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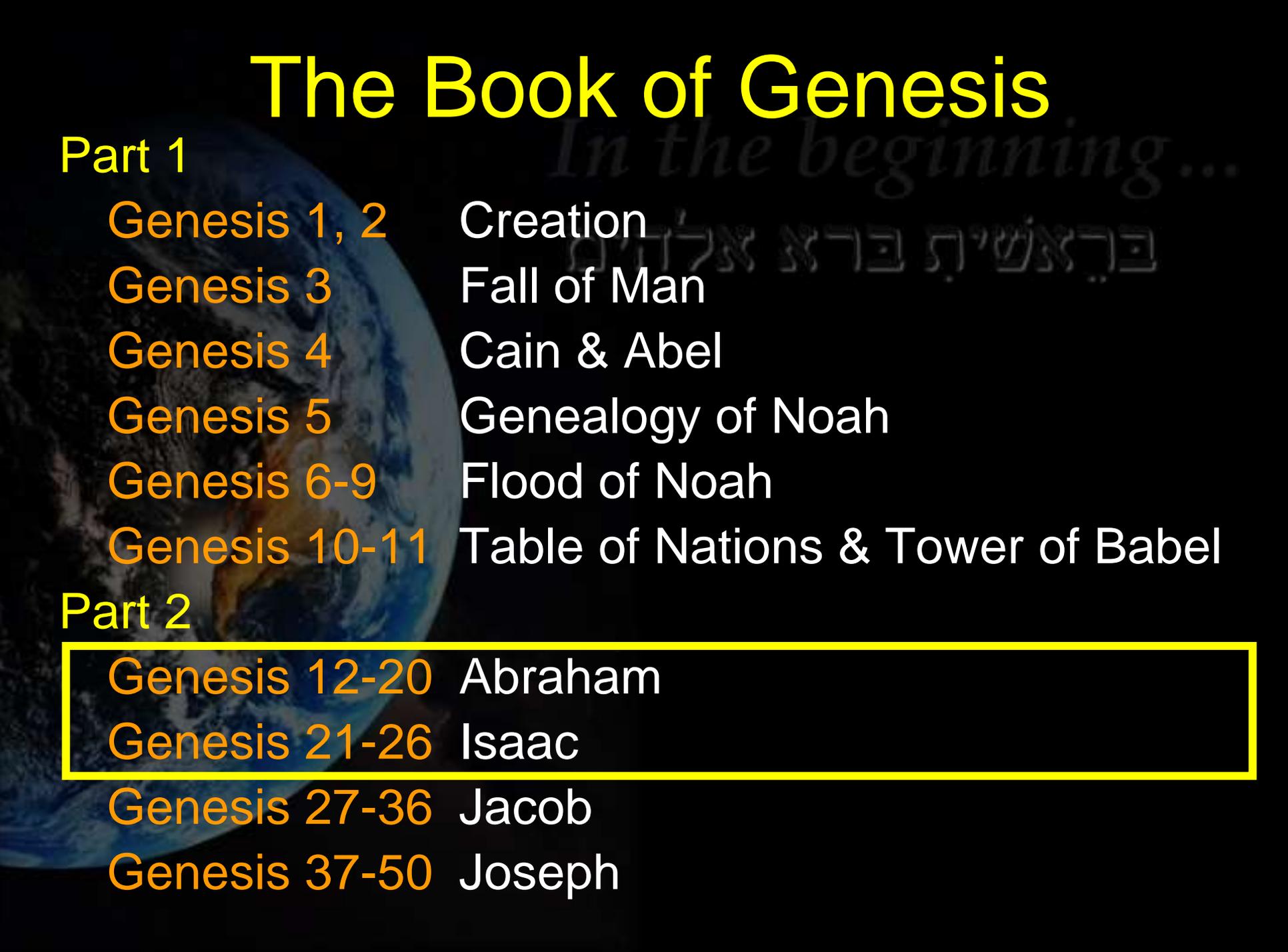
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The Promises of God

Chapter 20-21

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The Promises of God

- 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
- 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:1-4



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Chapter 20

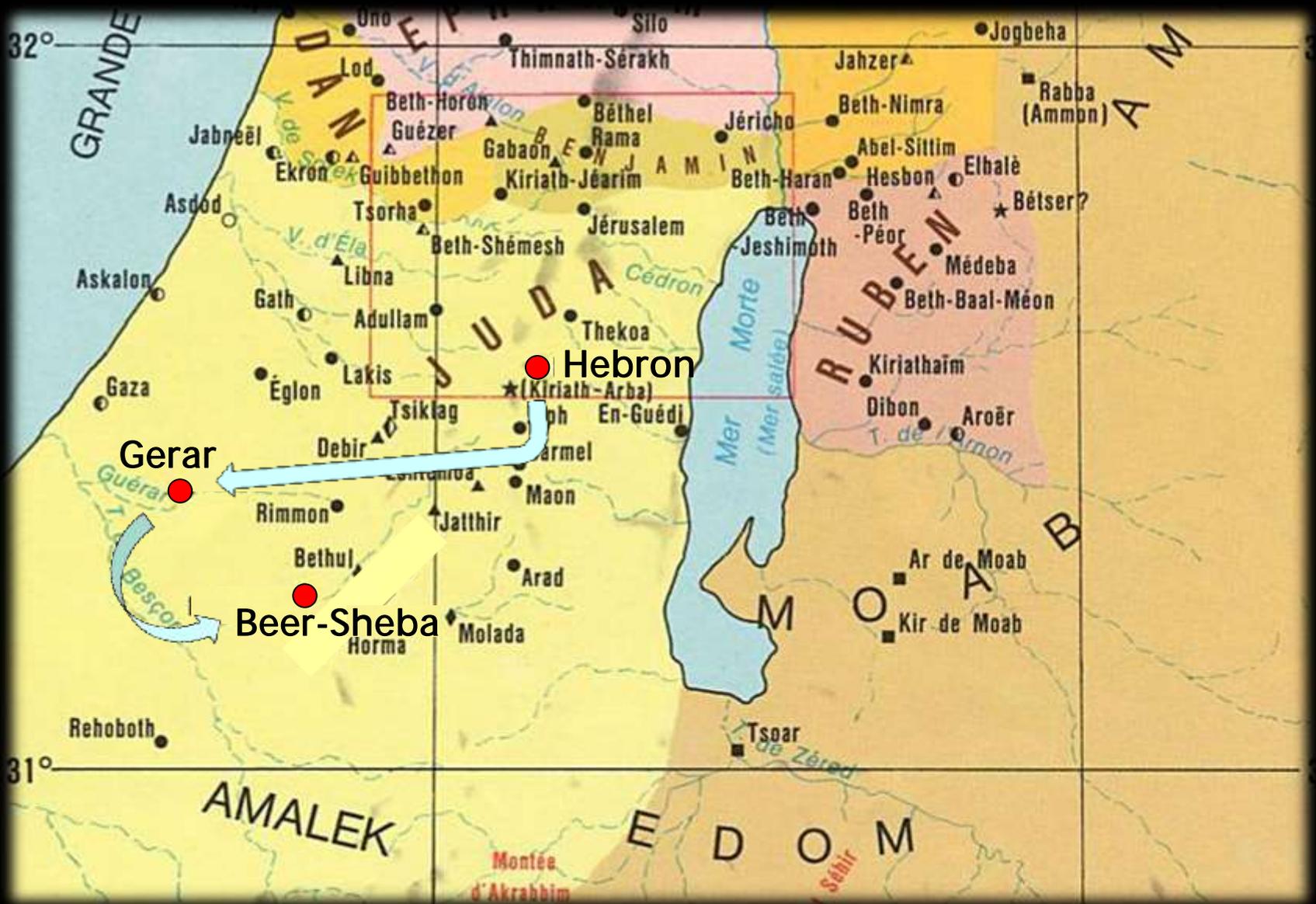


Genesis 20

¹ And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

Genesis 20:1

- Abraham had been dwelling in Hebron
 - **The Plain of Mamre**
- Now, following the destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah he moves to the land of the Philistines



Hebron

Gerar

Beer-Sheba

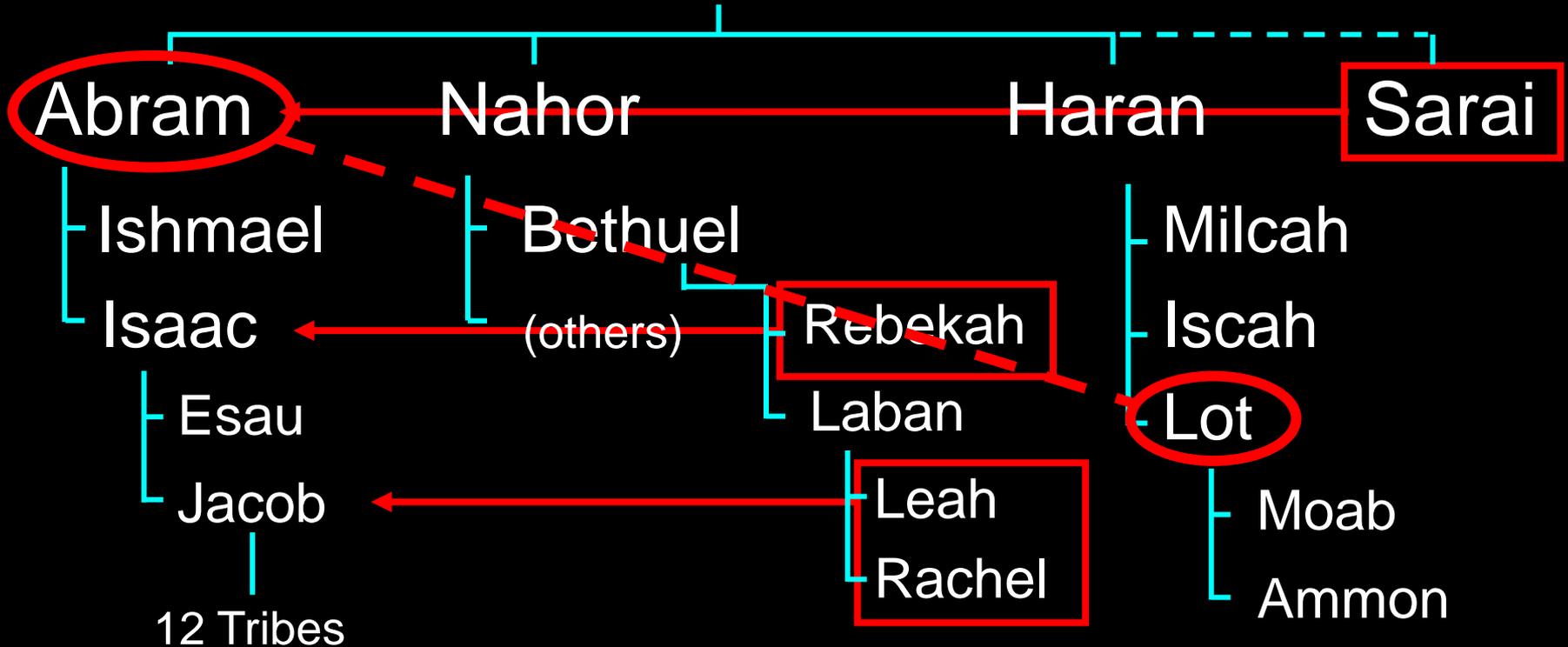
Genesis 20

² And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister:
and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.

Genesis 20:2

Terah's Family

Terah



Genesis 20

³ But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.
⁴ But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

Genesis 20:3-4

- Note: The knowledge of God was prevalent at this time

Genesis 20

- ⁵ Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.
- ⁶ And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

Genesis 20:5-6

Genesis 20

7 Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

8 Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.

Genesis 20:7-8

Genesis 20

⁹ Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

¹⁰ And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

Genesis 20:9-10

Genesis 20

¹¹ And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

¹² And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

Genesis 20:11-12

- The fear of man brings a snare – **Prov 29:25**
- “If you fear God you’ll fear nothing else”
- How often are we afraid of what man might say rather than what God can do?

Genesis 20

¹³ And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

¹⁴ And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.

Genesis 20:13-14

- Why did Abimelech give Abraham gifts?

Genesis 20

¹⁵ And Abimelech said, Behold, **my land** is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.

¹⁶ And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given **thy brother** a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reprov'd.

Genesis 20:15-16

- Abraham foreshadows the meek of the earth who will one day inherit the land now under the control of another king!

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Genesis 20:15-16

- The idea of 'coverings' was founded in Eden
- Throughout scripture we see this idea
- 1 Corinthians 11

Genesis 20

¹⁷ So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.

¹⁸ For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

Genesis 20:17-18

- Once again Abraham intercedes
- This now serves as an object lesson for Abraham and Sarah
 - God can open closed wombs!



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Chapter 21



Genesis 21

- 1 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.
- 2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.
- 3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.
- 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

Genesis 21:1-4

- 8th day is the best time medically!

Genesis 21

⁵ And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

⁶ And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.

⁷ And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.

Genesis 21:5-7

- God named Isaac in Ch 17:19

Genesis 21

⁸ And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

⁹ And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, **mocking.**

¹⁰ Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

Genesis 21:8-10

- Paul uses this to describe works vs. Grace

The 430 Years

⁴⁰ Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years

⁴¹ And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:40-41

Fulfilled Prophecy?

¹³ And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

¹⁴ And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

Genesis 15:13-14

430 Year Sojourn

¹⁷ And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

Galatians 3:17

- The starting point is identified as the confirmation of the covenant with Abraham
- When was the covenant 'confirmed'?
- When Abraham began the sojourn age 75

6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil

four hundred years.

Acts 7:6

- What about the 400 years?
- The 400 years of 'vexation' began 30 years after Abraham entered Canaan when Isaac was weaned and the vexing of Abraham's seed began.
 - First of all at the hand of Ishmael

The Vexation Begins

- Isaac born when Abraham is 100
- Isaac is weaned at age 5 and the vexation of the seed begins!

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Genesis 21:8-9

430 Year Sojourn

From Abraham's entry into Canaan to the birth of Isaac was 25 years, [Gen 12:4; 17:1-21](#); Isaac was 60 years old at the birth of Jacob, [Gen 25:26](#); and Jacob was 130 at his going down into Egypt, [Gen 47:9](#); which three sums make 215 years. And then Jacob and his children having continued in Egypt 215 years more, the whole sum of 430 years is regularly completed.

Adam Clarke

The Maths!

- Abraham was 75 when God made the promises to him Gen 12:3-4
- 25yrs between promise and the birth of Isaac, Gen 21:5
- + 60yrs between Isaac's birth and Jacob's birth, Gen 25:26
- + 130yrs age of Jacob when he went to Egypt, Gen 47:9
- = **215yrs** from Abraham to Jacob going to Egypt
- + 215 (years spent in Egypt)
- = **430 years!**

Genesis 21

¹¹ And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.

¹² And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Genesis 21:11-12

Genesis 21

¹³ And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.

¹⁴ And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

Genesis 21:13-14

Genesis 21

¹⁵ And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

¹⁶ And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept.

Genesis 21:15-16

Genesis 21

17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.

19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

Genesis 21

20 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

Genesis 21:20-21

Genesis 21

22 And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest:

Genesis 21:22

- Unmerited favour at work in the life of the believer!

- *Most of us live only within the level of consciousness— consciously serving and consciously devoted to God. This shows immaturity and the fact that we're not yet living the real Christian life. Maturity is produced in the life of a child of God on the unconscious level, until we become so totally surrendered to God that we are not even aware of being used by Him*

– Oswald Chambers

Genesis 21

23 Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.

24 And Abraham said, I will swear.

25 And Abraham reproveth Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.

Genesis 21

26 And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to day.

27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.

28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

Genesis 21:26-28

Genesis 21

29 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?

30 And he said, For these seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.

31 Wherefore he called that place Beer-sheba; because there they sware both of them.

Genesis 21:29-31

Genesis 21

- ³² Thus they made a covenant at Beer-sheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.
- ³³ And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.
- ³⁴ And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

Genesis 21:32-34



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