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**Part 1:
Genesis:1-11**

**Part 2:
Genesis:12-50**

GENESIS

An Overview Of The Bible

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8 And God called the firmament Heaven.
And the evening and the morning

9 were the second day.
10 And God said, Let the waters under the
heaven be gathered together into one place,
and let the dry land appear: and it was so.
11 And God called the dry land Earth, and
the gathering together of the waters Seas:
and God called the Earth *Land*, and the
seas *Waters*.
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after his kind, and creeping thing, and
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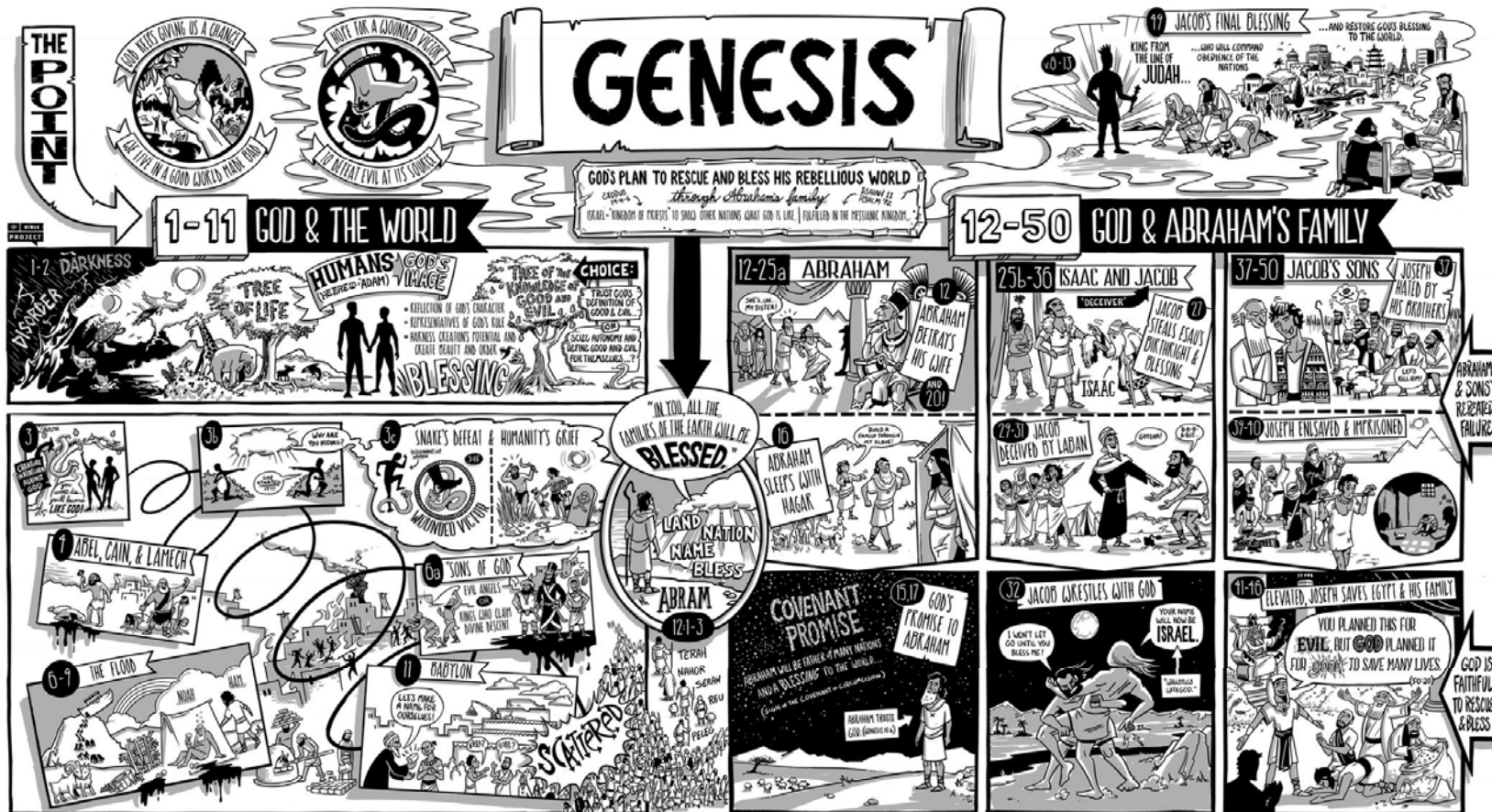
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GENESIS

Genesis From 10,000 Feet

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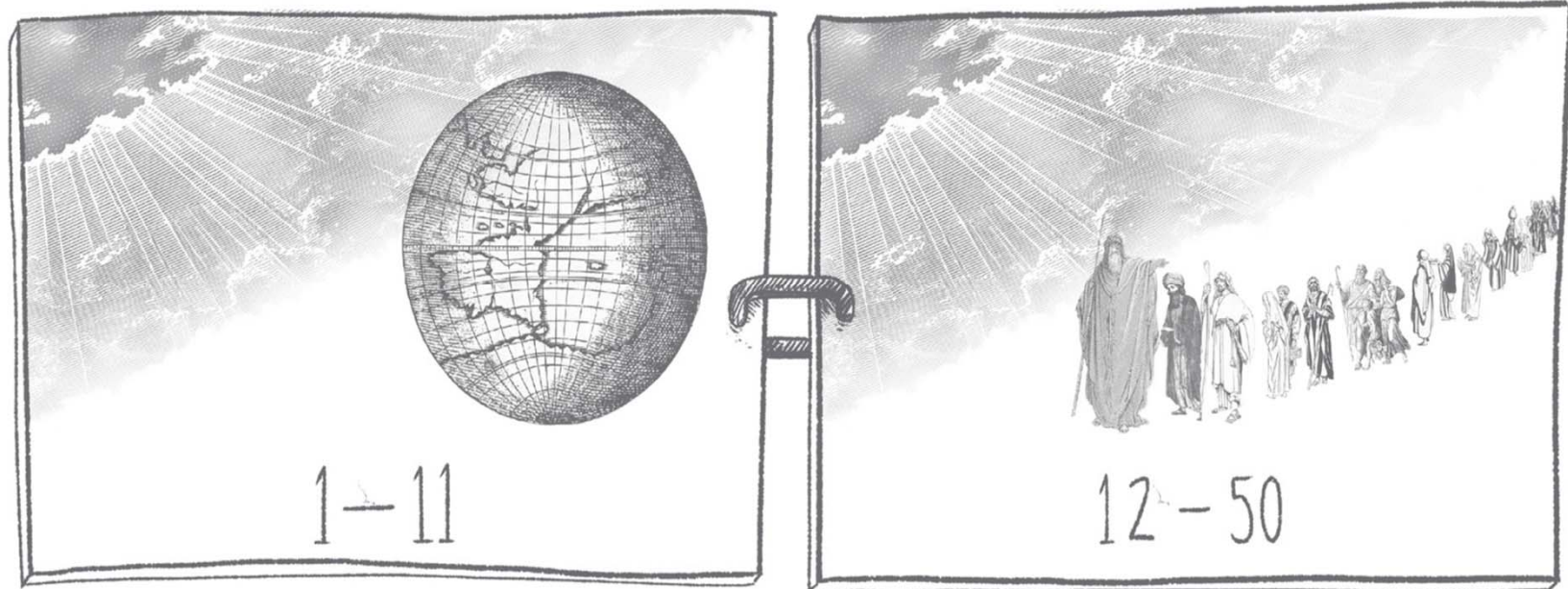
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GENESIS

Genesis Can Be Divided Into Two Parts



CH 1-11
GOD AND THE WHOLE WORLD

**1-2: GOD MAKES A GOOD WORLD
FOR HUMANITY**

**3-11: HUMAN SIN AND THE RUIN
OF GOD'S WORLD**

CH 12-50
GOD AND ABRAHAM'S FAMILY

12-25: ABRAHAM

26-27: ISAAC

28-36: JACOB

37-50: JOSEPH

Genesis

KEY THEMES IN GENESIS 1-11

KEY
THEME

1

Yahweh creates by bringing order and beauty
out of chaos and darkness.

GEN 1

...waters from the waters.
...God made the firmament, and divid-
...waters which *were* under the firma-
...from the waters which *were* above the
...ment: and it was so.
...God called the firmament Heaven.
...evening and the morning

...age, after our likeness: and let them
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The literary ordering of Genesis 1 depicts God as creating ordered environments (Days 1-3) and then filling those with corresponding inhabitants (Days 4-6) and then taking up control of the world in his rest (Day 7)

ENVIRONMENTS

1. LIGHT (= DAY) vv. 3-5

2. DOME CEILING vv. 6-8
SKY vv. 6-7A
SEAS v. 7B

3. DRY LAND vv. 9-10
VEGETATION vv. 11-12

INHABITANTS

4. LIGHTS vv. 14-19

5. INHABITANTS vv. 20-23
BIRDS IN THE SKY
FISH IN THE SEAS

6. LAND ANIMALS vv. 24-25
HUMANS vv. 26-31

7. GOD'S REST

GENESIS

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22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. 23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

KEY
THEME

2

Humans are the divine
image bearers.

GEN 1:26-30

GEN 2:15

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

20 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he him.

צלם

The Hebrew word for “image” (tselem) literally means “statue” and usually refers to idols. You see the same word in Amos 5:26; Ezekiel 7:20; Numbers 33:52; 1 Samuel 6:5. An “image” is a physical representation that points to some other person or deity.

In Genesis this means that humans are commissioned as actual representatives of God’s rule over the creation (Gen 1:26-30) and to steward and guard God’s good world on his behalf (Gen 2:15).

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Genesis

KEY
THEME

3

Human selfishness and sin lead to the fracturing of the divine-human relationship and the ruin of human relationships on all levels.

GEN 3-11

All of the stories in Genesis 3-11 offer different examples that explore the various facets of human sin and its results.

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22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it: for the dominion of the earth is given unto you, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and over every beast of the field, and over every fowl of the air, and over every fish of the sea, and over every thing that creepeth upon the earth.

And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening, and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, Let the waters bring forth living creatures: and God created great whales, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air, and every fish of the sea, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth, after their kind. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it: for the dominion of the earth is given unto you, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and over every beast of the field, and over every fowl of the air, and over every fish of the sea, and over every thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he him.

Genesis

GEN 3,4

**SUSPICION OF
GOD'S GOODNESS,
SELF-DECEPTION**

**QUEST FOR WISDOM
AND GOODNESS
APART FROM THE
CREATOR**

JEALOUSY, MURDER

**HUMANS ESTABLISH
CITIES WHICH ARE
CORRUPTED BY
SIN AND VIOLENCE**

GEN 6

**SPIRITUAL BEINGS,
"THE SONS OF GOD"
DEFY GOD'S GOOD
ORDER**

**HUMANS BECOME
MORALLY CORRUPT
AND RUIN GOD'S
WORLD AND EACH
OTHER**

GEN 11

**HUMAN ARROGANCE
AND DECLARATION
OF INDEPENDENCE
FROM GOD**

**NAÏVE TRUST IN
TECHNOLOGICAL
PROGRESS**

Genesis

KEY
THEME

4

Yahweh responds to human sin in two ways: He brings justice on rebellion and offers grace by promising future blessing for His world.

GEN 3-11

Notice the narrative pattern at work in these chapters. Every story of human sin is met with immediate consequences along with a response of divine grace.

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GEN 1-3	REBELLION	▶	LAND CURSED	▶	PROMISE OF A REDEEMER
GEN 4-5	MURDER	▶	SOCIETAL BREAKDOWN, DEATH	▶	ENOCH & NOAH
GEN 6-8	LAND IS CORRUPTED	▶	FLOOD	▶	COVENANT WITH CREATION
GEN 9-11	TOWER OF BABYLON	▶	SCATTERING	▶	BLESSING TO ALL NATIONS

GENESIS

KEY
THEME

5

Yahweh initiates his plan to rescue
humanity through his covenant
with the family of Abram

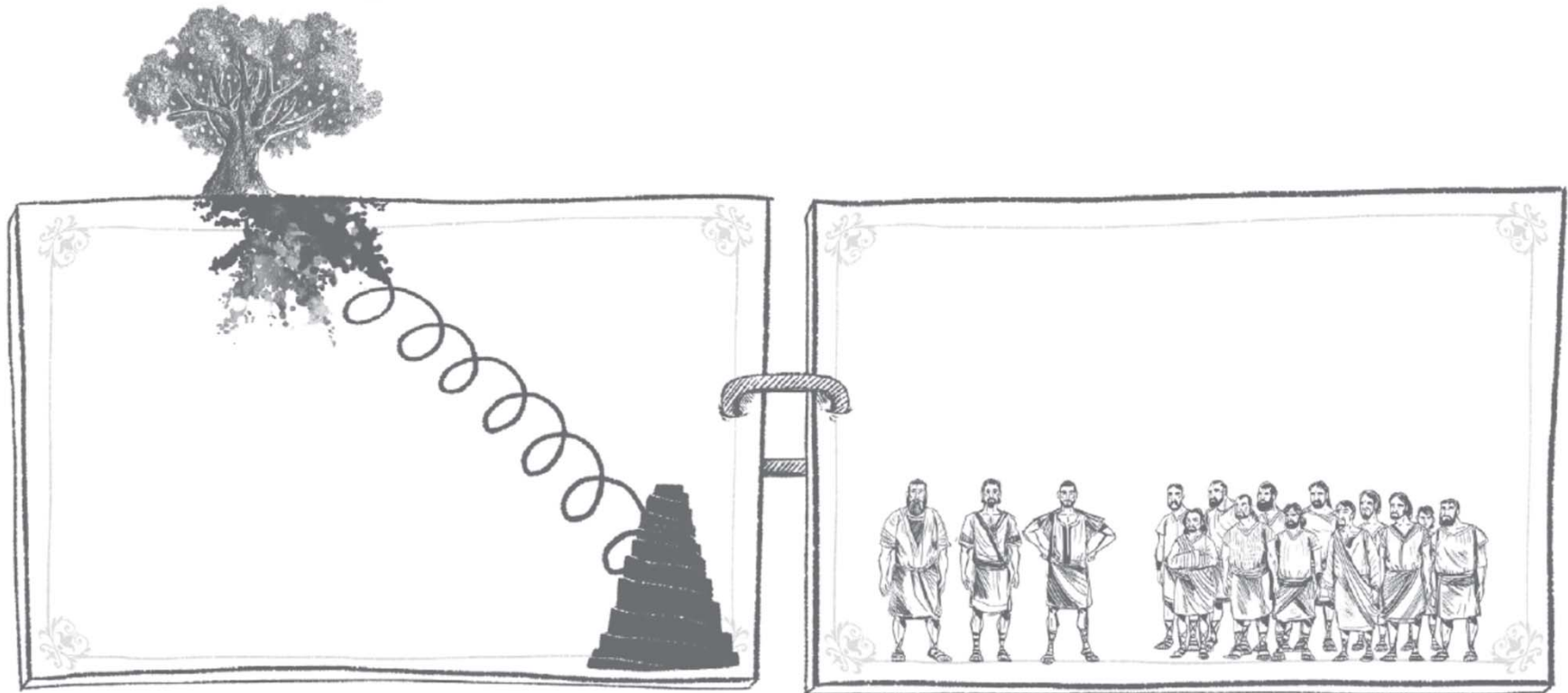
GEN 12

Genesis 12:1-3 is a key moment in the unfolding of the biblical story: God responds to humanity's corruption by choosing Abraham's family as the means of restoring divine blessing to all nations

GENESIS

1 In the beginning God created the heaven
2 and the earth.
3 And the earth was

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful,
and multiply, and fill



4 And God called the firmament Heaven.
5 In the evening and the morning

6 the image of God created he him: male
7 female created he him: male

Genesis

KEY THEMES IN GENESIS 12-50

KEY THEME

1

Yahweh initiates His plan to rescue humanity
through His covenant with the family of Abram*

GENESIS 12, 15 17

Genesis 12:1-3 is a key moment in the unfolding of the biblical
story: God chooses one family out of the scattered nations from
Genesis 11 so that He can rescue all nations.

*HIS NAMED IS
CHANGED TO
ABRAHAM IN
GENESIS 17:5

THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM CONSISTS OF A NUMBER OF KEY ELEMENTS THAT ARE DEVELOPED IN CHAPTERS 12-22



ABRAHAM AND SARAH GROWING INTO A NATION

GENESIS 12:1, 15:5, 17:1-8

INHERITING THE LAND OF CANAAN

GENESIS 12:7; 15:17-21

RECEIVING A GREAT NAME

IN CONTRAST TO THE BABEL-BUILDERS IN 11:4

ALL NATIONS WILL FIND GOD'S BLESSING THROUGH THIS FAMILY

GENESIS 12:3; 18:18; 22:18

them, saying, Be fruitful and fill the waters in the earth. And the morning was clear.

Let the earth bring forth after his kind, cattle and beast of the earth as so.

the beast of the earth after their kind, and upon the earth after that it was good.

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and multiply, and fill the waters in the
seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

KEY
THEME

2

God's blessing to the nations through Abraham
provides the foundational storyline
for the rest of the Bible.

3 And God said, Let there be a firmament
in the midst of the waters, and let it divide
the waters from the waters.
4 And God made the firmament, and divided
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**GOD "BLESSED"
HUMANITY IN THE
BEGINNING**

GENESIS 1:26-28

**HUMANITY FORFEITED THAT BLESSING THROUGH REBELLION AND SIN AND BROUGHT
ABOUT THE CURSE OF FRACTURED RELATIONSHIPS AND ULTIMATELY DEATH.**

GENESIS 3:14-19

**GOD RESTORED THE PROMISE OF BLESSING FOR HUMANITY THROUGH THE LINE
OF NOAH AND THEN TO ABRAHAM**

GENESIS 9:1; 12:1-3; 18:18; 22:18

**GOD REPEATS THE PROMISE OF BLESSING TO THE NATIONS
TO EACH GENERATION AFTER ABRAHAM**

ISAAC
GENESIS 26

JACOB
GENESIS 27, 28, 35

JOSEPH
AND BEYOND
GENESIS 48

**PAUL DESCRIBED THE CHURCH AS THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE BLESSING OF
ABRAHAM IN MESSIAH JESUS AND BECOME PART OF HIS FAMILY**

EPHESIANS 1:3, ROMANS 4

GENESIS

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and the earth.
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KEY
THEME

3

The drama of Genesis 12-50 consists of the sin and folly of the family of Abraham and how they constantly put God's promises into jeopardy.

3 And the morning and the evening were the first day.
4 And God said, Let there be a firmament
in the midst of the waters, and let it divide
the waters from the waters.
5 And God made the firmament, and divided
the waters which were under the firmament
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Genesis

ABRAHAM

**ENDANGERS THE PROMISE
OF A LARGE FAMILY BY
GIVING AWAY HIS WIFE,
TWICE!**

GENESIS 12, 20

SARAH

**TRIES TO FORCE GOD'S
HAND TO GIVE THEM
A CHILD BY HAVING
ABRAHAM SLEEP
WITH HAGAR**

GENESIS 16, 21

ISAAC

**GIVES AWAY HIS WIFE
REBEKAH**

GENESIS 26

JACOB

**IS A THIEF AND A LIAR AND
GAINS THE BLESSING BY
STEALING**

GENESIS 25, 27

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS

TRY TO KILL HIM

GENESIS 37

THE POINT

Abraham's family is
so dysfunctional that
divine promises will
only be fulfilled through
God's faithfulness, not
theirs.

Genesis

And in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth.

ABRAHAM
CH. 12



ISAAC
CH. 21



JACOB
CH. 25



JACOB'S 12 SONS
CH. 29-30



And God divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

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KEY
THEME

4

God remains committed to this family and His promises, and constantly intervenes to rescue them.

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GOD RESCUES SARAH (TWICE) AND REBECCA FROM THE FOLLY OF THEIR HUSBANDS.

GENESIS 12:17-20; 20:6-10; 26:8-10

B

GOD PROVIDES AN HEIR FOR ABRAHAM AND SARAH.

GENESIS 18, 21

C

GOD PROTECTS JACOB DESPITE HIS SELFISHNESS AND DECEPTION.

GENESIS 27-35

D

GOD TRANSFORMS THE EVIL OF JOSEPH'S BROTHERS INTO SOMETHING THAT SAVES OF THE LIVES OF PEOPLE FROM MANY NATIONS.

GENESIS 50:20

THIS IS THE THEME VERSE OF THE ENTIRE BOOK.

As for you, you meant evil against me,

**but God meant
it for good,**

to bring it about that many people
should be kept alive, as they are today.

GENESIS 50:20

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KEY
THEME

5

The pattern of how God works in the world begins in Genesis and continues through the Bible:
He works through people of low status who are weak or marginalized.

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Genesis

A

God does not make the firstborn sons the vehicles of His promise, but rather the unexpected children.

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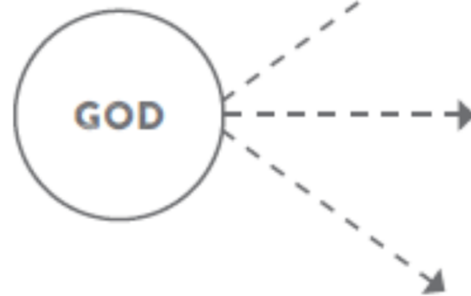
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GENESIS

B

God moves towards those who are rejected.

**HAGAR AND
ISHMAEL**

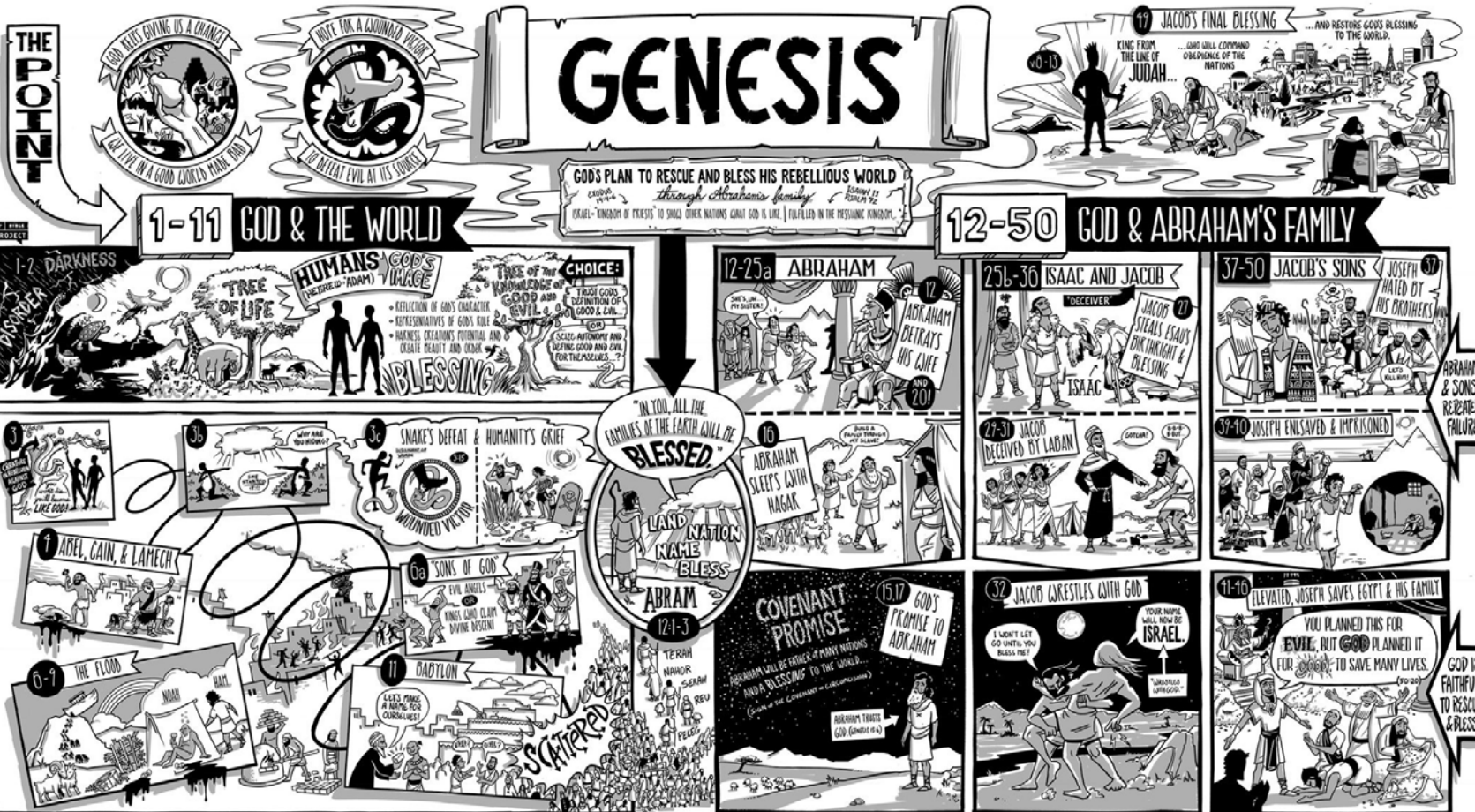
GENESIS 21:8-20

**LEAH THE
UNLOVED WIFE**

GENESIS 29:31-35

**JOSEPH THE
DESPISED BROTHER**

GENESIS 37-50



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