

Lekh L'kha Get Yourself Out

Genesis
12:1-17:27



PARASHAH 3: GET YOURSELF OUT LEKH L'KHA

- This Parashah is the Core of our Faith
- The Blessing of the Firstborn
- Foreshadows the story of His people
- The Details of Lekh L'kha

BLESSING OF THE FIRSTBORN

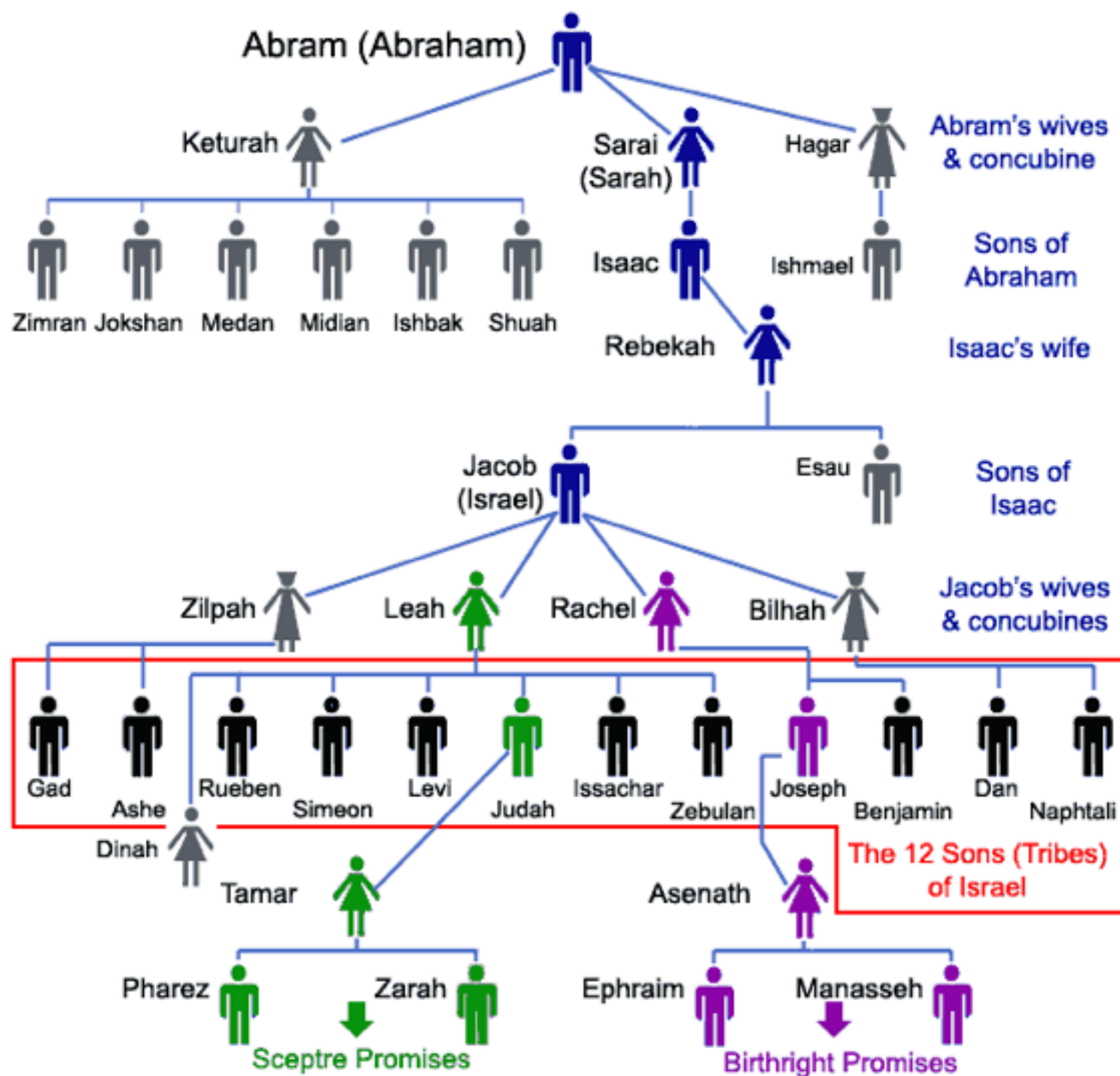
- Bekhor - birthright - legal term
 - Stresses the relationship to the father
 - Emphasizes the first-born's status of principal heir and successor of his father as head of the family.
 - Receives a double portion of the father's estate as his inheritance
 - Carries on the family line
- Berakhah "blessing" of the firstborn
 - formally acknowledging the firstborn as the principal heir.
 - refers specifically to the estate rights

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FIRSTBORN

- Head or leader of the family
- Carries on the family line
 - physical lineage
 - spiritual lineage
- Is to manage the estate
 - to take care of the whole family

ISAAC AS THE FIRSTBORN

- Ishmael was born first, but
- Isaac was appointed to be the Firstborn
 - “I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.” Gen 17:19
 - Isaac would receive the inheritance and the responsibilities



EPHRAIM AS THE FIRSTBORN

- Manasseh was born first but
- Ephraim was appointed to be the Firstborn
 - Genesis 48:7-20
 - “...He too will become a people, and he too will be great; nevertheless his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a multitude of nations.”
- Hebr: melo ha'goyim: the Fullness of the Gentiles

FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES

- “For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery-- so that you will not be wise in your own estimation-- that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.” Romans 11:25

Who is Israel?

- Israel and Judah
 - Who are Israel and Judah?
 - Aren't they the same?



Israel

- Israel, Judah, Hebrew, Jewish?????
- Hebrew - “One who crosses over”
- Israel
 - Land of Israel “Eretz Israel”; virgin daughter
 - Person of Israel - Jacob
 - Modern country of Israel
 - Northern Kingdom of Israel
- Judah
 - son of Jacob
 - Southern Kingdom of Judah



- Combined Kingdom
- Kingdom of David
 - Kingdom of God
 - Kingdom of Heaven
- Judged under Solomon
- Divided under Rehoboam
 - Solomon's son
 - God's punishment for disobeying His Covenant



- Divided Kingdom
- Kingdom of Israel
 - The 10 northern tribes
 - Under leadership of Jereboam
 - From the tribe of Ephraim
 - Very Important
- Kingdom of Judah
 - The 2 Southern tribes
 - Judah, Benjamin, and most of the Levites

Banishment of the two kingdoms



2 Kings 17:23

Assyria 722 BC

Became “Goyim”

Babylon 586 BC

Banished for 70 yrs.

Returned and
became the “Jews”

Ephraim/Israel Scattered

- Taken to modern day Syria
- Forced to adopt Assyrian customs
- Lost their identity - “Gentilized”
- Assyrians repopulated Israel with their own people
 - with Samaria as their capital
 - Brought back some of the Israelites as priests
 - Became Samaritans of Jesus’ time

“Lost” Tribes of Israel Scattered into the whole world



Judah Returns

- Had developed modern “Judaism” in Babylon
- Wrote the Babylonian Talmud
- Established the Pharisaical system
- Were in power during Yeshua’s time
 - became a corrupt political system
 - added to Torah, putting the people into Bondage to the Babylonian Talmud
- Eventually disbursed in 70 AD

The Prophets

- Continued to warn both
 - Israel - Northern Kingdom
 - Judah - Southern Kingdom
- Prophesied of the return and redemption of both
 - Israel/Ephraim
 - Judah

Prophetic Terms

- The Bride - the people of Israel (all 12 Tribes)
- The Kingdom of God/Heaven - United Davidic Kingdom
- Sheep - His people, the people of Israel
- Virgin daughters - Judah and Israel/Ephraim
- Harlot, Adulteress - rebellious Judah and rebellious Israel/Ephraim
- Divorce - His people broke the Covenant of YHVH, their marriage vows so Yah divorced them

Prophetic Terms

- Ten (10) - either Ten Commandments; or Ten (Lost) tribes of northern Israel
- Two (2) - either two Kingdoms of Judah and Israel/Ephraim; or two tribes of southern Judah
- Four Winds of Heaven (coming from the North, South, East, West) - the re-gathering of the 12 Tribes back to the Land of Israel
 - The Final Harvest
 - Angels are sometimes mentioned with the Four Winds

Jesus Redeems Israel

- “I have come only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel”
- He came to fulfill the promise of the Prophets
 - to redeem Israel back into Covenant
 - to provide permanent Atonement for Israel and Judah
 - to set in motion the Fulfilled Kingdom of David on the earth

The Final Harvest

- Ezekiel 37:15-19- Two Sticks in His hand
- The word of Adonai came to me: “You, human being, take one stick and write on it, ‘For Y’hudah and those joined with him [among] the people of Isra’el.’ Next, take another stick and write on it, ‘For Yosef, the stick of Efrayim, and all the house of Isra’el who are joined with him.’ Finally, bring them together into a single stick, so that they become one in your hand. When your people ask you what all this means, tell them that Adonai Elohim says this: ‘I will take the stick of Yosef, which is in the hand of Efrayim, together with the tribes of Isra’el who are joined with him, and put them together with the stick of Y’hudah and make them a single stick, so that they become one in my hand.’

THE STORY OF GOD'S PEOPLE



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- Blessed to be a blessing - Gen 12:1
- Abram enters the land
- Abram pitches his tent between Bethel and Ai
 - both cities are important from Jacob to Joshua
- He goes into Egypt because of famine

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- Abram's "wife" is taken into Pharoah's house & Abram is blessed
- Plagues of Egypt - Abram & Sarai leave
- Abram and Lot
 - Lot "adopted" into Abram's family
 - They separate
 - Lot chooses to mix with pagan city
 - Abram has to rescue Lot from paganism

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- Abram meets Malchizadek
 - type of Yahshuah
 - submits himself to him by tithing
- Yah makes a Covenant with Abram
 - walking “between the pieces”
 - Foreshadowing both Covenants
- Sarai, the bride, gives birth to Isaac
 - type of Yahshuah

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- Abram appoints Isaac as his Firstborn
 - the seeds of conflict are sown between Isaac and Ishmael
 - but Ishmael will still become a multitude
- Yah changes Sarai's name to Sarah
 - she is now a Princess - the Princess Bride
- Abraham and Ishmael are both circumcised
 - Ishmael will eventually come back into the Covenant of Abraham

DISCUSSION TIME