

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

Judah, Joseph and Messiah
(Genesis 49-50)

The Kingdom of God

“God’s people in God’s place under God’s rule and blessing”

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1. Kingdom Modeled (Gen. 1-2)

- Innocent man enjoying God’s limitless blessing and presence in Eden

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2. Kingdom Lost (Gen. 3-11)

- due to man’s rebellion and corruption he is banished from Eden and subjected to death
- glimmers of hope (“seed” of the woman)

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3. Kingdom Promised (Gen. 12ff)

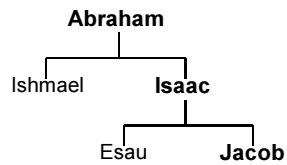
- promise of eventual restoration of what was lost
- to Abraham – everlasting covenant

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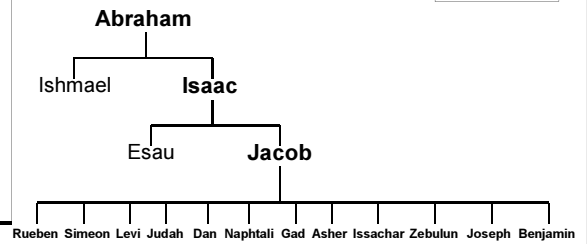
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- A. Blessing – salvation to the nations
- B. Land – an everlasting possession
- C. Seed
 - multitude of descendants
 - single descendant

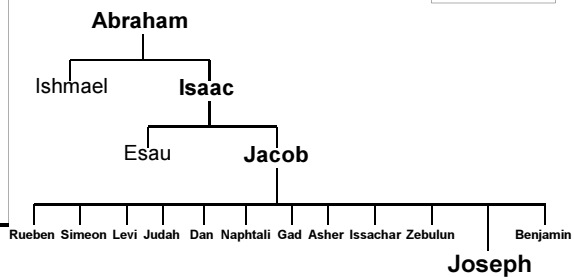
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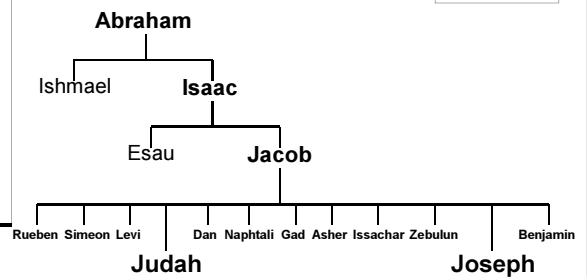
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Judah: A Royal Seed

- **Setting: Jacob nears death**
 - He desired to be buried in the land of Canaan; faith in God's promise
 - He gave an appropriate, prophetic "blessing" to each of his sons

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Judah: A Royal Seed

1. The preminent son
 - imagery – a victorious warrior who reigns as king over Israel
 - meaning – a permanent monarchy will arise from the line of Judah (Davidic)

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Judah: A Royal Seed

2. The universal king

- A king from Judah will bring about the “obedience of the peoples”
- His kingdom will be marked by great prosperity and abundance

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2 Samuel 7:12-16 – “...I will raise up a seed after you (David)...and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever...”

Psalm 2:1-9 – “I have installed My King upon Zion...ask of Me and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance...”

Revelation 5:1-10 – “...the Lion from the tribe of Judah...a Lamb standing as if slain...”

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Joseph: A Suffering Savior

➤ Genesis 50:20

1. Providence – God meant the evil committed against Joseph for good
2. Purpose – to preserve Israel and peoples from all the earth alive

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Joseph pictures the suffering seed of Abraham through whom will come blessing to the nations

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Jesus: The Suffering Savior

➤ Acts 4:27-28

1. Providence – God predestined their sinful act of crucifying Jesus
2. Purpose – to bring blessing (salvation) to the nations

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Christmas

The Lion of the tribe of Judah comes first in humility as the suffering seed of Abraham