



# Genesis 13-14:16

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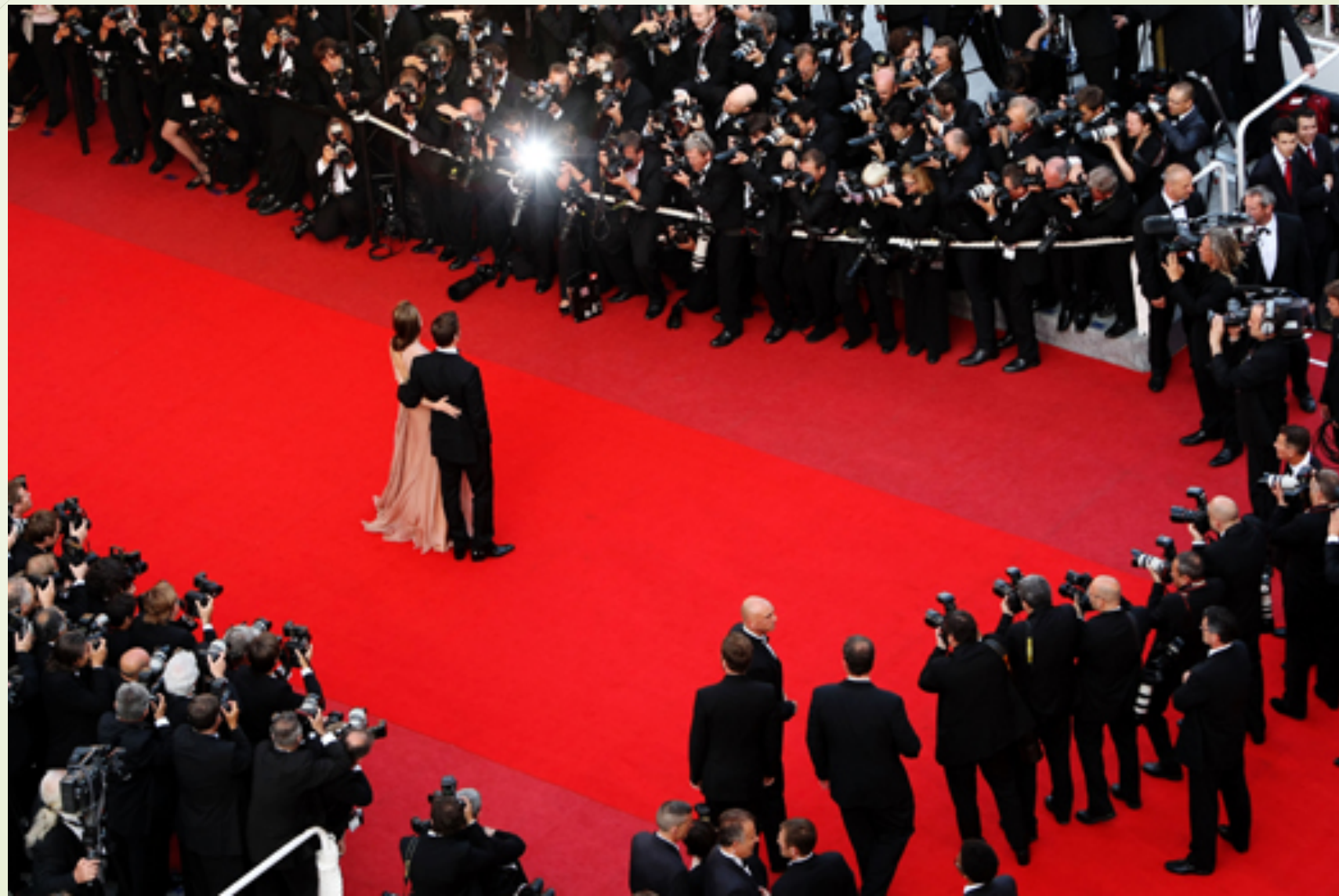
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What is blessing?



The good life





# The Story



Genesis 13:1-14:16





# Pentateuch

Exodus

Numbers



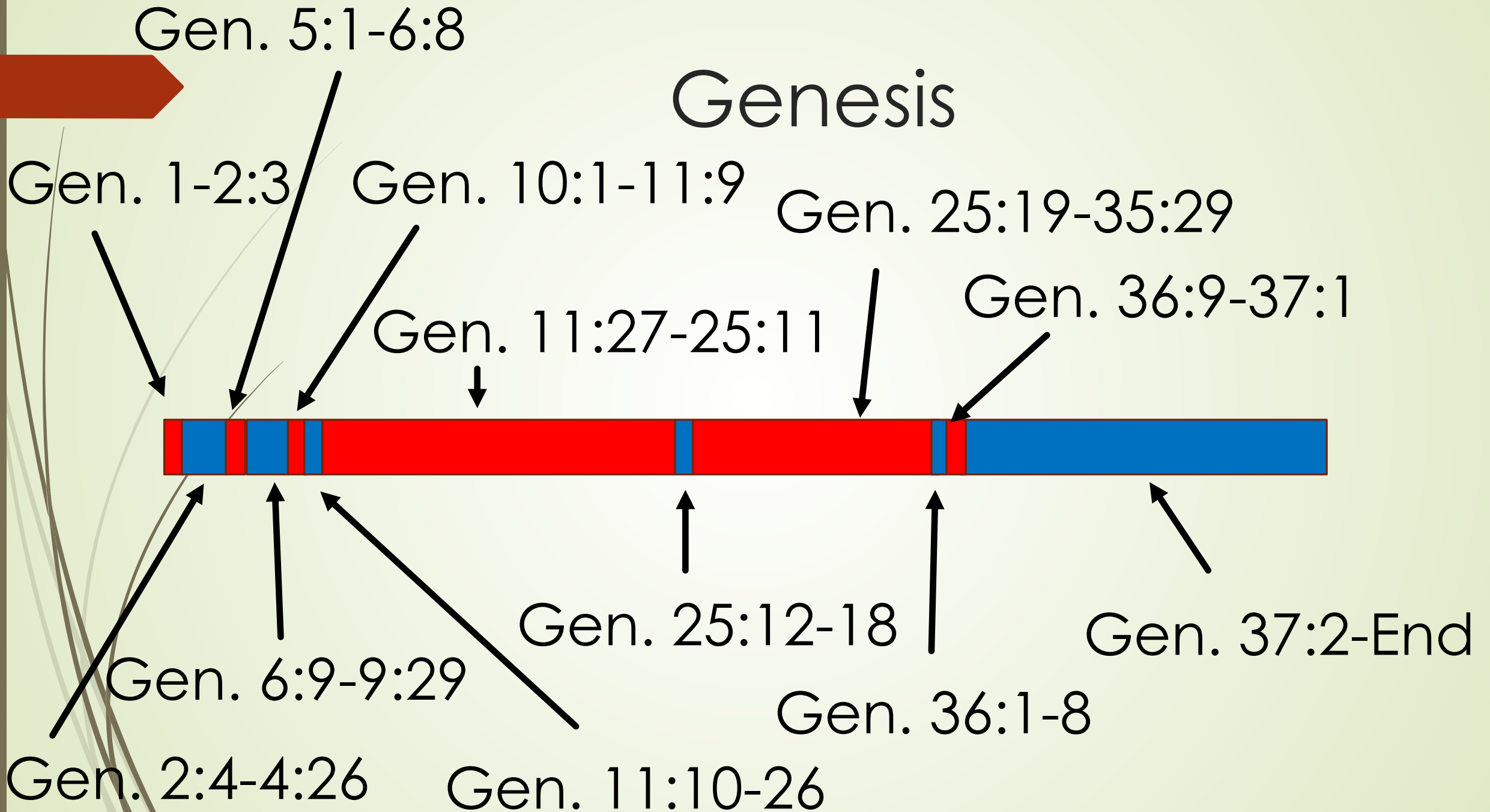
Genesis

Leviticus

Deuteronomy



# Genesis





# Genesis

- Gen 1-2:3 - Prologue
- Gen 2:4-4:26 - These are the **generations** of the heavens and the earth
- Gen 5:1-6:8 - This is the book of the **generations** of Adam
- Gen. 6:9-9:29 - These are the **generations** of Noah

# Genesis

- Gen. 10:1-11:9 – These are the **generations** of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth
- Gen. 11:10-11:26 – These are the **generations** of Shem
- Gen. 11:27-25:11 – Now these are the **generations** of Terah.
- Gen. 25:12-18 – These are the **generations** of Ishmael, Abraham's son....

# Genesis

- Gen. 25:19-35:29 – These are the **generations** of Isaac, Abraham's son.
- Gen. 36:1-8 – These are the **generations** of Esau (that is Edom).
- Gen. 36:9-37:1 – These are the **generations** of Esau father of the Edomites....
- Gen 37:2- end of the book – These are the **generations** of Jacob.

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# Conditions (Gen 12:1)

- Leave your country 
- Leave your people and your father's household 
- Go to the land I will show you 





# Backstory

- Gen 12:2-3
  - 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
  - I will bless those who bless you
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# The Story

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- Abram and Lot are SO blessed their people fight (13:5-7)
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# The Story

- Gen. 13:10 - And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)



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- God expands upon the blessing (13:14-16)
- Abram walks around the land (13:17-18)





# The Story



Genesis 14:1-16



# The Story

- Genesis 14:1-2 - In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedarlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goiim these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shember king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (that is Zoar)

# The Story





# The Story (Gen. 14:5-6)

- Rephaim – giants (Deut. 2:11, 3:11)
- Zuzim – Probably giants (Zamzummim – Deut. 2:20)
- Emim – giants (Deut. 2:11, 3:11)
- Horites – mountains of the borderlands (frontier Gen. 14:6)
- Amalekites and Amorites – Near neighbors in valleys (Num. 13:29, 14:25)



# The Story

- Chedarlaomer has a well supplied and far travelling army.
- High and low, near and far, Chedarlaomer and his crew have defeated everyone.

# The story

- Gen. 14:8-9 - Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five.



# The Story

- Gen. 14:10 - Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country.



# The Story

- Gen 14:11-12 - So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their provisions, and went their way. They also took Lot.....





# The Story

- Gen 14:13-15 - Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew...
- When Abram heard he led forth his trained men...
- 318 of them and went in pursuit of them as far as Dan...
- [he] defeated them and pursued them to Hobah north of Damascus
- Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot....



# 300 – The Biblical Version

- ▶ Abram (and his crew) lay the beat-down on this military super power



# Review

- Abram is back in the land 13:1-4
- Abram and Lot are #soblessed they have to part company 13:5-7
- Lot makes a bad choice 13:8-13
- God reiterates (and expands) blessing to Abram 13:14-18




# Review

- Bunch of kings fight, Lot gets captured by the victorious kings 14:1-12
- Abram rallies the family and friends, and gets Lot back 14:13-16




# Main idea



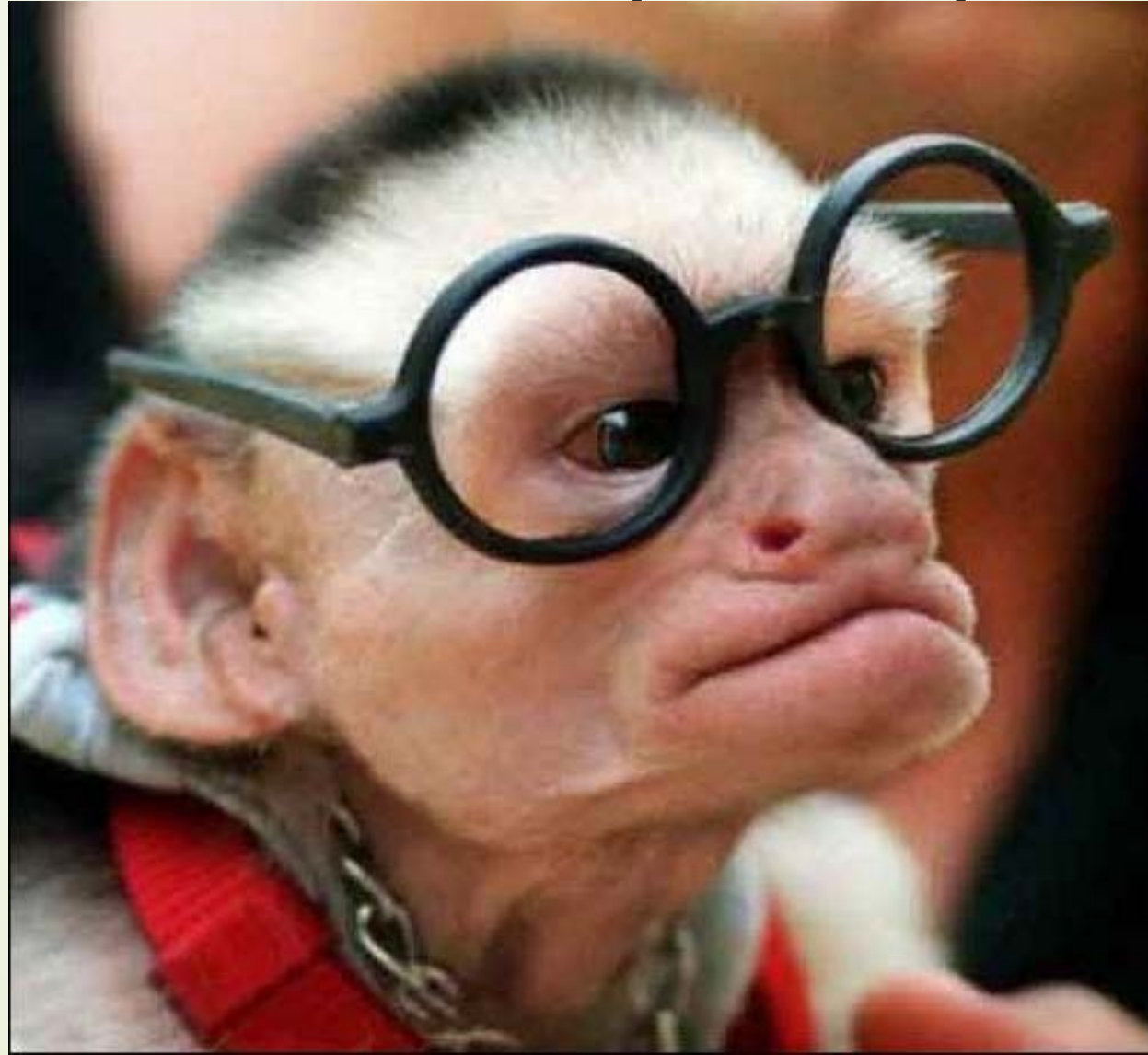
Blessing comes from God  
through Abram (and his kid)



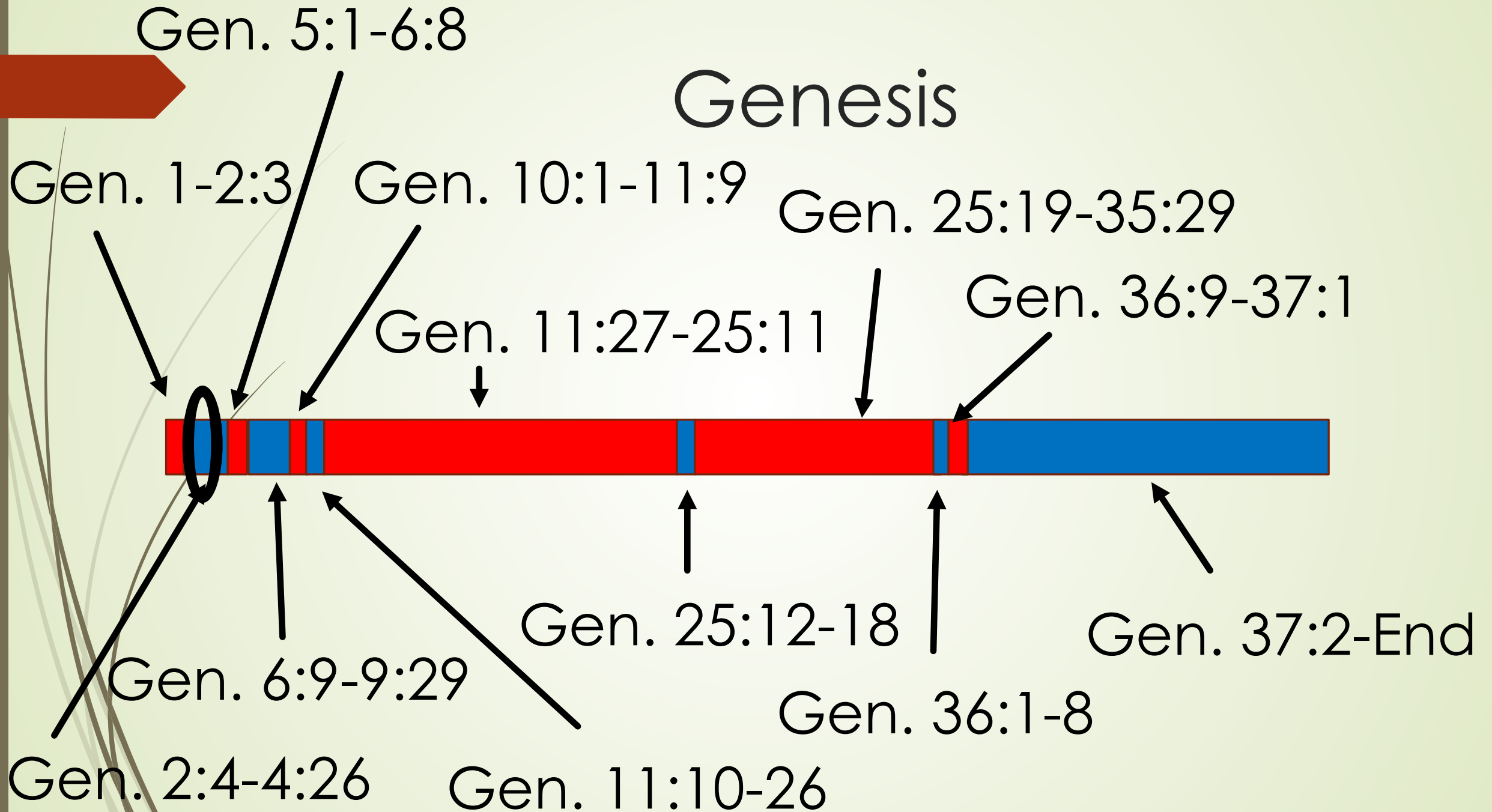
# Messiah (Jesus)

- Acts 3:25 – Peter says Abrahamic blessing is related to Jesus.
  - Gal 3:8 – Paul says the Gospel is contained in “all nations will be blessed through you.”
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# Messiah (Jesus)



# Genesis







# Protoevangelium (Jesus' teaser trailer)

➤ Gen. 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.”



# Abrahamic blessing

- Gen. 12:3 - Blessing to Abraham
  - Gen. 13:14-17, 15:5-6, 17:16,19 22:15-18
- Gen. 26:4 – Blessing transferred to Isaac
- Gen. 27:29 – Blessing transferred to Jacob
- Gen. 49:8 – Blessing transferred to Judah (quote from 27:29)

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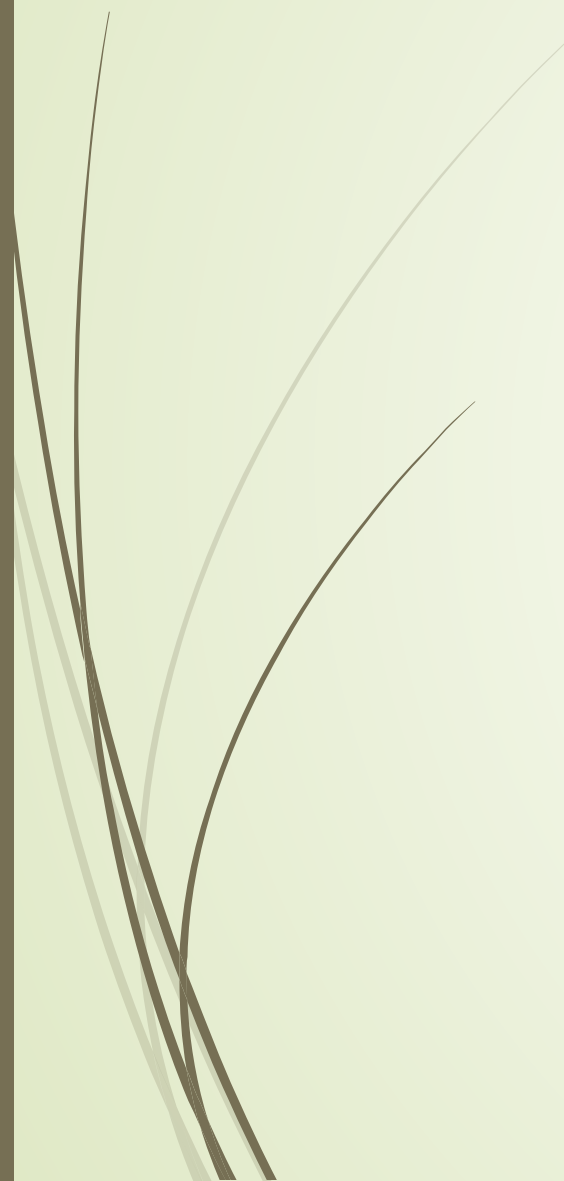


# Blessings

Gen 49:8, 10

“Judah, your brothers shall praise you;  
your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;  
your father’s sons shall bow down before you.

The scepter shall not depart from Judah,  
nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet,  
until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be  
the obedience of the peoples.”



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# Main ideas

- God is going to bless Abram, and *through* Abram
- Blessings come from God through the offspring (Jesus)



# Shared Truth

- All good blessings in our lives come from God in and through the person of Jesus
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# Seeking Blessing

- Generous income
- Fulfilling relationships
- Time (resources) for rest and recreation
- Physical health and beauty
- Property
- Renown/fame
- Harmony (between people and in nature)
- Safety
- Wisdom/knowledge



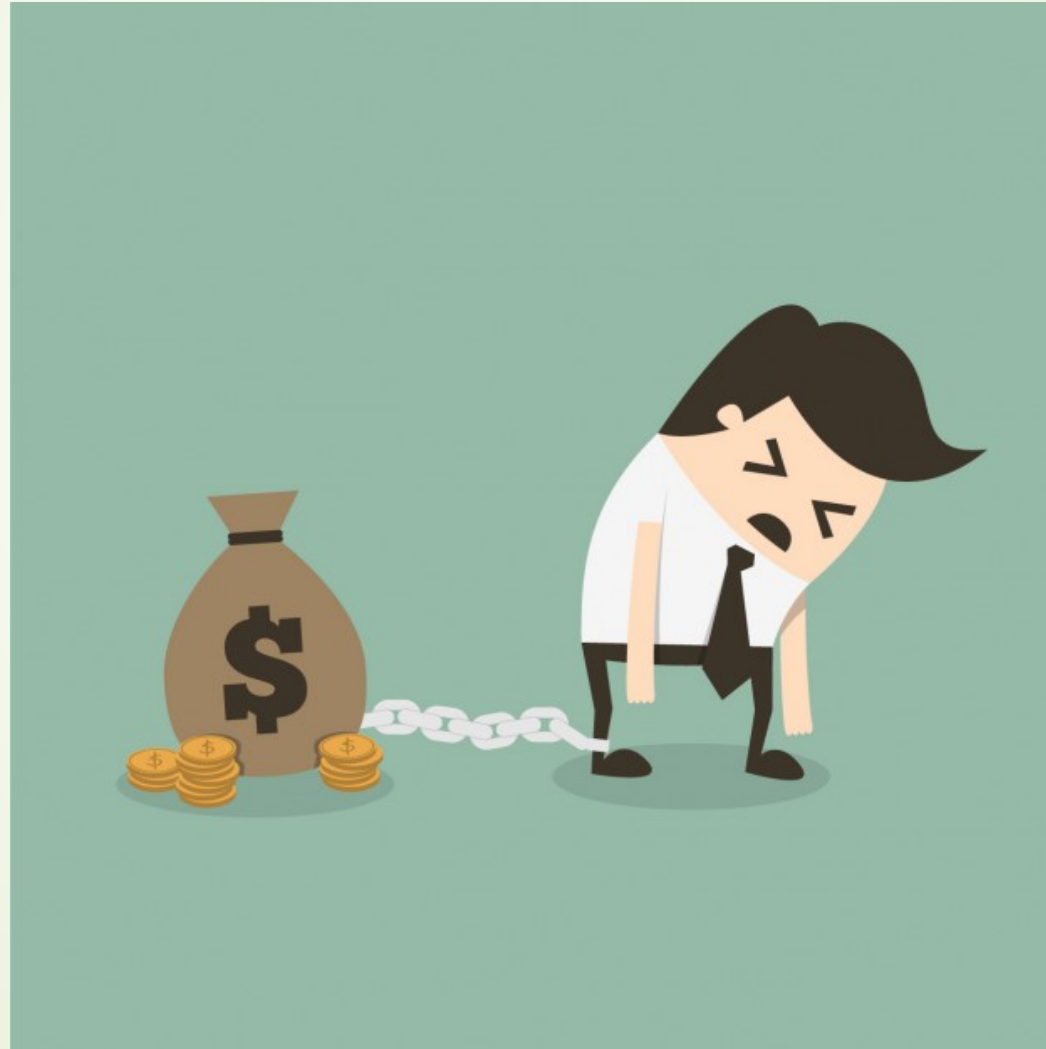
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# Seeking Blessing

- Where do we invest our time?
- Where do we invest our money?
- What are the things we get angry about when we can't have them?
- What are the things we get or achieve that leave us wanting more?



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# Seeking Blessing





# Seeking Blessing


- God works on the decade scale
  - You may not get the blessed life in this life
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# Being Blessing



Genesis 12:3



.... And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed

# Being Blessing



- The American dream of retirement – Hoarding resources to yourself so you can live easy and fulfill your wants and desires stands in stark contrast to the message of the Gospel.



# Being Blessing

- Are our lives organized around being a blessing to others?
  - Work
  - Family
  - Friendships
  - Recreation

# Being Blessing

