

Session 7 | Dr. Randy White | Genesis 12-50

- The account of the Patriarchs is all about
 - The faith in the covenant promise
 - Looking for a baby that would fulfill God's promise for a Redeemer
- From Gen 12 onward, the Shemites are the concern of the Bible.
 - Shemites are descendants of Shem.
 - With the unfolding of the story, one branch of the Shemites became the covenant branch, but the all Shemites would be at the center of the Biblical story for all time.
 - In modern language, to be anti-semitic is to be opposed to the Jewish people.

Abraham: The Father of Nations

- Abram was from a family of Idol worshipers – Josh 24:2, 14
- The covenant with Abram was given in Gen. 12 and renewed and expanded in Gen 13:14-17, 15:4-21, 17:1-22, and 22:15-18
 - The covenant was renewed with Isaac and Jacob in Gen 26:1-5, 28:10-15, 35:9-13, and 46:1-4.
 - The covenant was one-sided -15:8-17
- Abraham's first stop in the land was at Shechem, and this is the first recorded visible appearance of God to man. – Gen 12:6-7
- **Key issue: will God protect in this land and give His Messiah through Abraham?**
 - Gen 12:7 vs 10 shows how poorly the first patriarch met the key issue
 - Abraham fails to trust in God
 - For provision, he leaves the land and goes to Egypt
 - For protection, he gives Sarah to the Pharaoh.
 - Abraham ended up bringing Hagar back as part of dowry. – 16:3
 - God's grace of restoration is seen in Gen 13:3-4
 - Abraham and Lot
 - Lot chose the Jordan valley
 - Abraham left with the mountains
 - God reassured and renews the covenant – 13:14-17

- Abraham expresses sovereignty over the kings to protect Lot – 14
- Gen 15:4 contains a key promise – that the promised child would come through Abraham's body
- Abraham was told of a timing issue of 400 years – 15:13-14

Isaac: A Picture of Christ

- God selects Isaac over Ishmael, and gives a covenant sign. 17:9-22
 - Isaac appears as the first "type of Christ" – Gen 22, **Heb 11:19**
 - Abraham gives specific instructions for Isaac's bride – Gen 24
 - Altogether Abraham had nine sons, but "he gave all he had unto Isaac" (25:5)
- Isaac fathered "two nations" – but one was the chosen nation – 25:22-23
 - The divine election of Jacob shows God's sovereignty in the selection of "the chosen people."
 - Romans 9 defends God's sovereignty in the matter.
 - It is a mistake to take God's selection of Jacob and create a system of individual election.

Jacob: The Deceiver God Chose

- Jacob had 12 sons, compromising 13 tribes because Joseph received a double portion.
 - Rueben
 - Simeon
 - Levi
 - Judah
 - Dan
 - Naphtali
 - Gad
 - Asher
 - Issachar
 - Zebulun
 - Joseph – Ephraim and Manasseh
 - Benjamin
- These 13 families amount to 74 people at the end of Genesis – a small start to a big promise.
- Jacob's name became the name of the covenant people: Gen 35:9-13