



Old Testament Survey

Introduction

- ▶ general overview issues of the Old Testament
- ▶ Genesis and the first half of Exodus.
- ▶ the law; how the Pentateuch and the law contained in it work.
- ▶ historical books of the Old Testament.
- ▶ prophetic books.
- ▶ poetical books



Why should a New Testament
Christian bother to read the OT?

- ▶ Col 2:17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

▶ Joh 5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,

▶ Joh 5:46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.

- ▶ So if we are to appreciate Christ, His work, His purpose, His message, the things He was talking about, the language He was using, many of the terms and certainly the concepts that He brings to us as He spoke and taught.
- ▶ Old Testament is the background that we need.
- ▶ Jesus is all over the OT:
 - Christophanies, eg 1 Cor 3:10
 - Typologies, People (eg Moses) Institutions (priesthood, kingship) ,
 - Messianic prophecies

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- ▶ There are 27 N.T. books.
 - ▶ 2,700 allusions to the O.T. or quotations from it in the New Testament books
 - ▶ Of the 404 verses in the book of Revelation, seemingly **278** of them make some allusion to the Old Testament. That is **68.8%**

The Old Testament is three-quarters of the Bible.



- God did not say, “My goodness, look at all that time I put into those Old Testament books when the real action is in the New Testament.”
- He said, “I’ll give them everything they need to know in the Old Testament so that when I introduce Christ to them in His fullness, and when they see His purpose on earth they will be prepared for it.”

The Plan of God

1. Creation

- a. Isaiah – New creation
- b. Born again- renewing

2. The Fall

- a. We are mortal
- b. Gap between moral and intellectual skill

3. Redemption

4. Consummation

1. Creation

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning..

1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession.....

2Co 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come....

3 'Creations' --God is always renewing things; he is always making things new.

1. Initial creation that gets the physical world and universe in place.
2. Creation of Israel/church that is part of the ongoing creation
3. further, more ultimate, creation of you and I

2. The Fall



Luo Meizhen 127 years old

We are mortal
Gen 3:4 But the serpent said to the woman,
"You will not surely die.

Choices:

- Hedonism
- Discouragement
- God's plan?

Is there a way to be somebody other than just
"flesh"

antidote to mortality, is the hope of
resurrection.



13
(28 days)



14
(32 days)



15
(33 days)



16
(37 days)



17
(41 days)



18
(44 days)



19
(47 days)



20
(50 days)



21
(52 days)



22
(54 days)



23 (56 days)

10 mm

Carnegie Stages

(approx. postovulatory days)

‘Good and evil’ (merism).



- “human beings have more knowledge than they can responsibly handle. Our intellectual knowledge outruns our moral ability to handle it.
- huge gap between our moral skill and our intellectual skill

3. Redemption



v 4:4 He shall bring the bull to the entrance of the tent of meeting before the LORD and lay his hand on the head of the bull and kill the bull before the LORD.

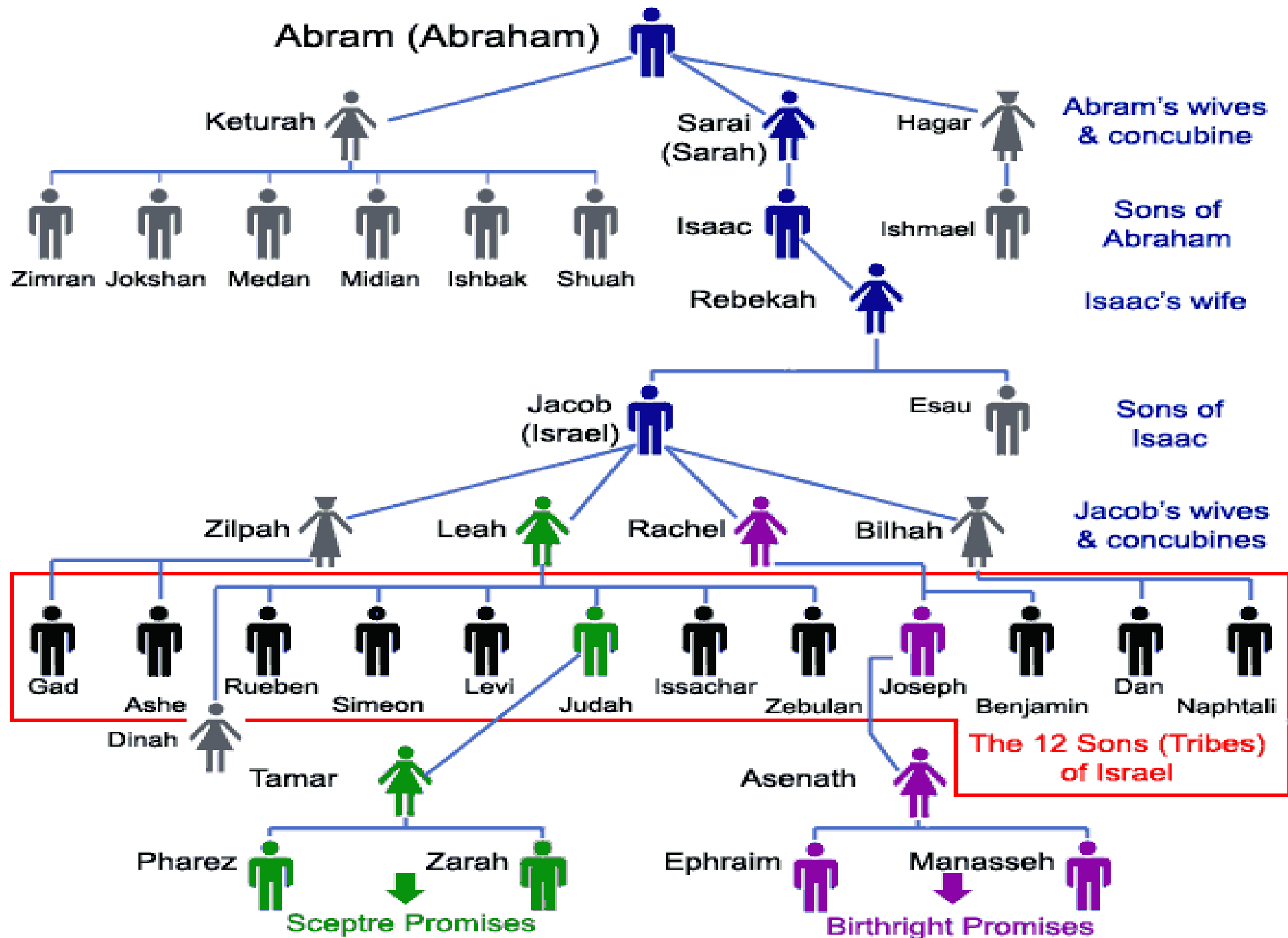
for you to live something must die
in your place

As God, He could die for all of us because there is no limitation to the applicability of His saving grace and as a true human He could die as a perfect substitute for us. So that is the ultimate of the plan of redemption.



4. Consummation

- ▶ The tragedy of Israel nation from 586 BC
- ▶ subjugated people. First to the Babylonians, then the Persians, then the Greeks, then the Romans.
- ▶ Remnant-Ezra 9:8, Romans 11:5



To Mt. Sinai

