

God's Blessing to All Families

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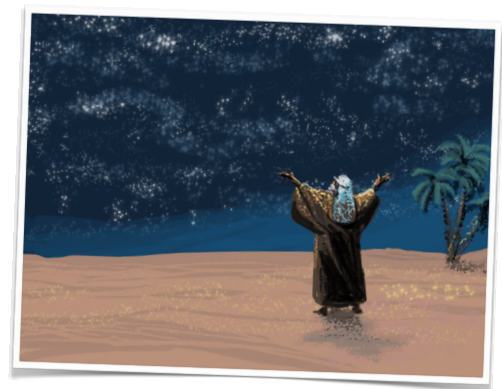
SEARCHING FOR THE KING

Reading [Genesis 4-11](#) can quickly make you feel like God's good plans for humanity weren't going to work. There's a **WHOLE LOT** of really bad news!

- [Cain](#) kills his brother Abel ([4](#))
- A man named Lamech brags to his two wives about killing a man ([4](#))
- God sends the [flood](#) because of all the wickedness and violence on earth ([6-8](#))...
- ...even Noah gets caught up in sin after the flood ([9](#))
- The proud builders of the tower of [Babel](#) get themselves in trouble with the LORD ([11](#))

How will anything **GOOD** come out of the mess that wicked hearts and sinful choices are making in the lives of every single family on earth? In [Genesis 12](#), God made some wonderful promises to a 75-year-old man who didn't have any children:

Now the LORD said to [Abram](#), "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be **blessed**." ([12:1-3](#))



Years later, God made the same promises to Abraham's son, [Isaac](#) ([Gen 26:2-4](#)) and to Abraham's grandson, [Jacob](#) ([Gen 35:10-12](#)):

- ★ Their family line would grow into a great [nation](#)
- ★ That nation would have a beautiful [land](#) to live in
- ★ Somehow, someday, "**all the nations of the earth**" would be blessed through this family line. How?

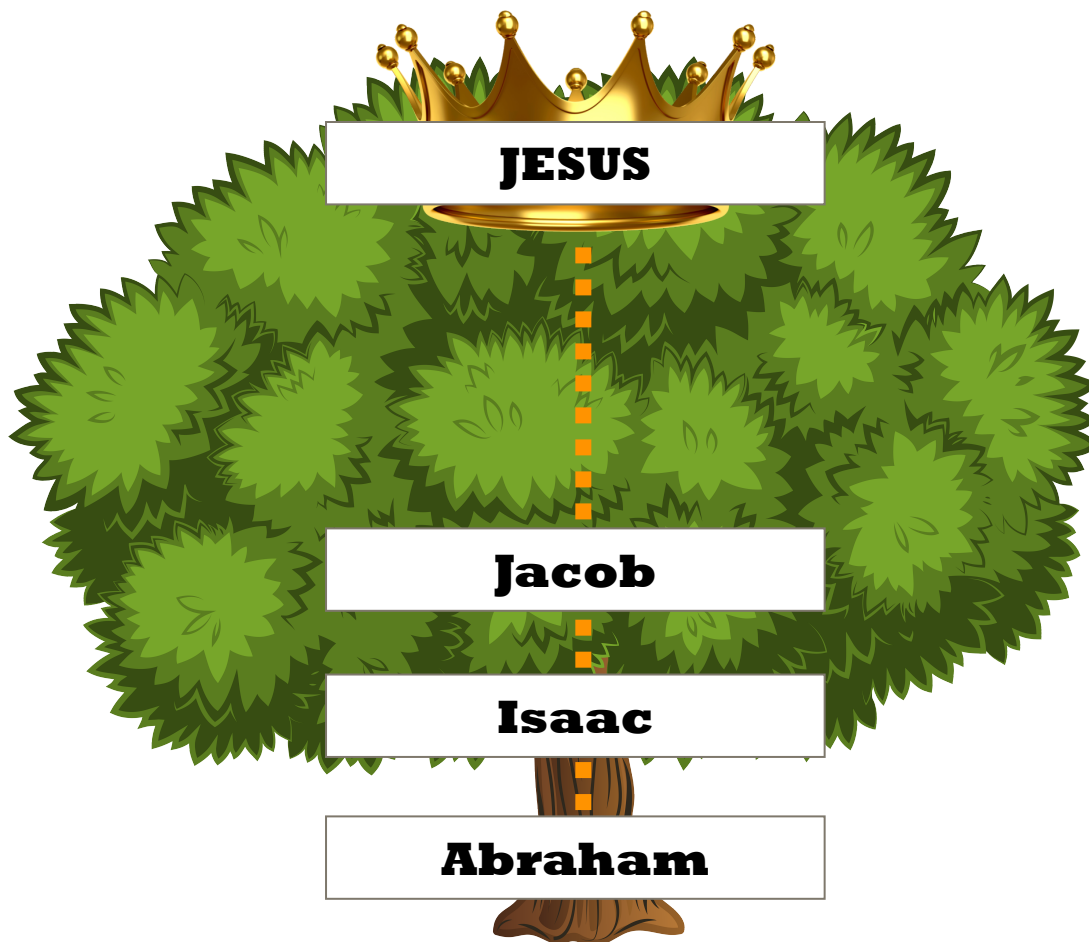
Let's talk about it...

FOUNDATION STONES

Let's think about God fulfilling his three great promises to Abraham:



- ☆ Did he make Abraham's family line grow into a great **nation**?
What was that nation called?
- ☆ Did he give that nation a beautiful **land** to live in? What was that land called? Can you find **Joshua 21:43-45** in your Bible? What does it tell us about God keeping his promise to Abraham's family?
- ☆ And what was God's **third** promise to Abraham? Did he keep that promise? **How did it come true?**



"Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and ... of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ." (Matthew 1:1-2, 16)