

PATRIARCHS

The Bible is a bunch of smaller stories that point to one, big, true story: The story of God and His rescue plan through Jesus.



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Let's summarize the PATRIARCHS era:

God chose a man named Abraham to start a very special family that He would use in His great rescue plan. God made a covenant, or promise, to Abraham that his family would bless the whole world. Abraham had Isaac, and Isaac had Jacob. Jacob had 12 sons who did not always get along. Eventually, Jacob's whole family moved to a country called Egypt.

Where is it found?

Genesis
12-50

Names to know:

Abraham
Sarah
Isaac
Jacob
Joseph

What are the major stories?

(Genesis 15) God made a covenant with Abraham to give him land and a large family. God also promised that every nation of the world would be blessed through him.

(Genesis 21-22) God miraculously gave Abraham and Sarah a son, Isaac. God tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham had faith, and God provided a ram to sacrifice in place of Isaac.

(Genesis 32 & 49) Jacob was tricky and deceitful, but God changed his heart and renamed him Israel. Jacob had 12 sons, including Joseph, whose families would become the 12 tribes of Israel.

(Genesis 38-47) Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. God was with Joseph and took him from being a slave to ruling as second in command over Egypt. God used Joseph to show mercy and rescue his whole family from famine.

How does the PATRIARCHS era point to Jesus?

God promised Abraham that all nations of the world would be blessed through him. Jesus, who was born into Abraham's family, kept this promise when He died on the cross for the sins of world. This made a way for anyone who believes in Him to be saved. God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son but provided a ram to take Isaac's place. God was willing to sacrifice His only Son, Jesus, who took our place as a sacrifice for our sin. As Genesis 50:20 says, God can take what people meant for harm and use it for good. Jesus' death on the cross looked like the worst thing ever, but God used it for the greatest good.