



God's Story

Putting the Puzzle Together

Isaac & Egypt

Vertical Life Church

The Birth of Isaac

- God promises Abram a son (Gen 15)
- 10 years pass. Abram & Sarai grow impatient (Gen 16)
- Sarai gives Hagar, Ishmael is born; Abram has an heir at age 86
- (Gen 17) 13 years pass. God changes Abram to Abraham and Sarai to Sarah. God promises Isaac
- God commands circumcision as a sign
- *“Is anything too difficult for the Lord?”* Gen 18:14



Physical vs Spiritual Heirs

- Physical Israel –
 - Chosen by race does not guarantee chosen for heaven – Mat 3:8-10
 - Israel remains God's chosen people - Rom 9:3-5
- Descendants by Faith - Rom 9:6-9, Rom 11:17-21; 11:11-12
- Jesus the Seed – Gal 3:16

Sacrifice of Isaac

- God commands; note language of Gen 22:2 (1 John 4:9)
- Abraham obeys quickly (v3)
- Does Abraham lie (v5,8). No, Abraham hopes
- When hope fades, The faith of Abraham takes over (Heb 11:17-19)
- Isaac is an archetype of Jesus (John 10:17-18)

Jacob

- Isaac marries Rebekah
- Two sons born – Esau & Jacob (Gen 25:24)
- Jacob gets Isaac's blessing in place of Esau
- Done by subterfuge – yet within God's plan (Rom 9:10-13)
- Jacob marries Leah & Rachel – has 12 sons
- Trouble begins when they return to Canaan

God Moves Jews to Egypt

- Joseph is clearly chosen by God (Gen 37)
- He is given foretelling dreams by God
- His brothers sell him into slavery
- He remains faithful to God in Egypt, but suffers many hardships (Gen 39)
- Joseph becomes #2 in Egypt
- Joseph brings Jacob and family to Egypt (Gen 43-50)

Joseph's Troubles

- Joseph is promoted by Potiphar, yet remains a slave
- Potiphar's wife attempts seduction, Joseph remains true
- Joseph is accused of attempted rape by Potiphar's wife
- Joseph prospers in prison, yet remains a prisoner
- Joseph interprets dreams, yet cupbearer forgets about him
- Joseph remains a prisoner for 2 more years



God's Plan for Joseph Becomes Evident

- God grants Joseph the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream
- Famine is widespread – reaches Canaan
- Jacob sends sons (except Benjamin) to Egypt
- Jacob brings family to Egypt – saves them
- Joseph remained true through the suffering. He trusted God's reward (Rom 8:18)
- God meant the evil for good (Gen 50:19-21)
- God uses this to make of Jacob a people (Gen 43:32)

Holding back the chaos and bringing ma'at

