

The four major events in chapters 1-11 were creation, the fall, the flood, and the tower of Babel. The worship theme Pastor Huffman pointed out was choosing their own way to worship. This is “false religion” because God wants us to approach him and for us to choose his will not our own. The four major characters in chapters 12-50 are Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. This is known as the post-flood period. The religious worldview of Abraham’s time was polytheism. Abraham journeyed up the Tigris and Euphrates River and stooping before going into Canaan because of his father’s death. One of the cornerstones of the Old Testament is worship. Abraham was an “epic father” because of his pivotal role in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Abraham was blessed because God had a calling upon his life. Abraham built altars to worship God. Abraham’s actions towards Lot demonstrated faith because he allowed Lot to make the decisions and took what was left knowing God would work it for the good. Abraham was obedient, humble and guided by God while Lot used his own perception, he was consumed by his environment preventing him from witnessing, and he pursued his own will above God’s. The promises to Abraham included: becoming a great nation, blessing him, making his name great, making him a blessing to others, blessing those that bless him and cursing those that curse him, and through him blessing all families. The promise to Abraham is related to the Messiah because Jesus would come through the line of Abraham. This relates to the nation of Israel because Abraham was the father of Israel. Election is the idea that nothing we do makes God use us, it’s all his perfect plan. The sign of the Abrahamic Covenant is circumcision. The circumcision of the New Covenant is circumcision of the heart. The mistake Abraham made was not trusting God and taking Hagar and having Ishmael. The event of the sacrifice of his son Isaac represents the coming of the Messiah; a sacrifice of the one and only son to save the world. The faith of Abraham speaks to us today because he was willing to do anything God instructed or would glorify God; we should be that dedicated to our Lord.

The Messianic prophecies begin in Genesis 3:15. This predicts that he would be male, and that Satan would bruise his heel, but the son would crush the head of the serpent. It is known as proto-evangelion because it is the first mention of the Gospel. God will dwell among the Shemites. God promised to Abraham a son and his descendants would be great; Jesus came from the line of Abraham. God promised the names Emmanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

Abraham journeyed 1,500 miles to arrive at Canaan. His faith was important because it set him apart from others, he was righteous before God, and he established a relationship with God that would allow God to continue his redemptive plans. Abraham is the father of Israel and the spiritual father of all those that follow God. The promises to Abraham were to make Abraham a great nation, to make his name great, to bless Abraham, to bless those that bless Abraham and curse those that curse him, to bless all nations, and to provide a land for Israel. These promises are fulfilled because God raised up Israel, a united body of people, God’s relationship with Abraham brought him dignity and respect of his people, God bestowed fertility, prosperity, and his presence upon Abraham, Balaam received judgement for cursing the nation of Israel, we are blessed by faith, and finally, God gave Israel the promised land. Circumcision was the sign of the Abrahamic Covenant. Monotheism is the belief in one God. Abraham was declared righteous by God through grace. The important part of the New Covenant is that we are righteous in Christ by faith.

Joseph means increase and his blessing was to be fruitful, he was a fruitful vine. Benjamin means son of the right hand and his blessing was to be a wolf, he would devour the prey in the morning and divides the plunder in the evening.

A “type” is an anticipatory model. Joseph was a type of Christ because they were both shepherds, they both had distinctive coats, they were both hated, their future sovereignty was foretold, they were sent

forth by their father, they were conspired against, they were both disbelieved, they were insulted and stripped, they were cast into a pit and sold, their blood was presented to father, they were tempted but denied, they were falsely accused and made no defense, and they were cast into prison. Both Jesus and Joseph suffered though innocent at the hands of Gentiles, they won the respect of jailor, the predictions came true, they were seen as revealers of secrets, they are wonderful counselors, they were seated on the throne of another, they were exalted because of personal worthiness, they were both 30, etc.