

The Pentateuch

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OT Books: Law (Torah)

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- “Beginning(s)”
- “The way out”
- “(Rules for) Levites”
- “Take a census...” (1:2)
- “Second Law” (17:18)

Genesis

(50 chapters)

(Meek, p. 5)

Outline

Key Passages

1-11

Creation

**Four
Events**

Fall

3:15, “he will crush your head,
you will strike his heel”

Flood

6:5 “every inclination of their
thoughts .. only evil always”

Nations

12-50

Abraham

12:3-22 of all peoples blessed
through you”

**Four
People**

Isaac

Jacob

32 Jacob wrestles with the
Angel

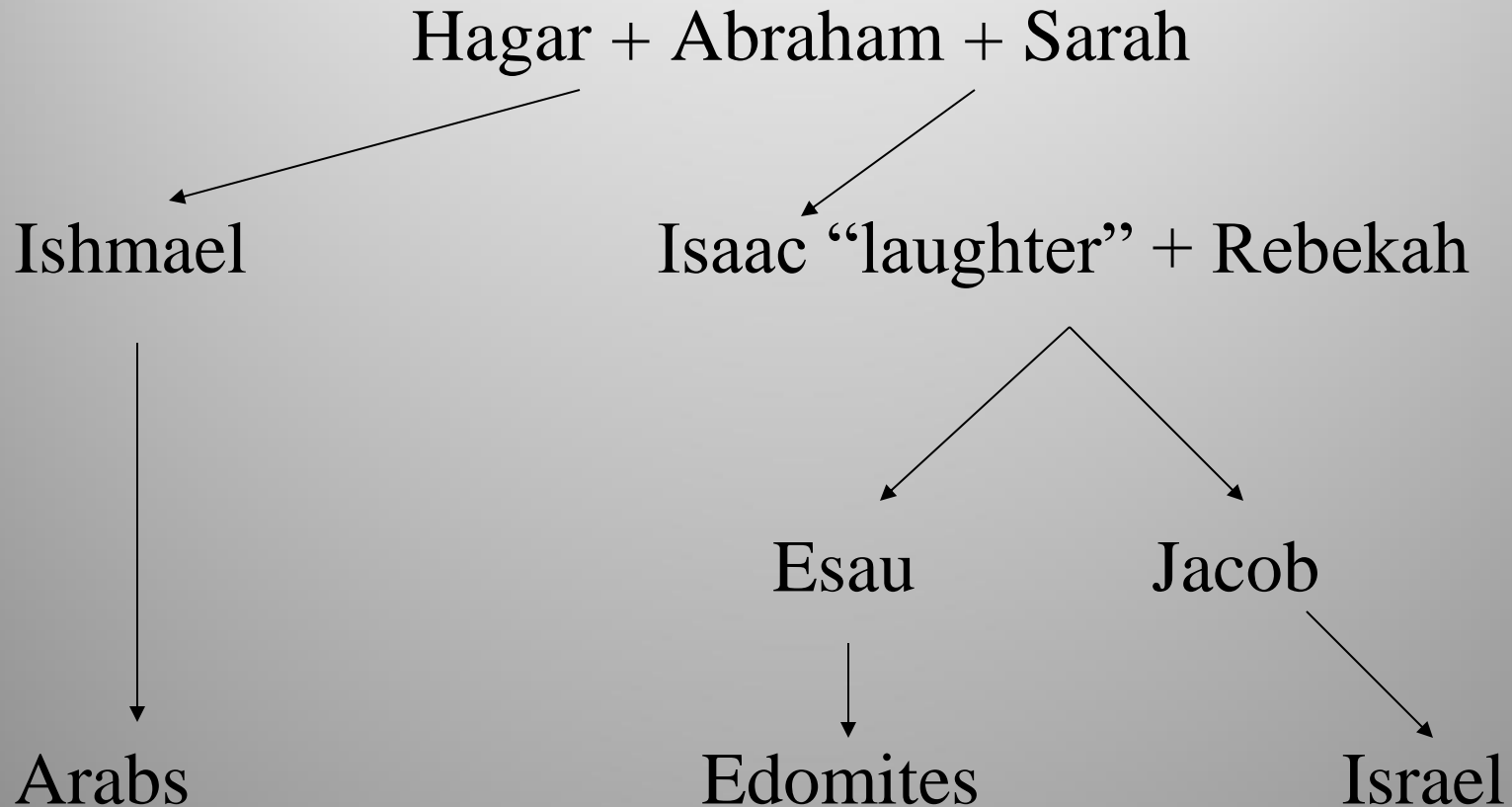
Joseph

50:20 “You intended harm, God
intended good”

Days of Creation (Gen. 1)

1 Light	2 Waters Above and Below	3 Dry Land
4 Sun, Moon, Stars	5 Birds and Fish	6 Land Animals and People

Patriarchs and their Families



Jacob's Sons (Gen. 29-30)

- Leah:
 1. Reuben
 2. Simeon
 3. Levi
 4. Judah
 9. Issachar
 10. Zebulun
- Bilhah:
 5. Dan
 6. Naphtali
- Rachel:
 11. Joseph
 12. Benjamin
- Zilpah:
 7. Gad
 8. Asher

Exodus

(40 chapters)

Exodus - “to exit, to leave, to get out”
Genesis ended with Joseph in a coffin
(Egypt) and not in the Promised Land.

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Moses

Kills Egyptian and goes into the...

Wilderness for 40 years

God calls Moses to deliver His people

Aaron is Moses' mouthpiece

The Ten Plagues (Ex. 7-11)

- The Nile turned to blood
- Frogs
- Gnats
- Flies
- Livestock died
- Boils
- Hail
- Locusts
- Darkness
- Firstborn died

The Ten Commandments

(Ex. 20, Deut. 5)

1. Thou Shalt Have No Gods Before Me
2. Make No Graven Image
3. Do Not Take The Name of Yahweh In Vain
4. Remember the Sabbath to Keep it Holy
- ~~5. Honor Thy Father And Thy Mother~~
6. Thou Shalt Not Murder
7. Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery
8. Thou Shalt Not Steal
9. Thou Shalt Not Lie Against Thy Neighbor
10. Thou Shalt Not Covet

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Wilderness

- Manna - “What’s that”
- Ten Commandments
- Tabernacle (built through their on gifts)
- Golden Calf episode
- Glory fills the Tabernacle

Leviticus

(27 chapters)

**(Holiness – “Be holy for I am
holy”**

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The Five Sacrifices

Sin Offering	Animal killed	Sin Atonement
Guilt Offering	Animal killed, restitution made	Sin Atonement
Burnt Offering	Perfect animal consumed in flame	Expression of worship and dedication
Grain Offering	Grain, oil, flour, incense	Gift to God
Fellowship Offering	Animal killed, meal	Expression of devotion to God

The Feasts

Passover	March/April	First fruits	Delivered from Egypt
Pentecost	50 days after Passover	First harvest	Giving of Law
Tabernacles	Sept/Oct	Full harvest	Wilderness wandering

Interesting Aspects

- Sabbath described
- Strange fire offered (Nadab and Abihu)
- Laws (,ceremonial)
- “Love your neighbor as yourself”
- “Day of Atonement”

Numbers

(36 chapters)

**(Wanderings of the
Wilderness)**

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Rebellion and Response in Numbers

Chapter	Rebellion	Response
12	Miriam rejects Moses' leadership.	Leprosy
13-14	Fear of the people in the land.	40 years of wandering in the wilderness
16	Korah challenges Moses' authority.	Swallowed up by the earth
20	Moses strikes the rock.	He does not lead people into the land.
22-3	Balak longs to curse Israel.	God turns curse into a blessing.

Interesting Aspects

- Nazorite vow
- Blessing of Aaron (Ch. 6)
- Uprisings against Moses
- Ba'al is introduced and leads Israelites astray.

Deuteronomy

(34 chapters)

**“Second Law” – the second
giving of the Law**

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Interesting Aspects

- Ten Commandments repeated
- “Shema” Ch. 6
- Anticipation of a king
- “A prophet like Moses” Ch. 18
- “Blessings and Curses” of the Covenant (Ch. 27 – Ch. 28)