



In the beginning...

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The Life of Isaac

Chapter 25

The Journey of Abraham

- Chapter 11
 - He began his journey

Genesis 11:31 And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there.

The Journey of Abraham

- Chapter 12

- The Promise

- Genesis 12:1-3

- “Now the Lord had said to Abram:

- “Get out of your country,

- From your family

- And from your father’s house,

- To a land that I will show you”.

The Journey of Abraham

“I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you
And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall
be blessed.”

The Journey of Abraham

- He finally reaches the “Promised Land”
- Abraham is 75 years old
- Chapter 16
 - He takes Hagar and Ishmael is born
- Abraham is 86 years old

The Journey of Abraham

- Chapter 17
 - God reaffirms His promise to Abraham
- Abraham is 99 years old

Genesis 17:1-6 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.”

The Journey of Abraham

Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

The Journey of Abraham

- Chapter 21
 - Isaac is born to Abraham and Sarah
- Abraham is 100 years old
- Chapter 23
 - Sarah dies at 127 years old
- Abraham is 137 years old

The Journey of Abraham

- Chapter 24
 - Isaac is married to Rebekah
- Abraham is 140 years old
- You would think the story is over...
- But it isn't

Genesis 25

- 1 Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah.*
- 2 And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.*
- 3 And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.*
- 4 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Ephher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.*

Abraham's Other Descendants

- Keturah
- Name means “Incense”
- Called a concubine – 1 Chron 1:32

Abraham's Other Descendants

- Keturah's 6 Sons:
- Zimran = From root "Singing"
- Jokshan= "One who Snares"
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- Does this describe Abraham's Life?

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- 2 of the 6 Sons have extended genealogies

Abraham's Other Descendants

- Jokshan = “Snarer”
- Two sons: Sheba & Dedan
 - Sheba means “Seven”
 - Approx 1000 years from this time the Queen of Sheba will visit another of Abrahams' descendants
 - King Solomon (1 Kings 10)
 - Most likely location is modern-day Yemen

Sheba



Abraham's Other Descendants

- Jokshan = “Snarer”
- Two sons: Sheba & Dedan
 - Dedan = “Low country”
 - Former capital of Arabia
 - Now called Al Ula

Dedan



Dedan



Abraham's Other Descendants

- Sheba and Dedan appear in prophecy:
- During the Magog invasion of Israel...

Ezekiel 38:13 *Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, 'Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?'"*

Abraham's Other Descendants

- Midian (“Strife”)
 - His sons are:
- Ephah = “Gloomy”
- Epher = “Gazelle”
- Hanoch = “Teaching”
- Abidah = “My father knows”
- Eldaah = “God has known”

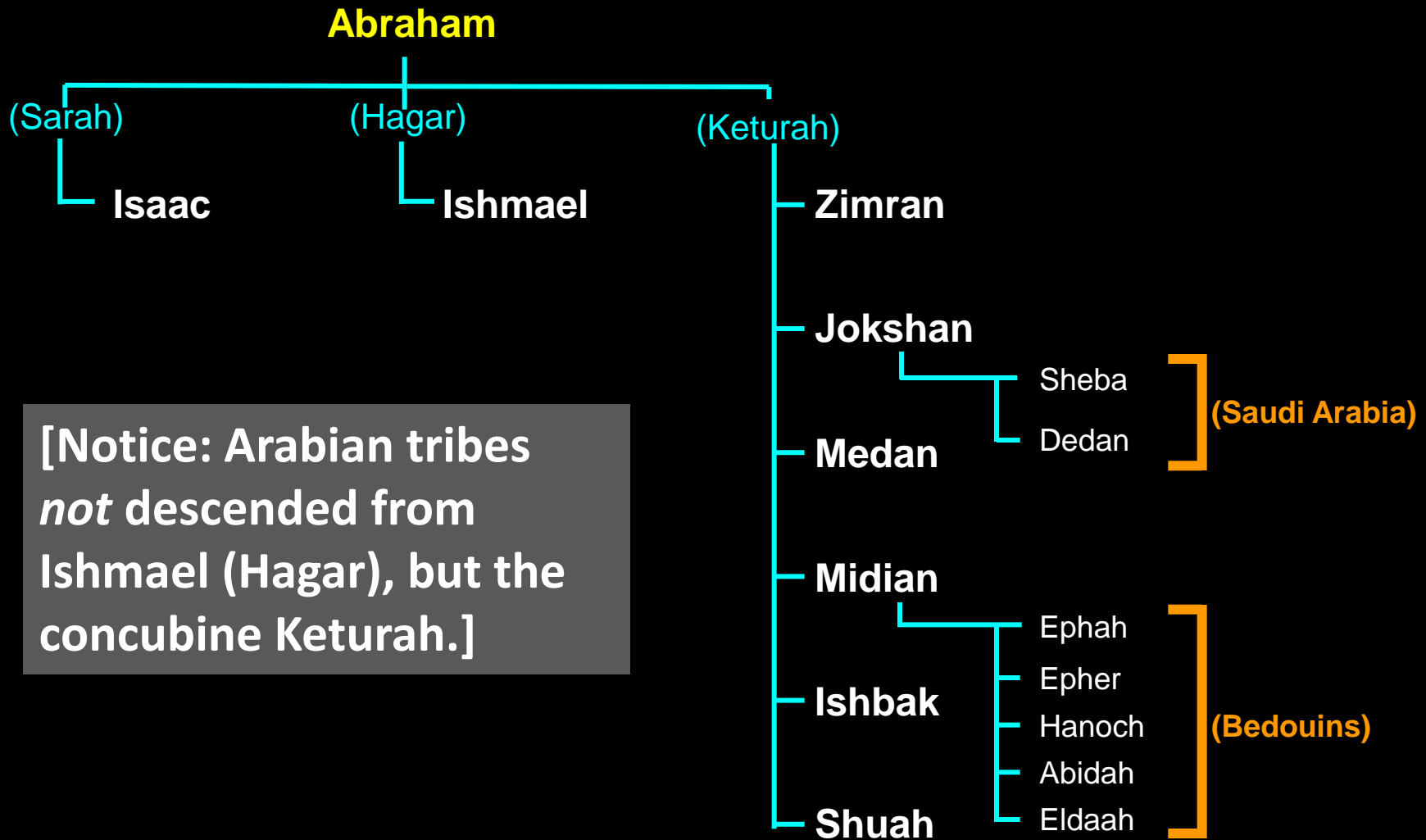
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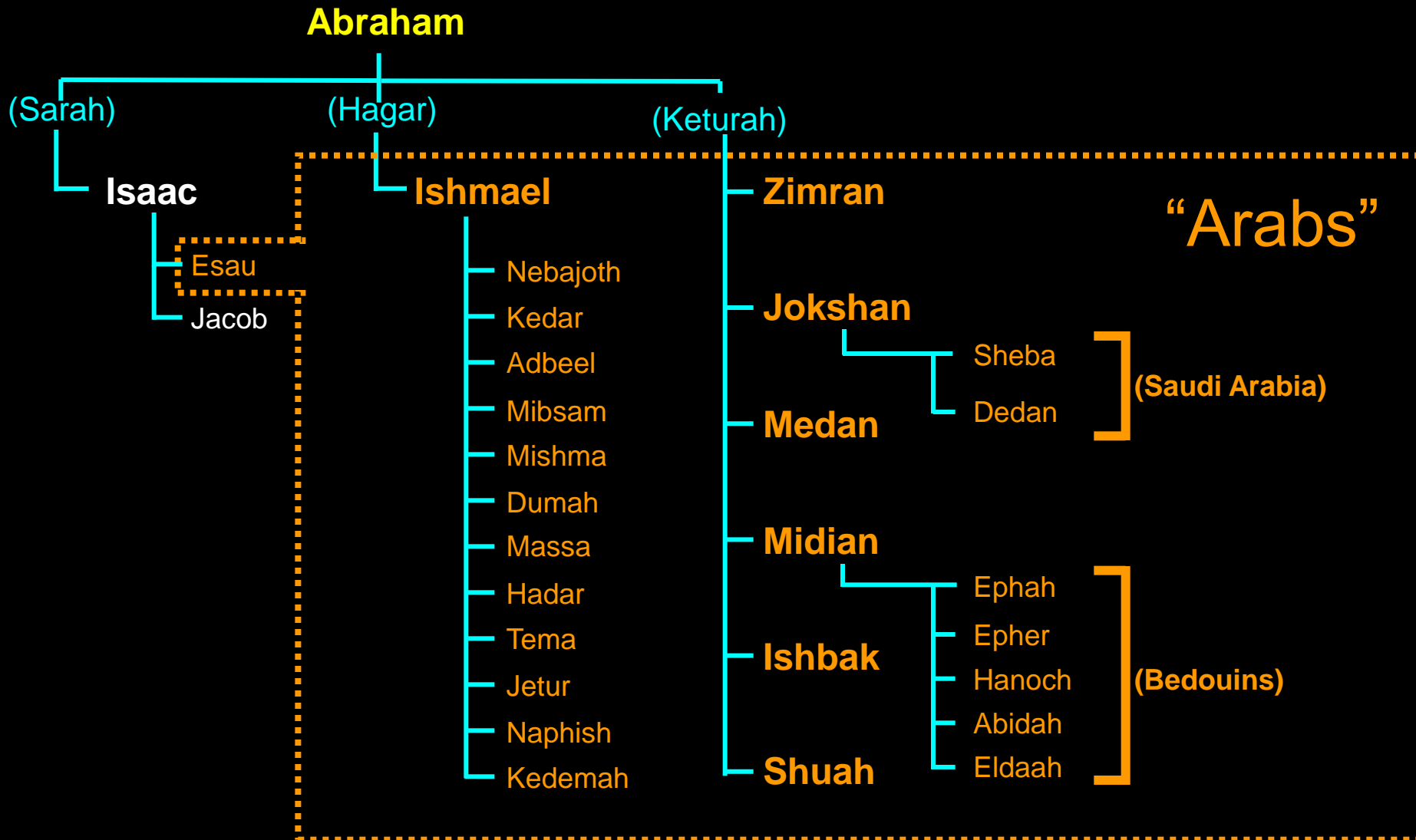
Midian

- Midian's contact with Israel
- Genesis 37
 - They carry Joseph to Egypt
- Exodus 2
 - The place Moses flees from Pharaoh to
- Numbers
 - They constantly appose the Children of Israel
- Judges 6-8
 - They are defeated by Gideon's army

The Descendants of Abraham



The Descendants of Abraham



Genesis 25

- 5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.
- 6 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.
- 7 And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years.

Genesis 25:5-7

Abraham's Wealth

- All is given to Isaac
- Then “Gifts” are given by Abraham from the inheritance of Isaac
- Just like The Father and Jesus

John 16:15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

Abraham's Wealth

- All of the “sons of the concubines” are sent away
- The 6 Son's of Keturah:
- They all had first-hand knowledge of God through Abraham
- They all were given gifts from the inheritance of Isaac
- They all became enemies of Israel

Genesis 25

- 8** Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.
- 9** And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre;
- 10** The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

Genesis 25:8-10

Genesis 25

II *And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahai-roi.*

Genesis 25:11

Isaac is Blessed

- Living by “Beer Lahai Roi”
- Named by Hagar (Genesis 16:13)
- This is where Isaac met Rebekah
- Meaning: “Well of the Living One seeing me”
- The blessing of being “looked after” by God

Isaac is Blessed

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the man

*Who walks not in the counsel of the
ungodly,*

Nor stands in the path of sinners,

Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

*And in His law he meditates day and
night.*

Isaac is Blessed

*He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.*

Genesis 25

12 Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham:

Genesis 25:12

Genesis 25

- ¹³ And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,*
- ¹⁴ And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa,*
- ¹⁵ Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah:*
- ¹⁶ These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.*

Genesis 25

¹⁷ And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.

¹⁸ And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and he died in the presence of all his brethren.

Genesis 25:17-18

Descendants of Ishmael

- God's Promise to Hagar

Genesis 16:11-12

And the Angel of the Lord said to her:

“Behold, you are with child,

And you shall bear a son.

You shall call his name Ishmael,

Because the Lord has heard your

affliction.

Descendants of Ishmael

He shall be a wild man;

His hand shall be against every man,

And every man's hand against him.

*And he shall dwell in the presence of all
his brethren.”*

Descendants of Ishmael

- Abraham's Love for Ishmael

Genesis 17:15-21

“And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly.

He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation”

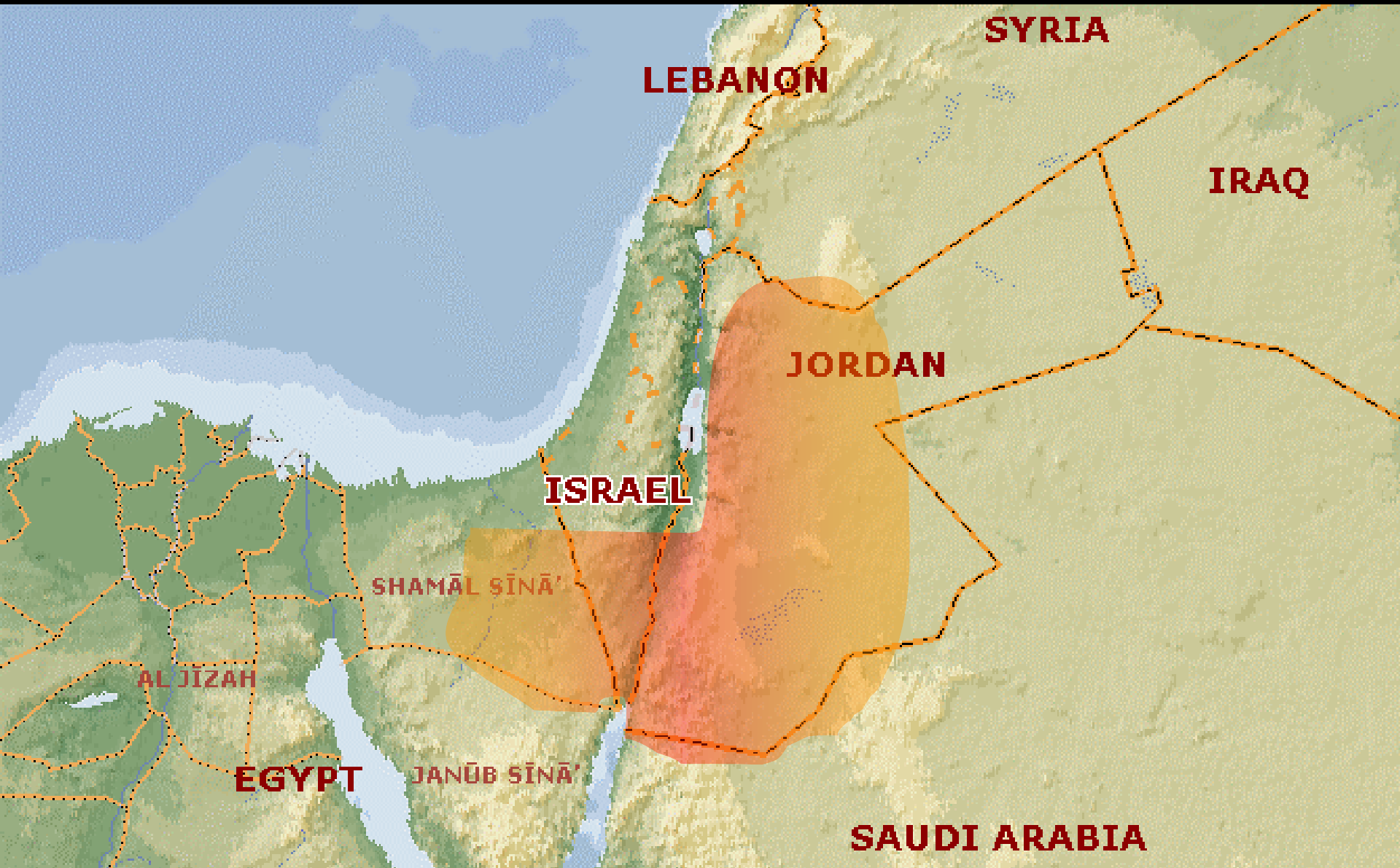
Descendants of Ishmael

- 12 Sons Ishmael = “God will hear”
- Nebajoth = “Fruitfulness”
- Kedar = “Darkness”
- Adbeel = “Chastened of God”
- Mibsam = “Sweet odour”
- Mishma = “Hearing”
- Dumah = “Silence”

Descendants of Ishmael

- The Biblical Summary of Ishmael?
- “He died in the presence of all his brethren.”
- Destiny of these Descendants
- “They dwelt from Havilah as far as Shur, which *is* east of Egypt as you go toward Assyria”
 - Havilah = Arabia
 - Shur = Eastern Boarder of Egypt

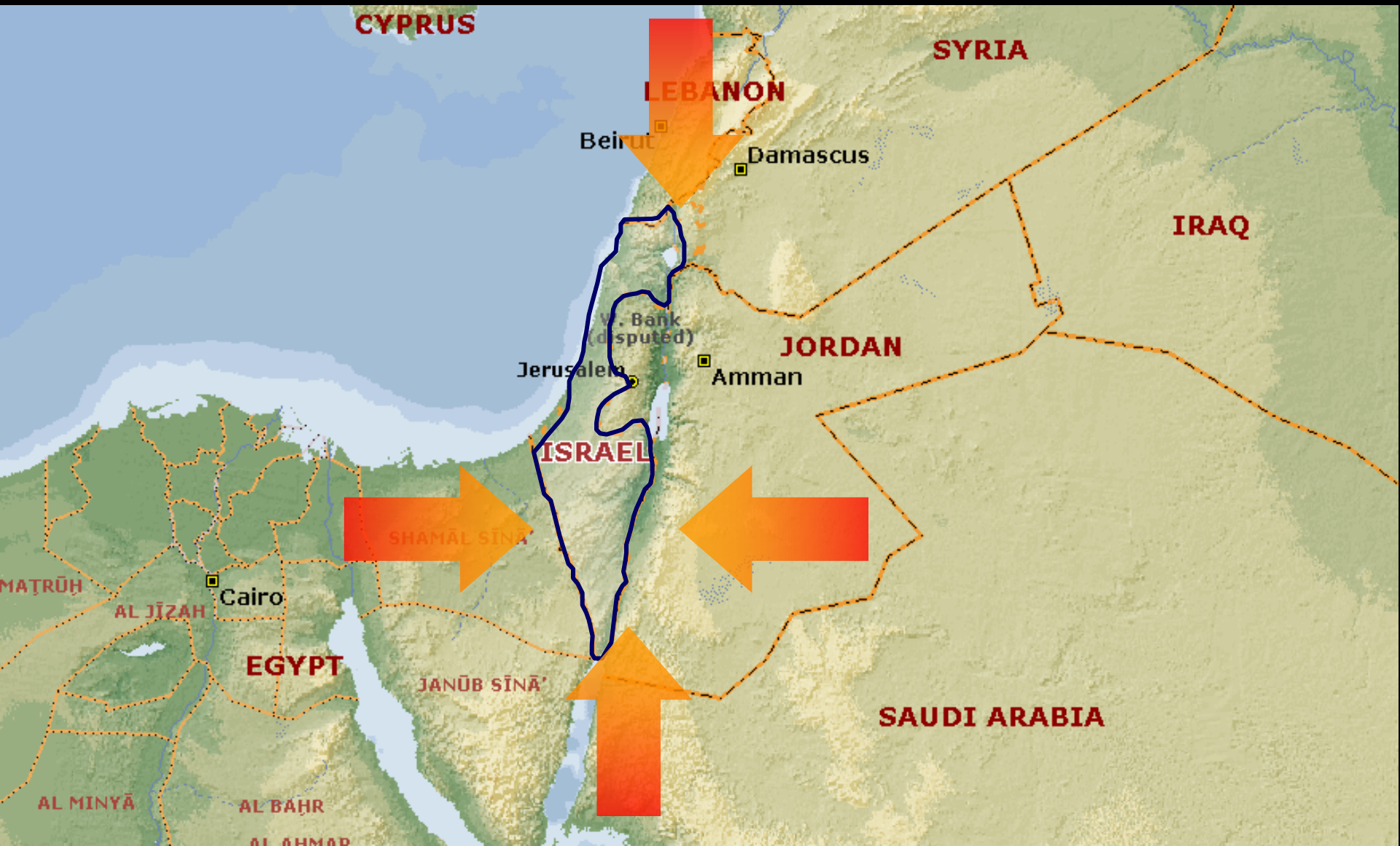
Ishmael's Descendants



Ishmael's Descendants

- Prophetic Destiny of these Son's of Abraham?
- They will “be a wild man;
His hand *shall be* against every man,
And every man's hand against him.
And he shall dwell in the presence of all
his brethren.”
- They will surround and seek to destroy
Israel

Ishmael's Descendants



Ishmael's Descendants

- Prophetic Destiny of these Son's of Abraham?

Isaiah 60:1-14

“Arise, shine; For your light has come!”

Ishmael's Descendants

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,

And deep darkness the people;

But the Lord will arise over you,

And His glory will be seen upon you.

The Gentiles shall come to your light,

And kings to the brightness of your rising.

Ishmael's Descendants

*“Lift up your eyes all around, and see:
They all gather together, they come to
you;*

*Your sons shall come from afar,
And your daughters shall be nursed at
your side.*

*Then you shall see and become radiant,
And your heart shall swell with joy;*

Ishmael's Descendants

Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

*The multitude of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of **Midian** and **Ephah**; All those from **Sheba** shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.*

Ishmael's Descendants

*“All the flocks of **Kedar** shall be gathered together to you, The rams of **Nebaioth** shall minister to you;*

They shall ascend with acceptance on My altar,

And I will glorify the house of My glory.

Ishmael's Descendants

“Who *are* these *who* fly like a cloud,
And like doves to their roosts?
Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me;
And the ships of Tarshish *will come* first,
To bring your sons from afar,
Their silver and their gold with them,
To the name of the Lord your God,
And to the Holy One of Israel,
Because He has glorified you.

Ishmael's Descendants

“The sons of foreigners shall build up
your walls,

And their kings shall minister to you;

For in My wrath I struck you,

But in My favour I have had mercy on
you.

Ishmael's Descendants

Therefore your gates shall be open continually;

They shall not be shut day or night,

That *men* may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles,

And their kings in procession.

For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish,

And *those* nations shall be utterly ruined.

Ishmael's Descendants

“The glory of Lebanon shall come to
you,

The cypress, the pine, and the box tree
together,

To beautify the place of My sanctuary;

And I will make the place of My feet
glorious.

Ishmael's Descendants

Also the sons of those who afflicted you
Shall come bowing to you,
And all those who despised you shall
fall prostrate at the soles of your feet;
And they shall call you The City of the
Lord,
Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Genesis 25

¹⁹ *And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac:*

Genesis 25:19

Genesis 25

20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.

21 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the LORD.

Genesis 25

²³ And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

²⁴ And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

Genesis 25:23-24

The Future of the Twins

- God prophecies over these children
- 2 Nations & 2 Peoples
- 2 Attributes for each
- One will be Strong and ultimately be a Servant
- One will be Weak and ultimately be the Master

The Future of the Twins

- Isaac will attempt to reverse this prophecy
 - Genesis 27
- Esau was preferred by Isaac over Jacob
- Jacob is preferred by God over Esau

Genesis 25

25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

Genesis 25:25-27

Attributes of the Twins

- Esau's description
 - “a skillful hunter, a man of the field”
- A Man's Man
- Who else was a “mighty hunter”?
- Nimrod (Genesis 10:9)
- The field is often symbolic of the world (ref Matt 13)

Attributes of the Twins

- Jacob's description
 - “plain man, dwelling in tents”
- Hebrew: “Tam”
- “Plain” 1 x here in Genesis 25:27
- “Perfect” 7 x in Job & 2 x in Psalm
- “Undeiled” 2 x in Songs of Solomon
- “Upright” 1 x in Proverbs

Genesis 25

28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

Genesis 25:28-30

Genesis 25

- 31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.*
- 32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?*
- 33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.*
- 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.*

Genesis 25:31-34

The Opportunity for Jacob

- What is the “birthright”?
- Deuteronomy 21:17 = “Double Portion” given to the eldest
- Why?
- Inherited the double responsibility of Leader & Priest of the family

The Example of Esau

- The Loss of the Birthright
- The Younger (Weaker) being preferred over the Older (Stronger)
- Seth over Cain
- Shem over Japheth
- Isaac over Ishmael
- Jacob over Esau
- Judah over Reuben

The Example of Esau

- Joseph over All his brothers
- Joseph's "double portion" was given to his 2 sons
- Ephraim over Manasseh
- Moses over Aaron
- David over All his brothers



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