

FOUNDATIONS *of*
REDEEMPTIVE
HISTORY

Part 2

Genesis 12-24

BREAKDOWN OF TEXT

~~1. Abram Journeys to Egypt (12)~~

~~2. Abram, Lot, and the War (13-14)~~

~~3. God's Covenant with Abram (15)~~

~~4. Sarai, Hagar, and Doubt (16)~~

~~5. God's Covenant of Circumcision (17)~~

~~6. The Promised Birth of Isaac, and the~~

~~Destruction of Sodom/Gomorrah (18-19)~~

~~7. Abraham, Abimelech, and Isaac's Birth
(20-21)~~

8. The Sacrifice of Isaac (22)

~~9. Sarah's Death (23)~~

~~10. Isaac and Rebekah (24)~~

REVIEW

GENESIS 20-21

Some personal thoughts from ch. 20-21

- Abraham has had many ups and down in his faith.
- We've been waiting for Isaac, the child of promise, for many years now.
- We see many pictures and stories pointing to Jesus (Abraham as a foreshadow, but now it'll move to Isaac).
- We see Hagar/Ishmael as examples of people not included in God's covenant promise, and yet having a knowledge and understanding of God.

Personal study questions (Genesis 22)

1. How does the chapter begin? What does the narrator tell us right away?
2. What specific command does God give Abraham? What are the details that are mentioned, especially concerning Isaac? What makes this command especially difficult for Abraham?
3. How does Abraham respond? What stands out about his response? How does Abraham's journey of faith to this point contribute to his obedience?
4. What are the details of the journey? (Who went, what did they take, how long did it take, where did they go?) Where is Mt. Moriah? (Try doing a word search on "Moriah" in intoBible.com)
5. What does Isaac notice is missing, and how does Abraham answer Isaac's question?
6. How would you describe Isaac's role in this story? What do you notice about his willingness or silence?
7. Why does God stop Abraham before the sacrifice is completed? What promises does God repeat after Abraham's obedience?
8. How does the chapter end? What names/family details are included?
9. What themes in this chapter point forward to the rest of Scripture?

GENESIS 22

The Sacrifice of Isaac

- 1. Test of Faith (22:1-2)**
- 2. Ab's Obedience - Travel to Mt. Moriah (22:3-5)**
- 3. Ab's Obedience - Travel up Mt. Moriah (22:6-12)**
- 4. God's Intervention and Provision (22:13-14)**
- 5. God's Covenant Renewal (22:15-18)**
- 6. The Family Line (22:19-24)**

Isaac and Jesus parallels

- Promised sons
- Miraculous conceptions
- Born after a period of delay
- Meaningfully named before birth
- Born at God's appointed time
- Occasions for great joy

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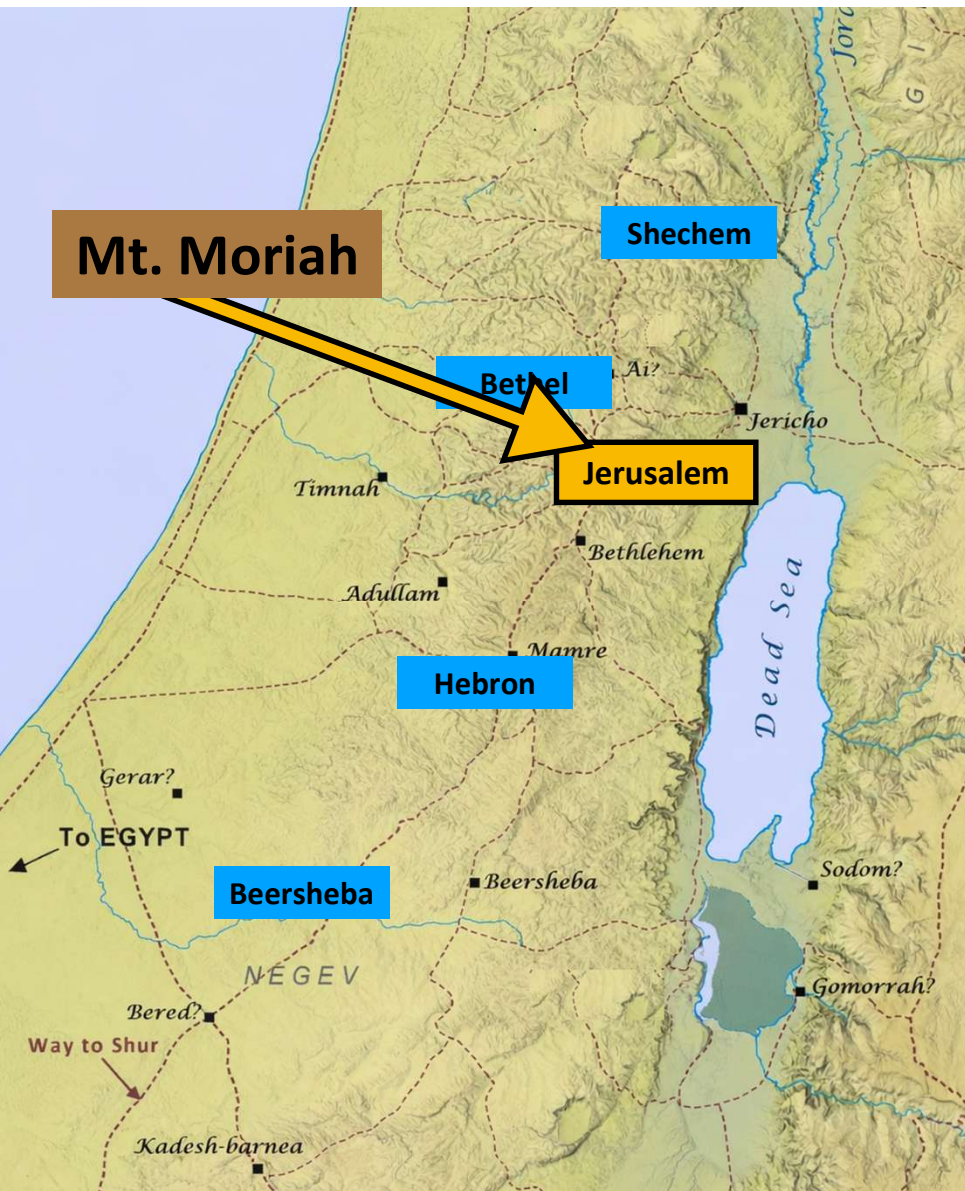
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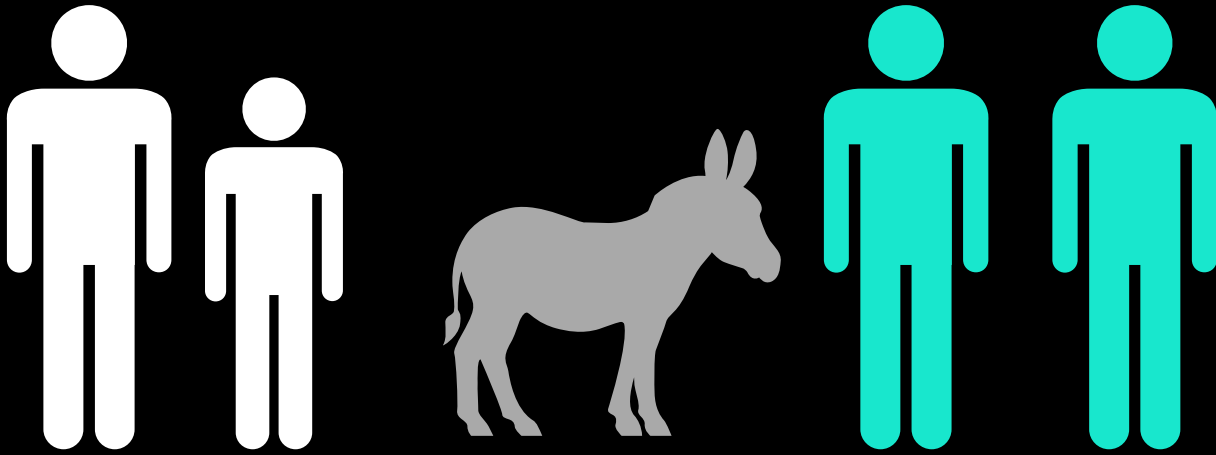
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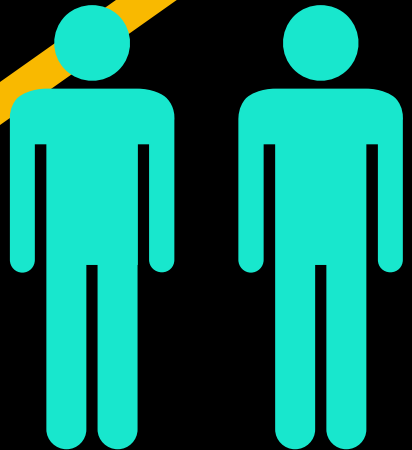
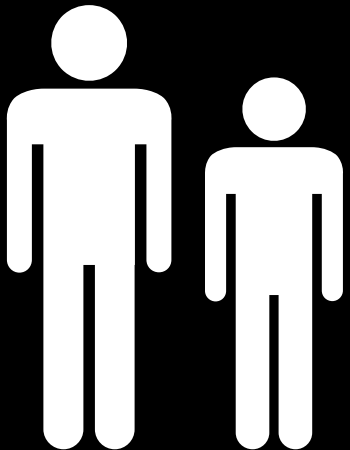
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- What might Abraham be thinking?
- What might Abraham be feeling?
 - Remember all the faith it took to get here to this point.

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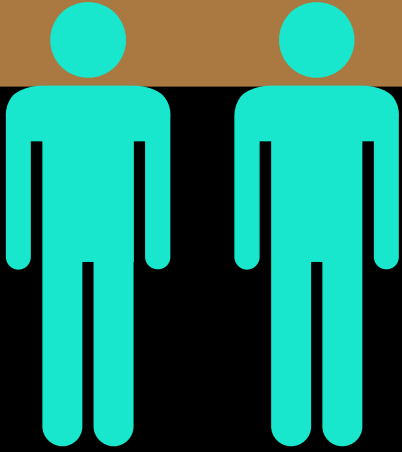
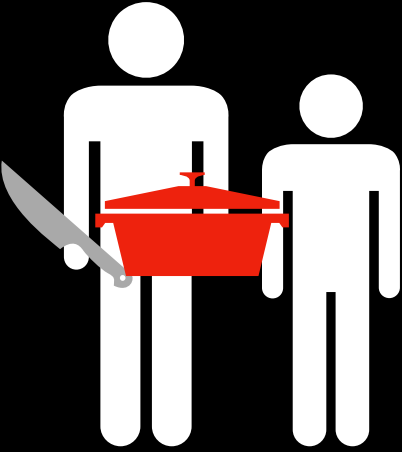
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Deut. 12:31 "You shall not behave thus toward the LORD your God, for every abominable act which the LORD hates they have done for their gods; for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods."

Jer. 7:31 "They have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, and it did not come into My mind."

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*James 2:17 Even so faith, if it has
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*Is. 53:4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore,
And our sorrows He carried;
Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten of God, and afflicted [...]*

*Is. 53:10 But the LORD was pleased
To crush Him, putting Him to grief*

Rom. 5:8 **But God demonstrates His own love toward us**, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 10 **For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.**

*Rom. 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 **He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?***

*John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

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We don't understand, but
praise God that He didn't stop
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APPLICATION

(Q) How does Abraham's willingness to surrender Isaac challenge my view of worship and sacrifice?

Take some time to talk about how God's willingness to strike His own Son shows His love for the believer. Share some things that God reminded you of during Passion Week.

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4. God's Intervention and Provision (22:13-14)

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2 Cor. 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.



4. God's Intervention and Provision (22:13-14)

- Ram pointed forward to Jesus.
- Reminder - there MUST be a shedding of blood.

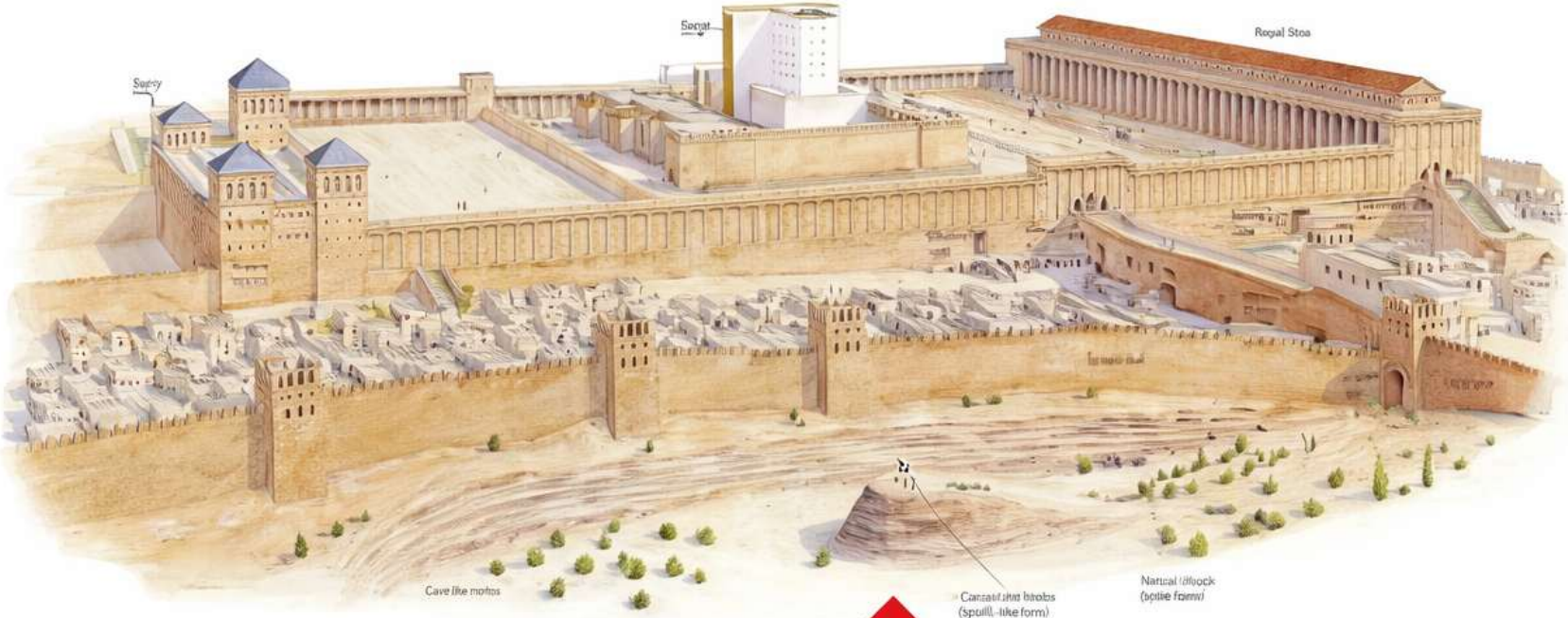
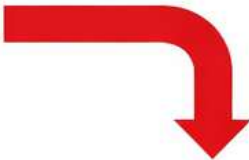
*Heb. 9:11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; 12 and **not through the blood of goats and calves**, but **through His own blood**, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if **the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh**, 14 how much more will **the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?***

Heb. 9:22 And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

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Mount Moriah



Golgotha

*Heb. 13:11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned **outside the camp.***

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*Lev. 16:27 “But the bull of the sin offering and the goat of the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall be taken **outside the camp**, and they shall burn their hides, their flesh, and their refuse in the fire.*

Names of God thus far...

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|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Elohim | “God” | (Gen 1:1) |
| 2. YHWH | “LORD” | (Gen 2) |
| 3. YHWH Elohim | “LORD God” | (Gen 2:4) |
| 4. El Elyon | “God Most High” | (Gen 14:18) |
| 5. Adonai YHWH | “Lord GOD” | (Gen 15:2) |
| 6. El Roi | “God Who Sees” | (Gen 16:13) |
| 7. El Shaddai | “God Almighty” | (Gen 17:1) |
| 8. YHWH Yireh | “The LORD Will Provide” | (Gen. 22:14) |

APPLICATION

(Q) Where have I seen God provide at the right time, even if not in the way I expected?

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5. God's Covenant Renewal (22:15-18)

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*Gen. 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram,
“Go forth from your country,*

*Gen. 12:4 So Abram went forth as the
LORD had spoken to him*

Gen. 13:17 “Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you.” 18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

Gen. 17:10 “This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised.

Gen. 17:26 In the very same day Abraham was circumcised, and Ishmael his son. 27 All the men of his household, who were born in the house or bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

Gen 21:12 But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the lad and your maid; whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her, for through Isaac your descendants shall be named. 13 “And of the son of the maid I will make a nation also, because he is your descendant.”

14 So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar, putting them on her shoulder, and gave her the boy, and sent her away.

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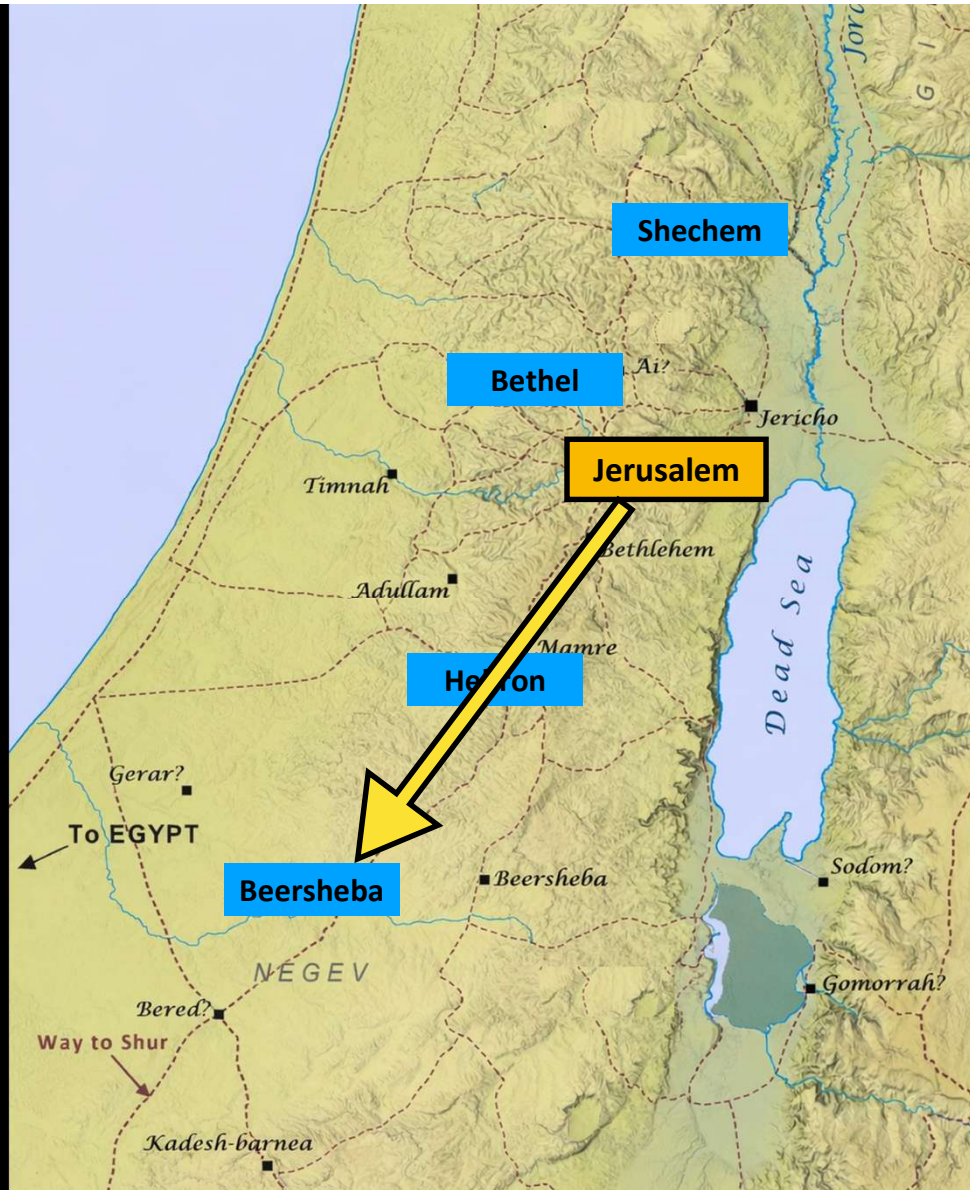
Unconditional Covenant Given

1. Land
2. Nation/People
3. Blessing

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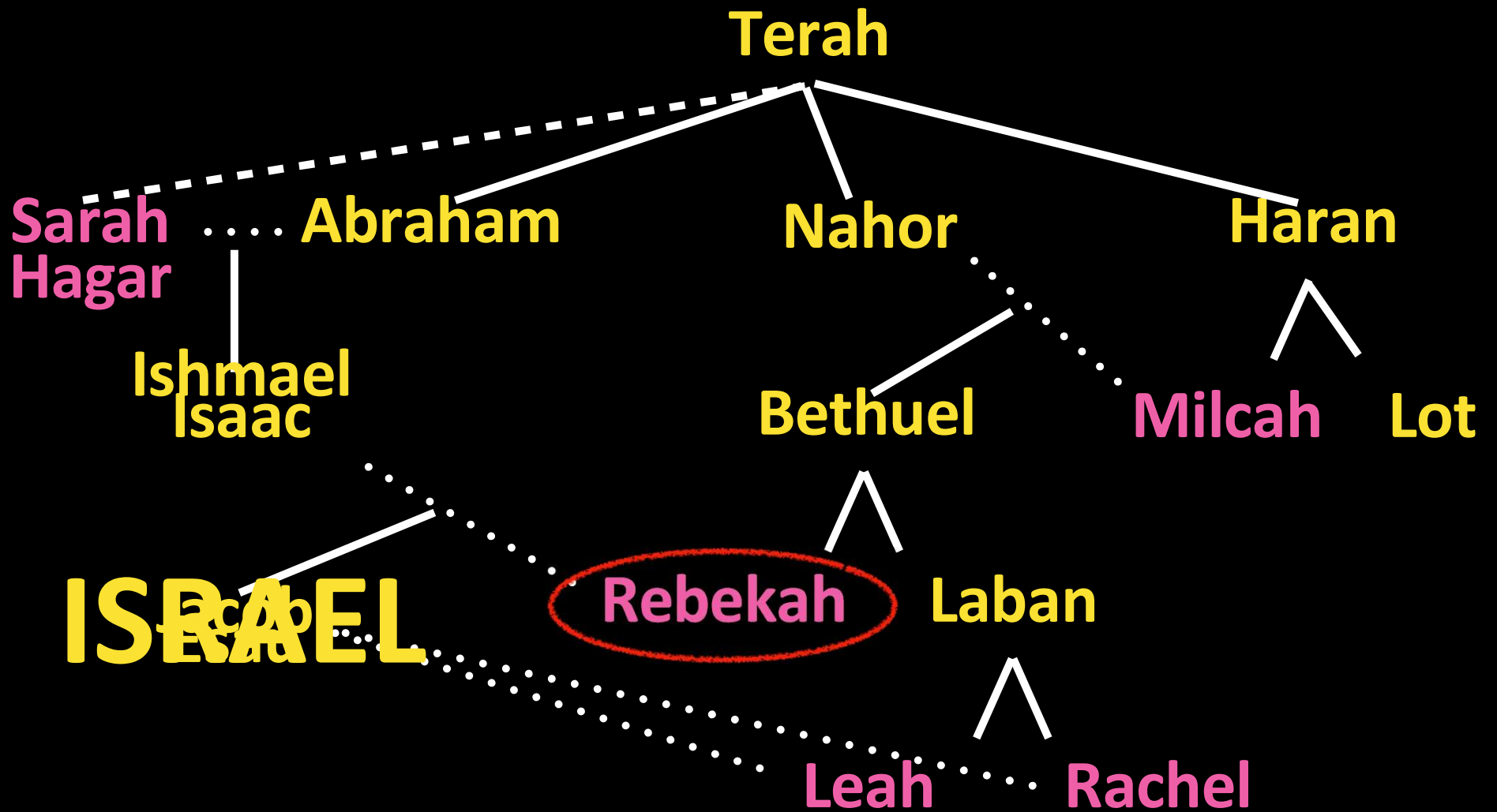
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ISRAEL

GENESIS 23

Sarah's Death

NEXT WEEK: Personal study questions (Genesis 23)

1. Take mental notes of setting: How old was Sarah when she died? How does Abraham respond? Where does the burial take place?
2. Who is Heth? When is the last time you saw his name in Genesis? Why does Abraham approach his sons? Why are they present in that region?
3. How did the Hittites view Abraham?
4. Why does Abraham identify as a “stranger and sojourner”?
5. How does Ephron initially respond to Abraham’s request? Why does Abraham insist on a different way? What is the importance of legality of land transfer here? Remember the region Abraham is in.
6. What does Sarah’s burial in Canaan communicate about Abraham’s confidence in God’s promise?
7. What does this chapter contribute to the larger Genesis story?

Application Questions (Ch. 22)

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