

Genesis 12-50

Introduction

- A view into the lives and families of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob: Patriarchs
- God's special people will live in God's special place, under God's special rule.

God and Abraham (12-23)

Summary

God's calling of Abram out of Mesopotamia. There are a progression of promises made to him. God ratifies a covenant with him through circumcision and a new name--Abraham. They reveal a troubled family history for Abraham, both within his marriage, and with his nephew Lot.

Place

- Genesis 12:1

People

- Genesis 12:2
- Genesis 12:3
- Genesis 15:6
 - Romans 4 and Galatians 3

Rule

- Genesis 15:13
- [Covenant with Abraham](#)
 - God puts Abraham asleep and ratifies it alone
 - In other words, this is a covenant God will deliver on regardless of Abraham's obedience: grace

Covenant - a solemn bond and agreement between two parties, with terms and conditions, that can only be broken upon the penalty of death.

God and Issac (24-28)

Covenant with Isaac:

Summary

Isaac and his wife Rebekah had twin sons, Jacob and Esau. Very troubled household with sin and faithlessness. Jacob, the second born, is the heir of the covenant.

Election - the doctrine that some will be given grace and those some are chosen by God purely on the grounds of grace, not on the grounds of anything they have done

People become part of God's people by being called by God into faith. Not by being physically descended from Abraham.

God and Jacob (28-50)

Covenant with Jacob:

Summary

It outlines multiple marriages and a severely troubled family life. It focuses primarily on Joseph.

Joseph

- Genesis 45:4-5-- So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

- What does this say about mankind?
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- What does this say about God?
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Judah

- Genesis 49:8-10-- Through Judah will come Jesus Christ

Conclusion

We end Genesis with God beginning to establish His people through three generations of men called by God through faith. They are still under God's rule (the rule of the promised Savior of the world) but they are not in God's place.