



Pastors Bible Study
Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Abraham is Tested

Genesis 22 to Genesis 25:18

Review

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Literary Period Covered: roughly 2166 B.C.E. to 1805 B.C.E.

Review and Introduction

God's Plan of Salvation – Genesis 12:2-3 – Abrahamic Covenant

Abraham

Sarah (barren)-----+-----Hagar

Isaac

Ishmael (Father of the Arab people)

Rebekah (barren)

Jacob -----+-----Esau

Leah -----+-----Rachael

(Father of the Edomite people)

12 Sons

Founders of Tribes of Israel

Literary Abounds

Chiasmus: a rhetorical device in which two or more clauses are balanced against each other by the reversal of their structures in order to produce an artistic effect.

Inclusio (sometimes double inclusio): Repetition of same language at beginning and end of a section of literature forming bookends. An inclusio tells the reader that what is in the middle of the two bookends is support or an explanation of what the words making up the bookends

Recapitulation: to double back and summarize to an earlier time. We see this multiple time in the linear story.

Introduction of:

Literary Gap – information between verses we will need to discern. As we read we affirm or challenge what we had discerned to be taking place in the gap of time.

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Lecture Segment

Mountain Top Chapter

Chapter 22 opens with “some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love— Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

Abraham and the sacrifice of his son Isaac

Artist: Bartolomeo Cavarozzi

C 1598



Burnt Offering

Review our assumptions: Patriarchal, Monarchical, Polytheist, Slave Holding

Sacrifices are the norm - In a polytheist cultural sacrifices were offered to all the gods. In doing so you gave the best thing you had.

Take your son, your only son

Abraham sets off with his son: (what happened during the night)

They travel 3 days from Beersheba to Moriah. On the third day – Takes the wood for the burnt offering and places it on Isaac



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What does God do that is radically different from other Gods

At the moment he is about to sacrifice Isaac: _____

The Lord will provide: _____ reaffirms the covenant

Why would God do this:

1. We will not have human sacrifices (common with other gods)
2. There will be sacrifices (Leviticus Chapter 1 - 6)
3. I have seen your obedience (*I know you fear God*)
4. When Judaism is born (Ram caught in a thicket)
 Rosh Hashanah – Jewish New Year – blowing of the Rams horn

Review - Genesis 22 – Listen once again

- your only son, whom you love
- and go to the region of Moriah (where is Moriah?)
- 2 Chronicles 3:1 _____ Jerusalem

Connecting to the New Testament

- Galatians Chapter 3 (Paul is writing the churches in Galatia)
Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. ⁸ Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."⁹ So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

- 1 Corinthians 15

- Hebrews 11

Conclusion

How old is Isaac _____ 33



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Scripture and Study

Read: Chapter 25:19 to Chapter 36

The story of Isaac/Jacob

Encounter the Word Lecture Segment

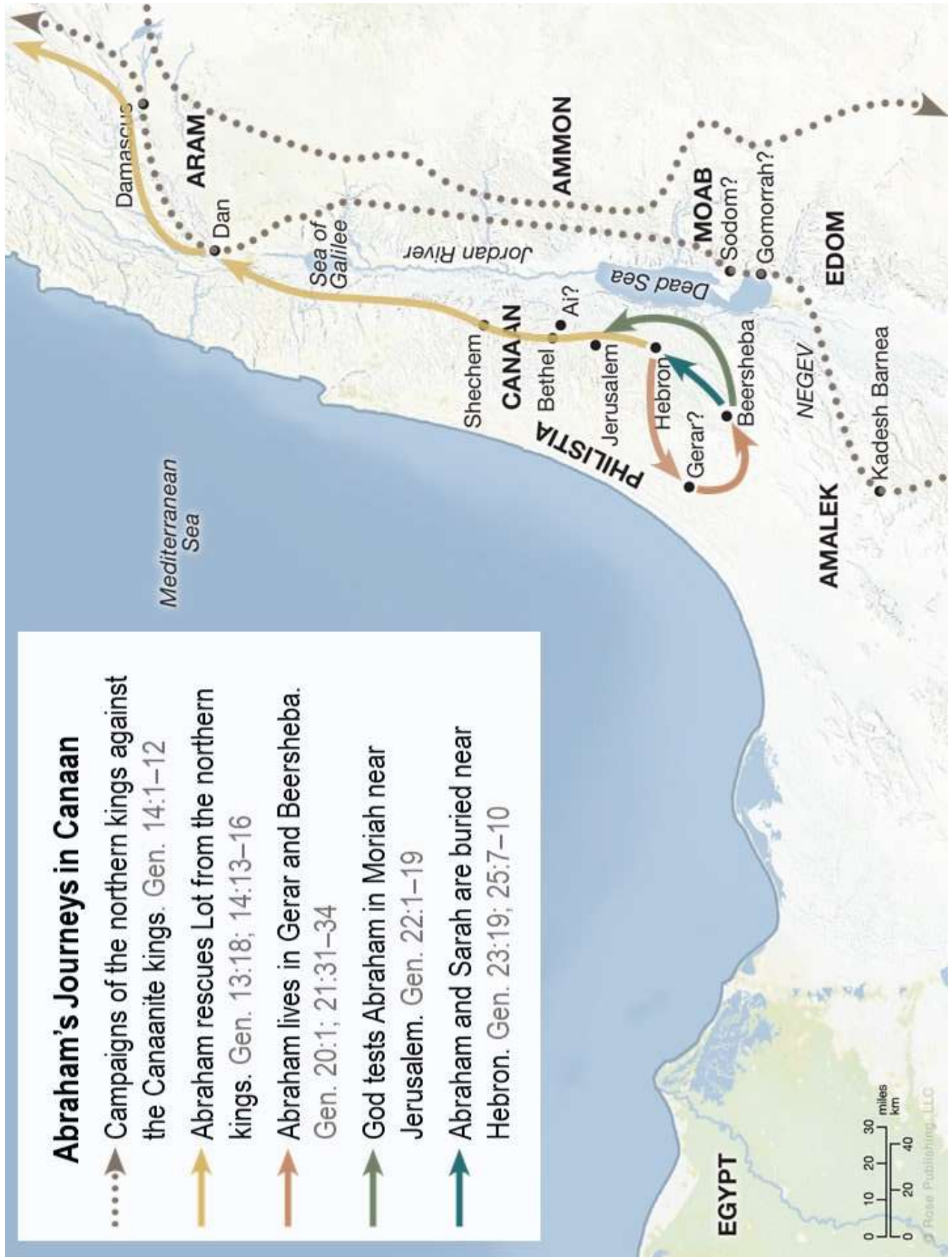
As we read think about what you know whether a little or a lot.

What have you learned;

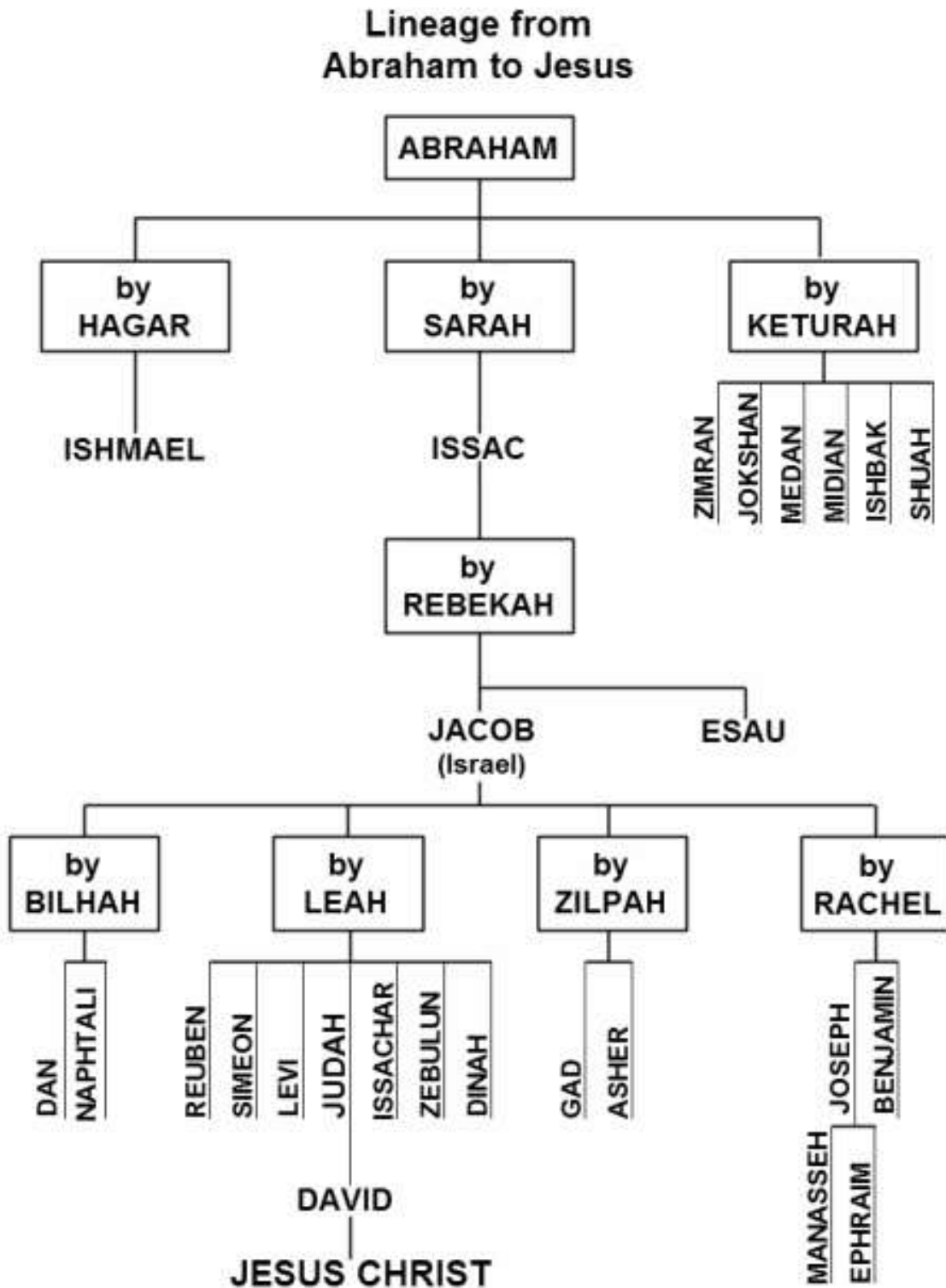
Are you beginning to see the connections between the Story in the Old Testament to what you have experienced or learn from the message in the New Testament? What are some of the things you have learned? (you are encouraged to write them down to help solidify this new knowledge into your memory)

As you read the story in the journey on this literary timeline you will now learn about Isaac and his sons. Follow the story and think about the character of those God has chosen and the challenges that lay before Him.

Take note as you read. What stands out for you?



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