

## LESSON FOUR: GOD'S PEOPLE, THE PATRIARCHS

Genesis 12:1-4

The foundational questions of life have already been answered in the first few chapters of the Bible. God now takes us on a journey through time to show us how His salvation has been made available to us. While the first few chapters of Genesis (1-11) cover about 2,000 years dealing with humanity as a whole, God shines a spotlight in the remaining part of the Book (12-50) by highlighting the beginnings of His people Israel during a period of about 350 years. This period introduces us to a family chosen by God in His grace to be the Patriarchs of Israel.

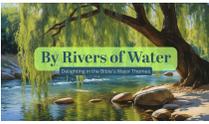
### I. ABRAHAM—"FATHER OF MULTITUDE" (GENESIS 12-24)

#### A. Significant Events (2166-1991 B.C.; 175 years; Genesis 25:7)

1. His call to \_\_\_\_\_ Ur—Genesis 11:31; 12:1; Acts 7:2; Joshua 24:3
2. His \_\_\_\_\_ from God—Genesis 12:2-3; 15; 17
3. His \_\_\_\_\_—Genesis 12:14-20; 20:1-18
4. His \_\_\_\_\_ with Melchizedek—Genesis 14:18-20; Hebrews 7
5. His \_\_\_\_\_—Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3, 5
6. His \_\_\_\_\_-promised son—Genesis 16
7. His \_\_\_\_\_ change—Genesis 17:5
8. His prayer for \_\_\_\_\_—Genesis 18
9. His \_\_\_\_\_ son—Genesis 21
10. His \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice—Genesis 22
11. His \_\_\_\_\_-in-law—Genesis 24

#### B. Lessons

1. Follow the Lord in \_\_\_\_\_—Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19
2. Remember God is \_\_\_\_\_—Genesis 22:17



II. ISAAC—"GOD LAUGHS" (GENESIS 24-27)

A. Significant Events (2066-1886 B.C.; 180 years; Genesis 35:28)

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ births—Genesis 25
2. His \_\_\_\_\_ like his dad—Genesis 26:6-11
3. His son's \_\_\_\_\_—Genesis 27

B. Lesson

- Be who \_\_\_\_\_ made you to be—Psalm 100:3

III. JACOB—"GRABBER/DECEIVER" (GENESIS 28-36)

Note: Jacob's life spans all of the Patriarchs—Abraham died when Jacob was 15, and he was able to bless Joseph's two Egyptian-born sons, Ephraim and Manasseh.

A. Significant Events (2006-1859 B.C.; 147 years; Genesis 47:28)

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ for Esau's birthright—Genesis 25:27-34
2. His \_\_\_\_\_—Genesis 28:10-15
3. His \_\_\_\_\_ for his brides—Genesis 29
4. His \_\_\_\_\_ sons' tribes—Genesis 30
5. His name \_\_\_\_\_—Genesis 32:24-32

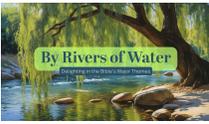
B. Lessons

1. God makes deceivers \_\_\_\_\_—2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 3:9
2. God \_\_\_\_\_ His promises—2 Peter 1:4

IV. JOSEPH—"JEHOVAH HAS ADDED" (GENESIS 37-50)

A. Significant Events (1915-1805 B.C.; 110 years; Genesis 37:2, 41:46, 50:26)

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ status—Genesis 37:3-4
2. His \_\_\_\_\_—Genesis 37:5-11
3. His \_\_\_\_\_—Genesis 37:12-36



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4. His \_\_\_\_\_—Genesis 39:1-6
5. His \_\_\_\_\_—Genesis 39:7-40:23
6. His \_\_\_\_\_—Genesis 41:1-57
7. His \_\_\_\_\_ salvation—Genesis 42-46:7; 50:15-21
8. His \_\_\_\_\_ prepared for Exodus—Genesis 50:26

### B. Lessons

1. Remember you are God's \_\_\_\_\_—John 1:12
2. Keep your \_\_\_\_\_—Proverbs 11:3
3. \_\_\_\_\_ God's will—Proverbs 3:5-6
4. Let your life \_\_\_\_\_ others'—John 15:13; 1 John 3:16; Jude 23

### CONCLUSION

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Will you seek the blessed expressions of God in the story of His people's \_\_\_\_\_? Acts 7:1-16