

## PROGRESS OF REDEMPTION: ACT ONE, SCENE ONE, STEPS 1-2.

### REVIEW

- The Prologue in Genesis: Chapters 1-11; 10 Steps (C, M, F, F, G, R, F, G, B, G)
- The Predominate Theme of the Prologue: SIN
- The human race is a MESS.
- God is GROWING things.

### ACT ONE BEGINS: TWO MAJOR THEMES (*Genesis 12*)

1. I will make you a GREAT NATION.
    - a. The story of the OT is a story of NATION.
  2. You will be a BLESSING and in you all the FAMILIES of the earth will be BLESSED.
    - a. Question: What kinds of BLESSING do people need?
    - b. Answer: A SOLUTION to the SIN PROBLEM.
- The two major themes are actually a LEGAL PROMISE. (*I WILL*)
  - Act One, Scene One: God will build a Great Nation in 12 (DOING) steps.

### ACT ONE, SCENE ONE, STEP 1: THE PATRIARCHS

1. Abraham (13 ½ Chapters)
  - a. He LEFT the LAND.
  - b. He CAME BACK to the LAND.
  - c. He HAD a BABY.
    - i. To build a nation we need lots of babies...but Sarah was BARREN.
  - d. He DIED.
2. Isaac (8 Chapters)
  - a. He LEFT the LAND.
  - b. He RETURNED with a WIFE.
  - c. He had a BABY or two.
    - i. To build a nation we need lots of babies...but Rebekah was BARREN.
  - d. He DIED.

3. Jacob/Israel (10 Chapters)

- a. He LEFT the LAND.
  - b. He RETURNED.
  - c. He had lots of BABIES.
    - i. To build a nation we need lots of babies...but Rachel was BARREN.
  - d. He DIED.
- Summary of Step One: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are the FATHERS or PATRIARCHS of this GREAT NATION.

ACT ONE, SCENE ONE, STEP 2: THE TWELVE TRIBES

- Jacob had LOTS of BABIES.
  - Leah (LOVE):
    - 6 (REUBAN, SIMEON, LEVI, JUDAH, ISSACHAR, ZEBULUN)
  - Bilhah (Rachel's Maid):
    - 2 (DAN, NAPHTALI)
  - Zilpah (Leah's Maid):
    - 2 (GAD, ASHER)
  - Rachel (LOVE):
    - 2 (JOSEPH, BENJAMIN)
- Summary of Step Two: God is GROWING the NATION. (See Ruth 4:11)

BOTTOM LINE:  
Be PATIENT and WATCH God WORK.