

The Remnant

Chosen by Grace

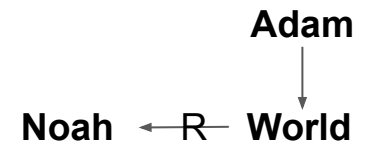
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Gen 3:1-7 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, **she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Gen 6:5-8 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.** So the Lord said, **“I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.”** But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

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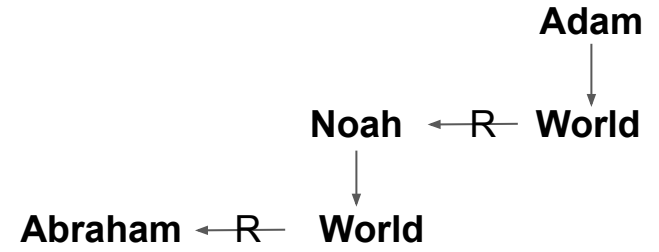
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Gen 11:1-9 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, **“Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.”** And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, **“Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”** ...**“Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.”** So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

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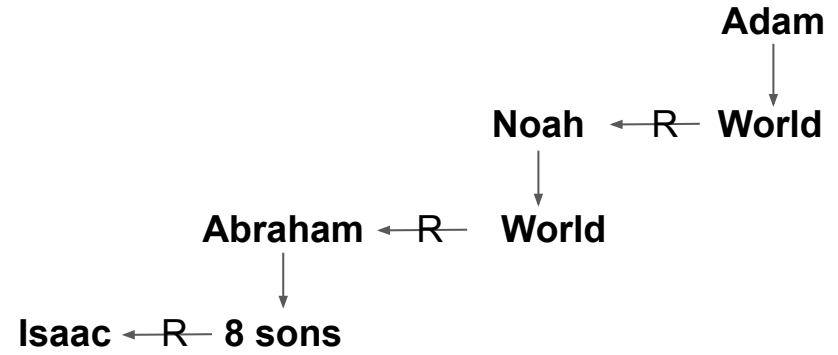


Gen 12:1-3 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And **I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.** I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and **in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**”

- God chose Abram (later Abraham) to be the father of a great nation. (**Gen 12:1**)
- Some time later God promised Abram that he would have a child (**Gen 15:4**)
- Finally when Abram was 86, He and his wife Sarai realized their chances of having a natural baby were non-existent, so she got the great idea of taking matters into her own hands. Thus Abram Fathered a child through his wife's servant Hagar. (**Gen 16:1-16**)
- The baby was named Ishmael, but this was not the child that God had promised him from before. (**Gen 17:16**)
- 14 years Later when Abraham was 100 years old, and his wife 90, they finally had the child they had been promised: Isaac. (**Gen 21:3**)
- Although Abraham had Ishmael as well as six other sons from his second wife Keturah, Isaac was the promised son, through whom, would come a great nation.

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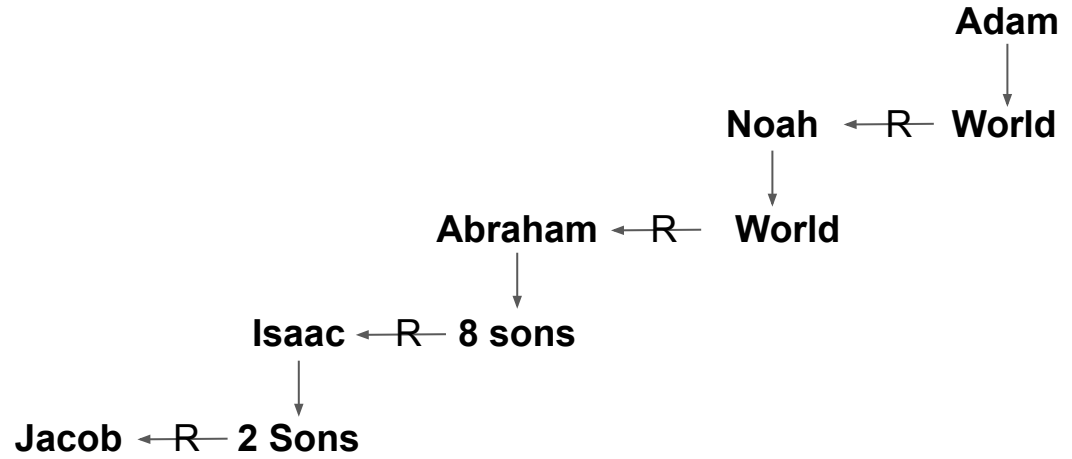


Gen 25:23 And the Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, **the older shall serve the younger.**”

- The two children were Esau and Jacob. (**Gen 25:24**)
- Esau was born first so he was naturally to be given the birthright (**Gen 25:25**)
- Esau gave Jacob his birthright for a bowl of lentil soup (**Gen 25:34**)
- Jacob tricked elderly Isaac to bless Jacob under pretense of being Esau. (**Gen 27:26**)

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- Solomon was a wise and rich king, known as one of the wisest and richest man who ever lived (**1 Kings 4:20-34**)
- Solomon even built the first temple for the Lord (**1 Kings 6:1**)
- Unfortunately Solomon turned his heart away from the Lord (**1 Kings 11:3**)

1 Kings 11:1-5 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the people of Israel, **“You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.”**

Solomon clung to these in love. He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. **And his wives turned away his heart. For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.** For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

1 Cor 10:12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

1 Kings 11:11-13 Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, “Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, **I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant.** Yet for the sake of David your father I will not do it in your days, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, **but I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem that I have chosen.**”

- This all comes to pass as God said
- God told Solomon's servant Jeroboam that he would Tear the kingdom from Solomon and give him 10 tribes. **(1 Kings 11:31)**
- After Solomon died, his son Rehoboam became king of Israel. **(1 Kings 11:43)**
- Rehoboam was a harsh ruthless dictator **(1 Kings 12:11)**
- The Israelites rebelled against Rehoboam, and made Jeroboam their king in his place. **(1 Kings 12:16-20)**
- Rehoboam now only had the tribe of Judah (including Jerusalem). **(1 Kings 11:36)**

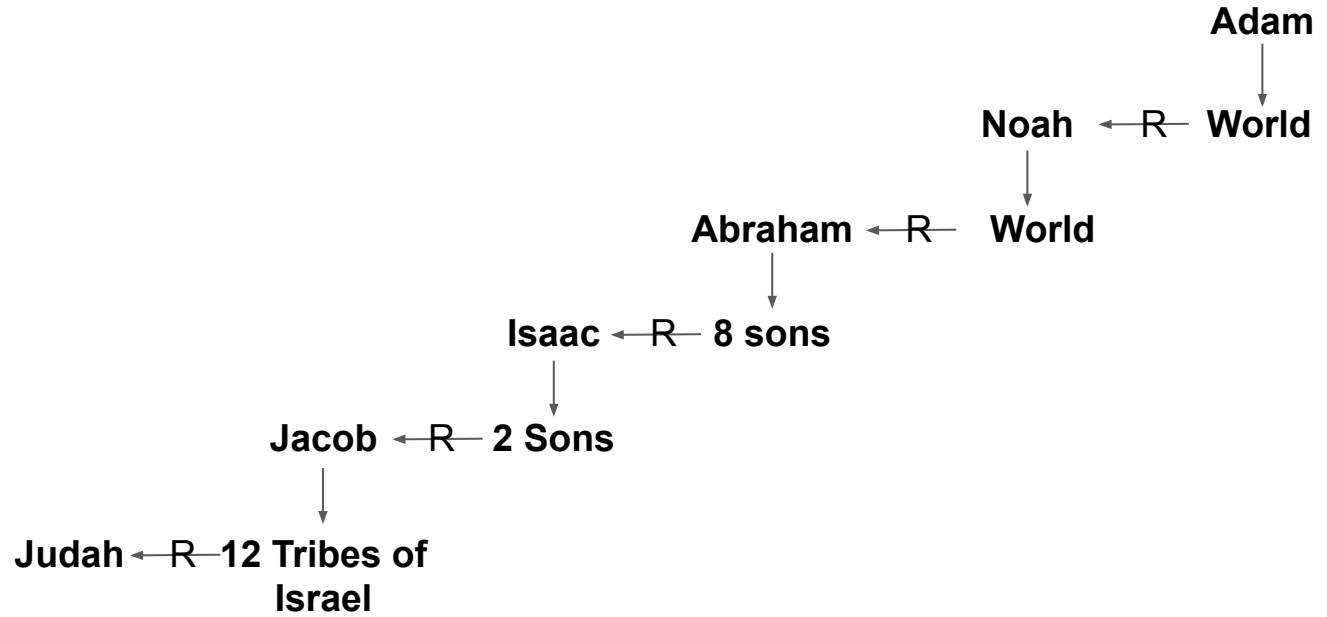


2 Kings 17:6-8 In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he **carried the Israelites away to Assyria** and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. **And this occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God**, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had **feared other gods** and **walked in the customs** of the nations whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel, and in the **customs that the kings of Israel had practiced**.

2 Kings 17:22-23 The people of Israel walked in all the sins that Jeroboam did. They did not depart from them, until the **Lord removed Israel out of his sight**, as he had spoken by all his servants the prophets. So **Israel was exiled from their own land to Assyria until this day.**

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- Judah remained for some time after this until during the reign of Zedekiah, the Babylonians besieged Jerusalem and took the Jews into captivity. (**2 Kings 25:7**)
- It's around this point in scripture when you start hearing the inhabitants of Judah being referred to as "Jews" which is a shortened form of Judaites (people from Judah). (**2 Kings 16:6**)
- The Jews ended up going into captivity under King Nebuchadnezzar, and stayed in exile for 70 years (**Jer 25:11**)
- Cyrus king of Persia released the Jews to go back to Jerusalem to build the second temple, replacing Solomon's original temple which was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar. (**Ezra 1:2**)

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Isaiah 64:6 We have **all** become like one who is unclean, and **all** our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We **all** fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

- The Lion of the tribe of Judah (**Rev 5:5**)
- Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit (**Matt 1:18**)
- He was the pure and spotless Lamb sacrificed for sin (**1 Peter 1:19**)
- Silent like a lamb led to the slaughter (**Is 53:7**)
- Death had no victory (**1 Cor 15:55**)
- Christ was the firstborn of the dead (**Col 1:18**)
- Adopted into the family of God (**Eph 1:5**)

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