

CLASS 3: *The Patriarchs: Learning to Walk with God* (Genesis 12-50)

Jax Church OT Survey Series Fall 2023

Words/People to Know in Genesis 12-50					
Covenant	Blessing	Abraham/Abram	Sarah/Sarai	Lot	Isaac/Rebekah
Jacob/Israel	Esau/Edom	Joseph	12 Tribes	Melchizedek	Tamar

Genesis 12:1-2 The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you...”

Introduction and Reminders

- Review class logistics, philosophy from the Introduction Class.
- If you are new to the Old Testament...
 - Try to navigate the stories as part of the story of God, Israel, God’s people, the world
 - Remember: the Bible is not “lessons in morality” or “examples we should follow”
 - Consider how the OT prefigures the story in the NT
- Time Portal: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob in the 21st century—what advice would you give?
- Authorship of Genesis?
 - Picture Moses, Aaron, Miriam talking about “The God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob”
 - Oral History + Revelation + Exodus-Interpretation + Exile-Interpretation = Authorship
- Beware of Presentism: “Judging past actions by... modern values and concepts”
 - But they practiced... slavery, patriarchy, infanticide, sex religion, genocide, racism...
 - But God...
 - 1) Met them where they were
 - 2) Forgave significant sins
 - 3) Didn’t insist on culture change

Survey of Genesis 12-50

God uses flawed people to fulfil his promises

- The Patriarch Abraham with his wife Sarah (Hagar, Ishmael, Isaac)
- The Patriarch Isaac with his wife Rebekah (Jacob, Esau)
- The Patriarch Jacob (Israel) with his wives and 12 sons (and Dinah)
- The Patriarch Joseph

Take Aways