

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, June 7, 2023
Genesis 12-50 The Patriarchs

1. What is the definition of Patriarch?

ANSWER: The male head of a family or tribe, a person or thing that is regarded as the founder of something, or any of those biblical figures regarded as fathers of the human race. A man who controls a family, group, or government. **Merriam-Webster:** one of the scriptural fathers of the human race or of the Hebrew people, a man who is father or founder or the oldest member or representative of a group.

The patriarchal age is the era of the three biblical patriarchs. The Israelites' ancestors, who feature prominently in the narratives of Genesis 12-50. The most important patriarch are Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who is renamed Israel. Jacob's 12 sons are the forefathers of the 12 tribes of Israel and are sometimes also considered patriarchs.

2. Who are three (3) generations of male Patriarchs in the Bible?

ANSWER: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

Genesis 12-25 (Abraham) Genesis 21-28 (Isaac); Genesis 26-36 (Isaac)

3. Can you name three significant things about Abraham's life?

ANSWER:

- a) God called Abraham at the age of 75 years old (Gen 12:4)
- b) Abraham had two wives and one bond woman (maid).
 - Sarah - Gen 12:5 (wife):
 - Keturah – Gen 25:1 (wife)
 - Hagar – Gen 16:4 (bond woman)
- c) Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born (Gen 21:5)
- d) The name of Abraham's children:
 - Ishmael (Mother: Hagar – Gen 16:11)
 - Isaac (Mother: Sarah – Gen 21:3)

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- Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah (Mother: Keturah - Genesis 25:2)

4. Why did Abraham journey to Egypt?

ANSWER: There was a famine in the land

Genesis 12:10 NIV

Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe.

5. Why did God renew His covenant with Isaac?

ANSWER: This is the same oath he promised to Isaac's father, Abraham.

Genesis 26:1-6

And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. ² And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: ³ Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; ⁴ And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; ⁵ Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. ⁶ And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:

6. What was the name of Isaac's wife? How many children did they have?

ANSWER: Rebecca; two (Esau and Jacob). They were twins

Genesis 24:67

And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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Genesis 25:26

Then the other twin was born with his hand grasping Esau's heel. So they named him Jacob.^[a] Isaac was sixty years old when the twins were born.

7. Can you name Jacob's twelve sons?

ANSWER: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin

Genesis 35:23-26 KJV

The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun: ²⁴ The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin: ²⁵ And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali: ²⁶ And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid: Gad, and Asher: these are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padanaram.

8. Jacob's sons were the offspring of four women. Can you name the four women?

ANSWER: Leah, Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah

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Bonus Question

9. Who was the oldest man in the Bible? How old was he?

ANSWER: Methuselah, 969

Genesis 5:27

And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.