19:4-6 through Abraham's family ISAIAH 11 PSALM 72
ISRAEL = "KINGDOM OF PRIESTS" TO SHOW OTHER NATIONS WHAT GOD IS LIKE. | FULFILLED IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM.

1-11 GOD & THE WORLD

12-50 GOD & ABRAHAM'S FAMILY

1-2 DARKNESS

HUMANS' GOD'S IMAGE (HEBREW = ADAM) - REFLECTION OF GOD'S CHARACTER, REPRESENTATIVES OF GOD'S RULE, HARNESS CREATION'S POTENTIAL AND CREATE BEAUTY AND ORDER

TREE OF LIFE

CHOICE: TRUST GOD'S DEFINITION OF GOOD & EVIL... OR SCIZE AUTONOMY AND DEFINE GOOD AND EVIL FOR THEMSELVES...?

BLESSING

12-25a ABRAHAM

12 ABRAHAM BETRAYS HIS WIFE AND **20!**

16 ABRAHAM SLEEPS WITH HAGAR

15:17 GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

COVENANT PROMISE ABRAHAM WILL BE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS AND A BLESSING TO THE WORLD... (SIGN OF THE COVENANT = CIRCUMCISION) ABRAHAM TRUSTS GOD. (GENESIS 15:6)

25b-36 ISAAC AND JACOB

27 JACOB STEALS ESAU'S BIRTHRIGHT & BLESSING

29-31 JACOB DECEIVED BY LABAN

32 JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD

37-50 JACOB'S SONS

37 JOSEPH HATED BY HIS BROTHERS

39-40 JOSEPH ENSLAVED & IMPRISONED

41-46 ELEVATED, JOSEPH SAVES EGYPT & HIS FAMILY

49 JACOB'S FINAL BLESSING

50 RESTORE GOD'S BLESSING TO THE WORLD

3 CREATURE IN REBELLIAN AGAINST GOD you won't die, you'll become LIKE GOD!

3b WHY ARE YOU HIDING? SHE STARTED IT!!

3c SNAKE'S DEFEAT & HUMANITY'S GRIEF DISSENTMENT OF WOMAN WOUNDED VICTOR

7 ABEL, CAIN, & LAMECH

6-9 THE FLOOD NOAH HAM

10a "SONS OF GOD" EVIL ANGELS OR KINGS WHO CLAIM DIVINE DESCENT

11 BABYLON LET'S MAKE A NAME FOR OURSELVES!

SCATTERED

12-13 ABRAM LAND NATION NAME BLESS

12-13 ABRAM TERAH NAHOR SERAH REU PELEG

"IN YOU, ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED."

ABRAHAM & SONS' REPEATED FAILURE

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO RESCUE & BLESS

Recommended Sources

Translations

NRSVUE

Robert Altar

Study Bibles

Oxford Annotated
Study Bible

NET Bible (notes)

Books and More

The Bible with
Sources Revealed
Book
by Richard Elliott Friedman

The Bible Project

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

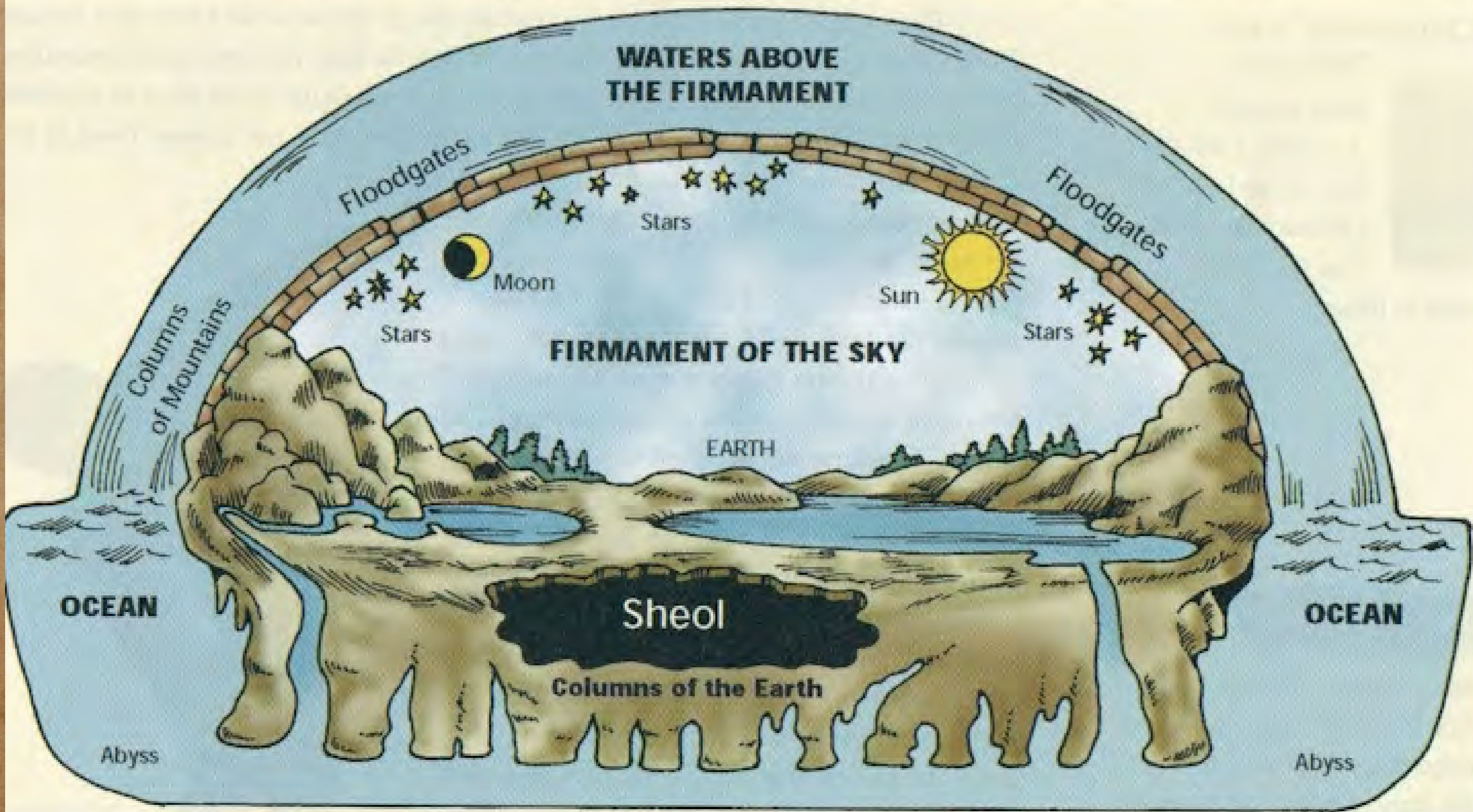
Genesis 25:19 (narrative)

Toledot of Esau

Genesis 36:1 and 36:9 (genealogy)

Toledot of Jacob

Genesis 37:2 (narrative)



WATERS ABOVE THE FIRMAMENT

Floodgates

Floodgates

Stars

Moon

Sun

Stars

Stars

FIRMAMENT OF THE SKY

EARTH

OCEAN

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Sheol

Columns of the Earth

Abyss

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Poetic Structure

- 1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth,
- 2a the earth was complete chaos,
- 2b and darkness covered the face of the deep,
- 2c while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
- 3-5 Separate Light (Day/Night)
- 6-8 Separate Sky (Waters -/+)
- 9-13 Separate Land/Plants
- 14-19 Order Light (Sun, Moon and Stars)
- 20-23 Order Waters (Sea Creatures)
- 24-31 Orders Land (Animals and Humans)

2.1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude.

2.2-3 God Rested.

Genesis 1 is
HIGHLY poetic
with rhyme,
meter, parallelism
and SEVEN

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3-5 ONE

6-8 TWO

9-13 THREE

FOUR 14-19

FIVE 20-23

SIX 24-31

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2.2-3 SEVENTH

Poetic Structure

7 1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth,
2a the earth was complete chaos (**wild and waste**),
2X7 2b and darkness covered the face of the deep,
2c while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

And God said...Evening and Morning

2X7 3-5 ONE
6-8 TWO
9-13 THREE

7X2

FOUR 14-19
FIVE 20-23
SIX 24-31

Days - Good

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Poetic Structure

7 1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth,
2a the earth was complete chaos (wild and waste);

So God created humans in his image,

2b and darkness covered the face of the deep,
2c while a wind from God swept over the face of the
waters.

And God said...Evening and Morning

in the image of God he created them;

3-5 ONE
6-8 TWO
9-13 THREE
FOUR 14-19
FIVE 20-23
SIX 24-31

Days - Good

male and female he created them.

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Comparative Myth Gen 1

Enki Sumerian Creation Myth

- Enki is a primary god in Sumerian mythology.
- Begins with primordial waters
- Various gods and goddesses, including Enki, are born from these waters.
- Enki rights and becomes associated with wisdom, knowledge, and water.
- Enki creates humanity to ease the workload of the gods.
- Humans are formed from clay mixed with the blood of a slain god.

First Creation Account

- "Creator God" is the primary divine being
- Also begins with primordial waters
- God brings forth light, separating it from darkness on the first day.
- Over six days, God creates the heavens, Earth, seas, vegetation, celestial bodies, animals, and finally, humans.
- Human beings are created in the image of God and given dominion over the Earth and its creatures.

Comparative Myth Gen 2

Epic of Gilgamesh

A man created from the soil by gods.

The man lives "naturally" with animals

Tempted by a woman, receives food and covers his nakedness and is banned from his former realm.

A snake steals (Gilgamesh) immortality.

Egyptian Garden-Temple Ritual

Ancient Egyptian Daily Ritual

The God Ptah (creator of man) was the first to create idols.

The Priest would go to the idol (image) touch its mouth with food and breathe into it each day to be reborn.

Gardens were temples that ordered the world around them. The bigger the garden and the more idols, the more powerful that temple was.

Genesis 3

Three Views

Comparative Mythology

Epic of Gilgamesh

Eternal Life

Serpant

Social Commentary

Hunter-Gatherer
vs Agrarian Society

Women Subjugated

"Fallen" Humanity

Outline and Details

Curses

Work vs Toil

"Prophecy"



Prophecy

Flood Narrative Comparative Myth

Sumerian Flood Narratives

- Sumerian Epic of Ziusudra
- The Epic of Atrahasis
- The Epic of Gilgamešh

Characters or Heros

- Ziusudra
- Atrahasis
- Utnapishtim
 - Utna'ishtim
 - Na'ish
 - **Noah**



INTRO	Eridu Genesis	Atrahasis	Gilgameš	Bible	Berosus	Greece	Quran
Date	3d millennium BCE	c.1640 BCE	c.1100 BCE	c.1000-500 BCE	278 BCE	c.700 BCE?	c.600 CE
Revolt	?	lesser gods	?	giants?	monsters?	giants	-
Hero	Ziusudra	Atrahasis	Ut-napištim	Noah	Xisuthrus	Deucalion	Nuh
Country	Šuruppuk	Šuruppak	Šuruppak	-	Sippar	Thessaly	-
Destroyer	Enlil	Enlil	Enlil	YHWH	Enlil	Zeus	Allah
Warning	Vision	Dream	Indirect order	Direct order	Dream	?	Direct order
Reason	Noise?	Noise	?	Sin, giants	?	Sin, giants	Sin
Cause	Stormflood	Rain	Stormflood	Rain, fountains	-	Rain, waves	"from the valley"
Savior	Enki	Enki	Enki	YHWH	Enki	Prometheus	Allah
Period	7 days	7 days	7 days	150/40 days	"quickly"	9 days	?
Birds	?	?	raven, dove, swallow	doves/raven	"several"	none	-
Destination	?	-	Nimuš	Ararat	Gordyene	Parnassus	Al-Gudi
Fate	Eternal life	Eternal life	Eternal life	3 sons	Eternal life	3 grandsons	-

Comparative Myth

Why was there a flood?

Who sent the flood?

Who warned Noah?

Divine life lost or gained?

What else stands out?

**Genesis and
Sumeria**

Chapter 11: Tower of Babel



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Chapter 11: Tower of Babel

Name meaning:

Babylon
Bâb-ilu

"Gate of the gods"

Babel
balal

- to mingle, mix, confuse,
confound.

It is a Ziggurat whose job was to be a
gate for God to come down (not man
go up)

Comical
story
making
fun of
Babylon

Chapter 11: Tower of Babel

**Comical
story
making
fun of
Babylon**

The tower of Babel is about humanity building a Ziggurat so that God comes down and blesses their collective other others.

It is essentially making fun of Meso-Sumerian cultures who did that exact same thing.

Genesis 12:1-3

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. 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 the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Chapter 14: Melchizedek



Points toward 2nd Temple

OR



Pre-Incarnate Christ

OR



Zedek
(head pantheon)
meanings
righteousness

OR

C^{*}⊕e[♀]☆is†

God Working
besides Abram's
story

Chapter 14: Melchizedek

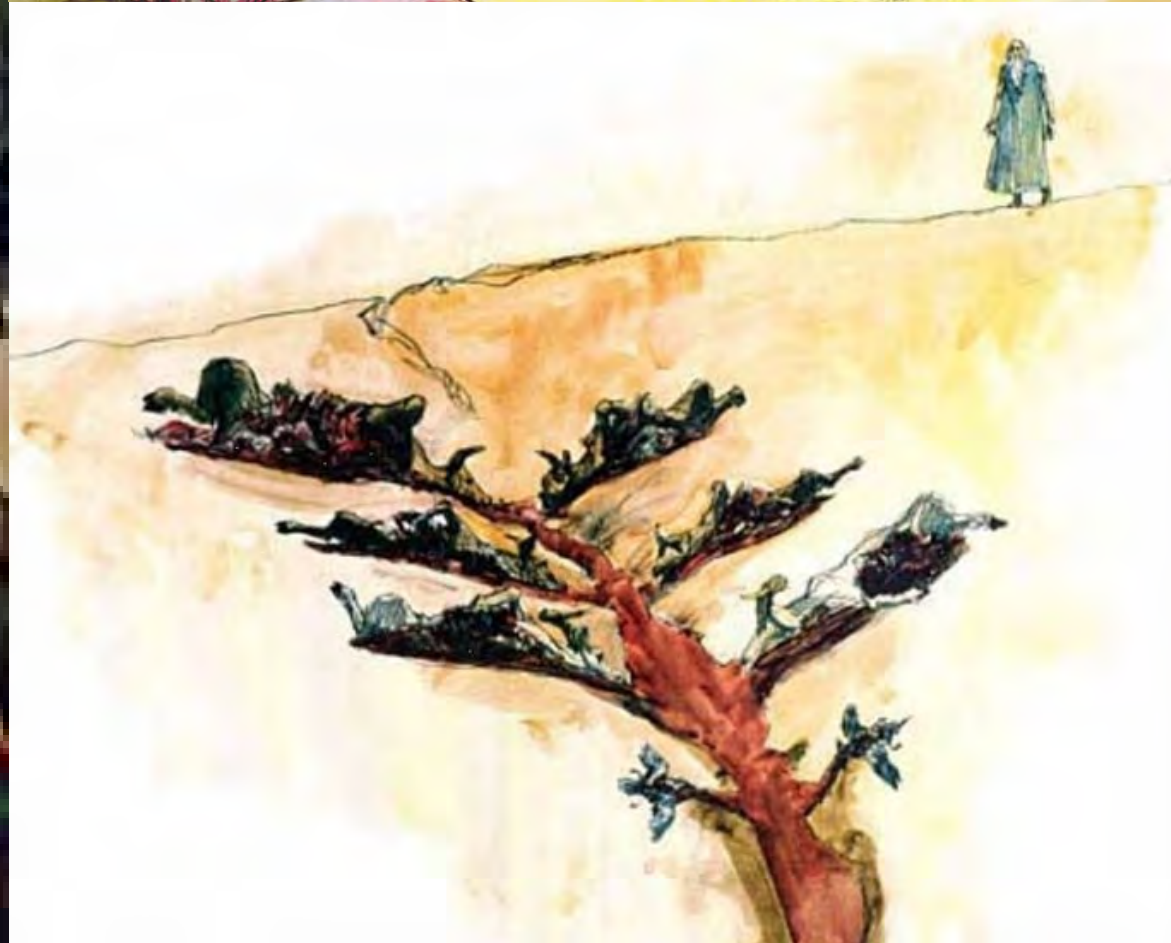
Looking Ahead to Temple System

Precursor of Christ

ONE example in Scripture of God
working EVERYWHERE



Genesis 15: Abram Covenant of Pieces



Genesis 19: Lot's / Sodom & Gomorrah's Hospitality

What was Sodom and Gomorrah's sin?

Gang Rape?

~~Homosexuality?~~

Adultery Pridefulness
Uncharitableness/Unhospitable

Genesis 19: Lot's / Sodom & Gomorrah's Hospitality

Ezekiel 16:48-50 As I live, says the Lord God, your sister Sodom and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done. This was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease but did not aid the poor and needy. They were haughty and did abominable things before me; therefore I removed them when I saw it.

Abraham 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

Alternate Chiasm

A. Prologue (11.27–30)

B. First challenge: call for Abraham to leave family of origin (12:1–3)

C. Wife-sister story 12:10–13:1

D. Separation from Lot (13:2–18)

E. Covenant of pieces with Abraham (14–15)

F. Hagar-Ishmael story (Gen 16:1–14)

E'. Covenant of circumcision with Abraham (17)

D'. Hospitality/progeny episodes; Abraham contrasted with Lot (18–19)

C'. Wife-sister story (20)

B'. Final challenge: calls for Abraham to let go of family of future (21.8–21 and 22.1–19)

A'. Epilogue 22.20–24

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)