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Review

- BEGINNINGS—OF THE HUMAN RACE; OF THE HEBREW RACE
- FOUR EVENTS: CREATION, FALL, FLOOD, NATIONS
- FOUR PEOPLE: ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB, JOSEPH

Genesis 31:1-3, 38-42, and 55

1) **Reminder of God's covenant (unilateral)**

To Abraham - I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. **Genesis 12:1-3**

To Abraham- As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God. **Genesis 17:4-8**

To Jacob- Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you. **Genesis 28:14-15**

The covenant is God's; it is dependent solely on Him and His work. He will use Abraham, Jacob, and others to carry it out, but it's all Him! They might be the body to carry it out but it's God in them!

God was the one that began and upheld the covenant; it would be carried out either in spite of them or out of their obedience!

2) **Reminder that God keeps His covenants/ promises**

Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's household, then the LORD will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

Genesis 28:20-22

Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you." **Genesis 31:3**

God was carrying out His promise (beginning)!

We have promises all throughout scripture, the greatest is Salvation, For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16!**

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. **John 17:3**

Many promises we have in scripture!!!

3) **Reminder that we are to trust Him and His faithfulness**

Trusting Him we don't lose and it strengthens our obedience and relationship with Christ.

We are not to obey Christ out of guilt, morality, or religion but, rather love, out of a relationship!

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. **1 Corinthians 5:14-15**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. **2 Peter 3:19**

As believers we are to pass the word of God's promise! We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. **2 Corinthians 5:20**

Remember God's promises and trust Him and His faithfulness!

It's all of God, we are to follow Him! Matthew 16:24

