



Genesis 18-25

Perfect — Problem — Promise — Plan — Promise — Patriarchs - Prophets

Easy memory Genesis timeline:

4000 - Creation
2500 - Noah
2000 - Abraham
1500 - Moses

Author Moses: 1440 BC Audience: Israelites post Exile

The Seed Promise

First Gospel
Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.

Our big callings in life will be fulfilled through God's power. Miracle after miracle
And step by obedient step.

Sodom and Gomorrah:

Foil notes - Abraham and Lot's hospitality

Abraham:

Lot: Either a Market Advisor or "Judge" elder.

Justice: *Mispat* (mish-pawt)

Mispa: Is watch

Correct behavior and protection of the marginalized within a community, including the sick, oppressed, orphaned, widowed, strangers, travelers, and poor.

Dividing Righteousness and Justice:

Righteousness: the character of a person.

Justice: How they act communally.

God is Holy: (1 John 1:5)

Jesus is spotless: (1 Peter 1:19)

God is not partial: (Romans 2:11)

2 Peter 2:7-8 - Lot himself was a righteous man who was grieved by the sin he saw around him.

Notes on Rabbi's writings: The Sodomites -

1. They were predisposed to having their way with travelers, up to and including murder (Rabbinical thought).
2. Were willing to burn the hosts alive who did not give the mob their guests to exert power (Rabbinical thought).
3. They were rich and unmoved by the plight of the oppressed in their land (see Ezekiel below).
4. They were full of sexual sins, including homosexual rape (Jude 1, Genesis 19).
5. They were proud of their wealth, which is greed (see Ezekiel below).
6. They were lazy and indiscriminate, seeking dominant sexual relations with whoever showed up in their town (see Ezekiel below).

Let's look at other parts of the Word:

Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, plenty of food, and carefree ease, but she **did not help the poor and needy**. So they were **haughty** and **committed abominations** before Me. Therefore, I removed them when I saw it (Ezekiel 16:49-50, *emphasis mine*).

Jerusalem's on its last leg; Judah is soon down for the count.

Everything people say and do
is at cross-purposes with God,
A slap in my face.
Brazen in their depravity,
They flaunt their sins like degenerate Sodom.
Doom to their eternal souls! They've made their bed;
Now they'll sleep in it.

“Reassure the righteous
That their good living will pay off.
But doom to the wicked! Disaster!
Everything they did will be done to them.

“Skinny kids terrorize my people.
Silly girls bully them around.
My dear people! Your leaders are taking you down a blind alley.
They’re sending you off on a wild-goose chase.”
(Isaiah 3:9-12, the Message paraphrase)

Notes on the woman of Israel - when doomed to destruction:

Hermeneutic: Blindness in the Word often includes spiritual blindness.

Hermeneutic: A listing of people usually includes the most important individuals first.

Lot’s wife notes:

Not named - was not worthy to be named.

Lot’s descendants: Ammonites and Moabites

Moab: water of a father

Ammon: Kingsman or Tribe

Chapter 20 notes: God rescues Sarah again.

Chapter 21:

New foil: Isaac and Ishmael

Isaac's name is used 6 times, and a reference to Ishmael happens 19 times.

Chapter 22:

Test: nasa (naw-saw)

Test: This can also serve as a reveal.

Typology
Biblically: the study of humans, symbols, or events
That foreshadows Christ.

The word type in Greek is "*tupos*" which means pattern or prefigure, and "*ology*" means the study of.

Josephus on Abraham's obedience:

Abraham "was obliged to serve Him [God] in every area of his life, since all creatures that live enjoy their life by His providence, and the kindness He bestows on them."¹

Root of Love in the Word:

Ahab (aw-hab)

Age of Isaac:

Worship is not rooted in receiving from God but in giving God His due honor and praise. Lives of worship are sacrificial lives.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and the one who had received the promises was offering up his only *son*; *it was he* to whom it was said, “Through Isaac your descendants shall be named.” He considered that God is able to raise *people* even from the dead, from which he also received him back from death. (Hebrews 11:17-19)

Isaac	Jesus
A promised, long-awaited son	THE promised, long-awaited Son of God
In the seed promise (Genesis 3:15)	THE Seed prophesied (Genesis 3:15)
An only son (naturally born to Abraham and Sarah – see Genesis 22:2)	God’s only Son
Carried the wood for the sacrifice	Carried the wood (the cross) for His sacrifice
Bound for sacrifice	Bound with nails to the cross

Obedient to his father, Abraham	Perfect obedience to God
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Fun Study: Read Acts 14 and 17 and see how Paul gives the gospel to Jews and Gentiles - track the emphasis to both groups.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8, ESV)

Notes on the field at Machpelah facing Mamre (the trees) in modern day Al-Khalil.

Chapter 24:

The Servant teaches us:

He accepts the challenge.

He made a plan.

Submitted his plan to the Lord.

Prayed.

Waited.

Watched.

Explained the issue at hand without added nonsense.

Refused a delay.

Followed through.

