



Genesis

The Story of God And Humanity



*God Chooses A People
For His Purpose*

What Have We Learned Thus Far

- We live in God's Creation.
- We are the image bearers of God.
- Satan is a real but defeated enemy.
 - Sin Separates Us From God.
- Obedience is the key to blessing.

- All Humanity Is One Blood.
- God Chose Israel For A Purpose.
- God Is In Control And His Plans Will Be Accomplished.
- Our Relationship With God Requires Faith.

But, What Does Faith Look Like?

We Don't See Much Faithfulness!

George Bernard Shaw said:

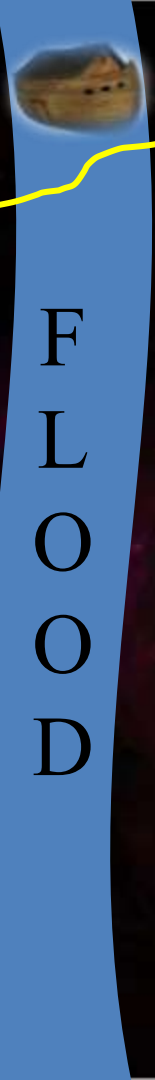
“If the other planets are inhabited, then they must be using the earth for their insane asylum.”

A Series Of Failures And New Beginnings

- Adam And Eve – A Perfect New Beginning
- Eating Forbidden Fruit – Expelled From The Garden
 - But, They Are Given A New Beginning
- Cain And Abel Born – Cain Kills Abel, Cain Cursed
 - Seth Is Born – It's A New Beginning
- World Becomes Exceedingly Wicked – The Flood
 - Noah Walks By Faith And His Family Is Saved
 - It's Another New Beginning
- The Rebellion of Babel – Confusion of Language

Disobedience, murder, deception,
drunkenness, Sexual Immorality,
and Open rebellion!!!

**Would there be another New Beginning?
If You were God, what would you do?**



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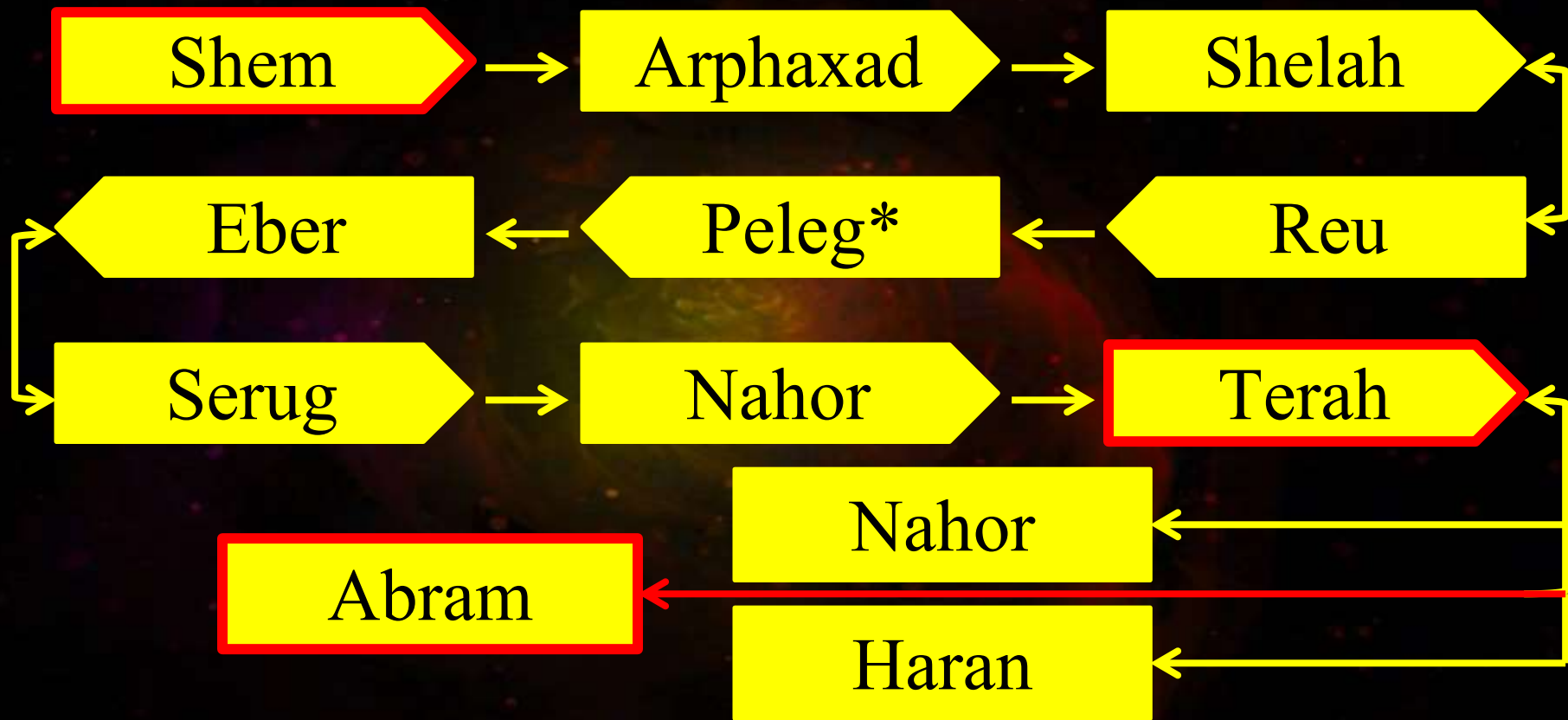
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From Shem to Abraham (Genesis 11:10-24)



The Journey Of Terah And His Family

Genesis 11:27-32 (NIV)

This is the account of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran. And Haran became the father of Lot. While his father Terah was still alive, Haran died in Ur of the Chaldeans, in the land of his birth. Abram and Nahor both married. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah; she was the daughter of Haran, the father of both Milcah and Iscah.

*Now Sarai was barren; she had no children.
Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of
Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his
son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the
Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to
Haran, they settled there.
Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Haran.*

The Call Of Abram – Genesis 12:1-7

The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

When And Where Did God Call Abram?

In Ur of the Chaldeans?

In Haran, where he had gone with his father,
Terah?

Steven's speech in Acts 7:2-4 answers the question
but doesn't resolve the issue of chronology.

Acts 7:2-4 (NLT2)

This was Stephen's reply: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me. Our glorious God appeared to our ancestor Abraham in Mesopotamia before he settled in Haran.

God told him, 'Leave your native land and your relatives, and come into the land that I will show you.' So Abraham left the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran until his father died. Then God brought him here to the land where you now live.

The Journey of Abram (Abraham)



Reading Genesis As A Narrative

- Though Genesis 1 – 50 is generally chronological, it is a narrative that allows the story teller to arrange events in the way that seems best for telling a story.
- Notice, Genesis 10, gives the descendants of Shem, Ham and Japheth living in different regions and speaking different languages.
- Genesis 11, begins with them all in one region, speaking the same language until God disperses them and give them different languages at Babel.

Remember, It Is A Narrative,
A Story, Conveying The
Big Picture.

Story Of Covenants And Promises To Abram

Genesis 12:2-3

I will make you into a great nation.

I will bless you and make you famous

You will be a blessing to others.

I'll bless those who bless you

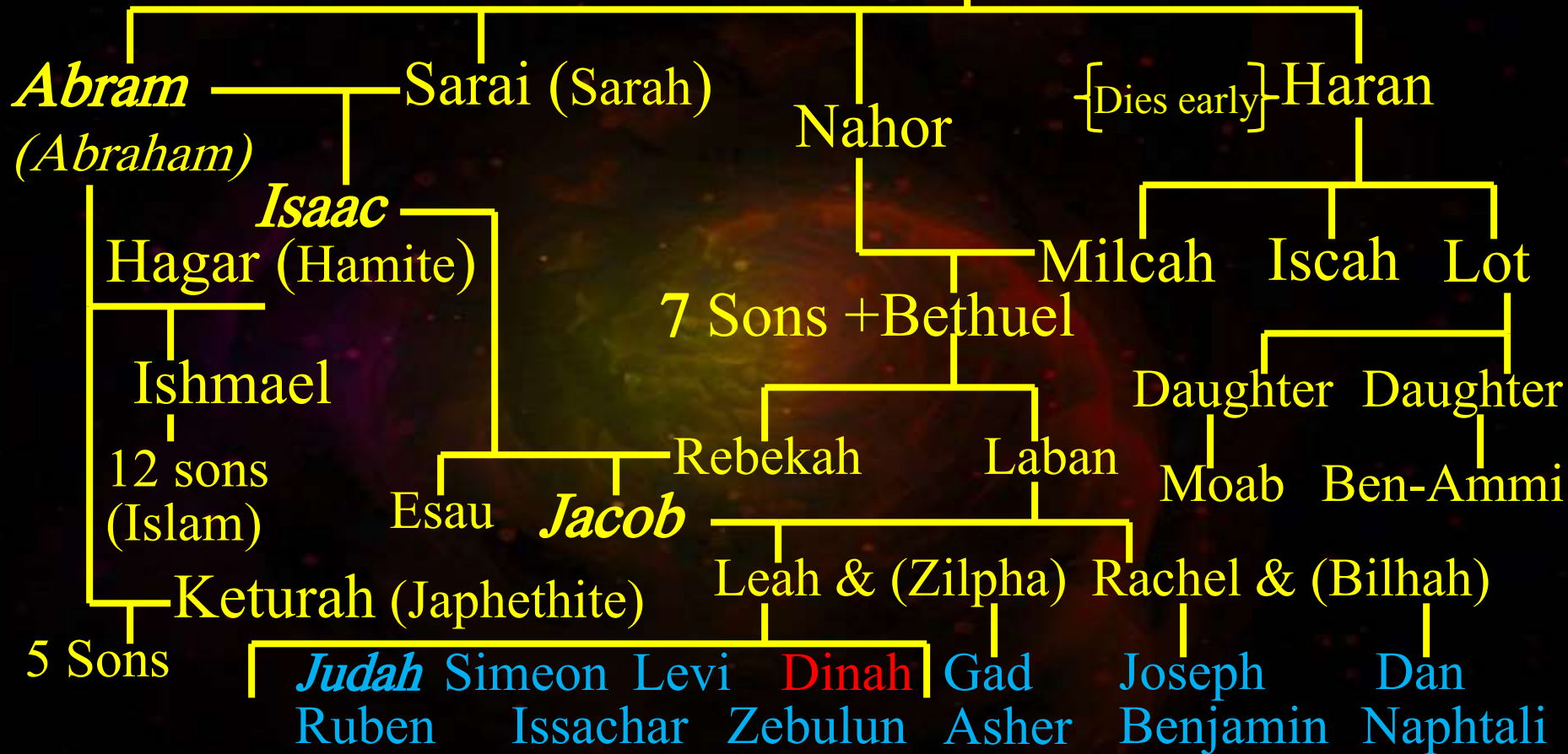
I'll curse those who treat you with contempt.

All the families on earth will be blessed through you.

Genesis 17:4

I will make you the father of many nations

The Lineage of *Terah*



From This Point On,
Abraham And His Descendants
Take Center Stage
In The Drama Of God's Unfolding Plan To
Rescue A Humanity,
Who Are Incapable Of Living Holy Lives
Without Divine Intervention.

The Rest Of What We Call
The Old Testament
Will Chronicle Multiple Vignettes In
Which God Will Rescue His People
So That He Can Remain Faithful To The
Covenant He Made
With Abraham.

This Story Will Find Fulfillment In
Jesus, The Messiah.

The Story Is Still Unfolding.
The Rescue Of Humanity
Is Still Ongoing In Jesus, The Messiah.

Have You Been Rescued?

**Are You In A Saved Relationship With
Jesus The Messiah?**

**All People Have Been Brought Back
Together In Jesus The Messiah.**

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (NLT2)

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.

Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free.

But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.