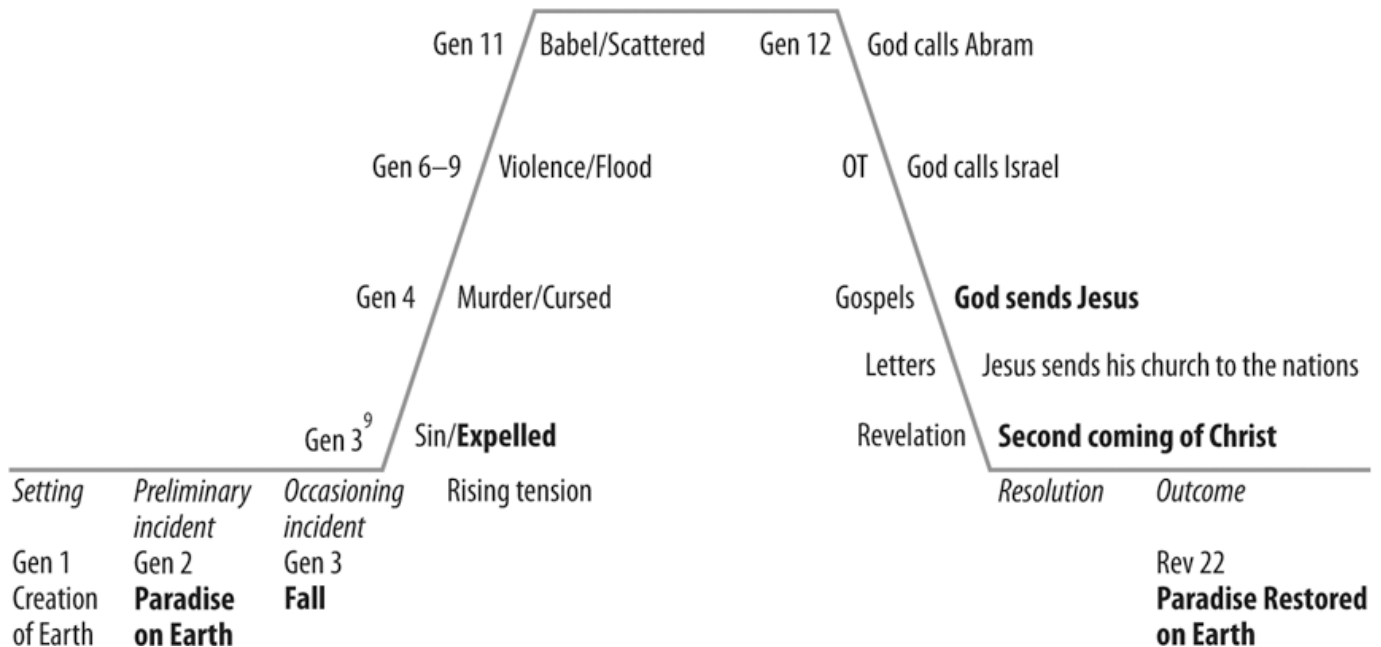


Promise Preserved

Genesis 25:19-34

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<p>Act I: Beginnings →</p> <p>Genesis 1-11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule (Gen. 1-2) • Rebellion (Gen. 3) • Problem (Gen.4-11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Left to ourselves, humanity is helpless and hopeless. • Promise (Gen. 3:15) 	→	<p>Act II: God Will Provide →</p> <p>Genesis 12-25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God's Covenant Promise to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3; 15:5-6, 18) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People • Place • Blessing 	→	<p>Act III: Promise Preserved</p> <p>Genesis 25-50</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God's Covenant Promise preserved through Isaac and Jacob/Israel.
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- Sidney Geredanus, *Preaching Christ from Genesis*

Genesis 3:15 | I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Genesis 12:1-3 | 1 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. 2 And 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. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 15:5-6, 18 | 5 And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” 6 And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness...18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land...”

BIG IDEA: God preserves His promises through unlikely circumstances and undeserving people.

I. Unlikely Circumstances

1. Isaac's birth (Gen. 17:15-17; 21:1-7)
2. God's speed (vv. 20-21, 26b)
3. Struggling parents (vv. 22-28)
4. Unexpected grace (v. 23)
5. Family dysfunction and strife (vv. 23, 25-26a, 28-34)

II. Undeserving People

1. Abraham (vv. 12:1-3; Joshua 24:2)
2. Isaac (v. 28)
3. Jacob (vv. 29-34)

Hebrews 12:15-17 | 15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; 16 that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. 17 For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

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Benediction

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