

Rebellion and Redemption

#3- Global Rebellion and the Patriarchs

Gen. 4:– Gen 28:15

Memory Verse - Hand out Scriptures to read

Genesis 28:15 (NKJV) “Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you”.

Cain and Abel

Eve said; “I have acquired a man from the Lord”. **Genesis. 4:1, NKJV** The text, translated literally, could read, “I have made a man—the Lord.”

Genesis 4:2 (NKJV) *Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.*

***Genesis 4:9** (NKJV) *Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?”*

Genesis 3:9, 10; 4:9. Compare Adam’s reaction with Cain’s reaction. Adam appears confused, frightened, and ashamed (*Gen. 3:10*), but Cain is angry (*Gen. 4:5*), cynical, and rebellious (*Gen. 4:9*).

Imagine the woe of Adam and Eve over the death of their son, which would have been bad enough if not for the fact that another son had killed him.

Thus, they lost two sons.

Heaven was a loving family when sin entered.

Brother murders- Absalom Amnon, Abimelech.

Judges 9:5 (NKJV) *Then he went to his father’s house at Ophrah and killed his brothers, the seventy sons of Jerubbaal, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, because he hid himself.*

The Flood

Was there a global flood? Forests, Shell and marine life cover the continents. Colossal coal and oil beds. Rock formations and strata.

Who are the sons of God?

Genesis 4:26 *And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.*

Matthew 5:9 (NKJV) *Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.*

Romans 8:14 (NKJV) *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

***Galatians 3:26** (NKJV) *For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*

In the Flood we see a partial reversal of the special acts of Creation; **Genesis 6:1–4** (NKJV) *Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” ⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.*

Genesis 6:5 (NKJV) *Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

Genesis 6:6–7 (NKJV) *And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”*

Noah Genesis 6:9–11 (NKJV) *This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.*

Genesis 9:20–21 (NKJV) *And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. ²¹ Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.*

Abraham (Separating)

Genesis 12:1–3 (NKJV) *Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee: I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

2 Corinthians 6:17–18 *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, ¹⁸ And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

***Genesis 13:8** (NKJV) *So Abram said to Lot, “Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren.*

Genesis 13:14–16 (NKJV) *And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; ¹⁵ for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. ¹⁶ And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.*

It was to impress Abraham’s mind with the reality of the gospel, as well as to test his faith, that God commanded him to slay his son. The agony which he endured during the dark days of that fearful trial was permitted that he might understand from his own experience something of the greatness of the sacrifice made by the infinite God for man’s redemption... “The sacrifice required of Abraham was not alone for his own good, nor solely for the benefit of succeeding generations; but it was also for the instruction of the sinless intelligences of heaven and of other worlds. ... Because Abraham had shown a lack of faith in God’s promises, Satan had accused him before the angels and before God of having failed to comply with the conditions of the covenant, and as unworthy of its blessings. God desired to prove the loyalty of His servant before all heaven, to demonstrate that nothing less than perfect obedience can be accepted, and to open more fully before them the plan of salvation.”— *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 154, 155.

Jacob and Esau

Hebrews 12:16 (NKJV) *lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.*

Genesis 25:22 *But the children struggled together within her;*

Rachael is a type of the church the spirit and flesh war within her.

Genesis 25:33–34 (NKJV) *Then Jacob said, “Swear to me as of this day.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.*

Romans 8:6–9 (NKJV) *For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*

Jacob wore his elder brother’s clothes to get the Father’s blessing.

Genesis 27:41 (NKJV) *So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, “The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then **I will kill my brother Jacob.**”*

Genesis 27:43–45 *Now therefore, my son, obey my voice: arise, flee to my brother Laban in Haran. ⁴⁴ And stay with him a few days, until your brother’s fury turns away, ⁴⁵ until your brother’s anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereaved also of you both in one day?”*

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Genesis 29:27 (NKJV) ²⁷ *Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another seven years.”*

***Genesis 31:24 (NKJV)** *But God had come to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said to him, “Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad.”*

Joseph and His Brothers

Genesis 37:3–4 (NKJV) ³ *Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.*

Brother Killing Brother

Genesis 37:19–20 (NKJV) *Then they said to one another, “Look, this dreamer is coming! ²⁰ Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, ‘Some wild beast has devoured him.’ We shall see what will become of his dreams!”*

John 16:2 (NKJV) *They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. **Friendly Fire becomes a problem***

Matthew 10:21–22 (ESV) *Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*