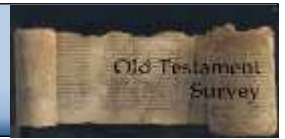




Genesis Patriarchs – Textbook Reading



Textbook Reading

(Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)

Ch. 5

- ☐ The Story of the Patriarchs

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 5

The Story of the Patriarchs

- According to the textbook, how does the human dilemma find its solution? Why is this important?

Abraham and Isaac (12-25)

- What was God's word to Abraham? What were the two great promises that were given to Abraham? Why were these things important to him?
- What did God ask Abram to leave?
- In what ways did it appear that Abraham would fail?
- What is significant about Genesis chapter 15? Which verse does the textbook call "one of the most important verses of the Bible"? Why? How is this echoed in the New Testament?
- How did God assure Abram of His promises? What is significant about this ceremony?
- What happened in Genesis ch. 16? Why? How does the textbook explain this?
- What does chapter 17 tell us about God and what He expects from His people? How does the textbook define and describe the concept of "righteousness"? What difference does this make?
- What does the textbook suggest is significant about the change of names given to Abraham and Sarah?
- How does the textbook define and describe the concept of a "covenant"?
- What did God promise to Abraham and Sarah? How did He fulfill this promise?
- What does chapter 22 contribute to this story, according to the textbook? How does the textbook suggest this chapter is related to chapter 12? What is the significance of this?

Jacob and His Twelve Sons (25:19-36:43)

- What point does the textbook make about privilege of position and our standing with God?
- What does the textbook say is "the question of the Jacob stories"? What about the story makes it raise this question?
- How does chapter 28 provide the answer to this question, according to the textbook? What does the textbook contrast with "Jacob's character and intentions"? Why is this important for understanding this story?
- What happened in the rest of the Jacob narrative?
- What is significant about Jacob's name change?

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- What parts of God's promises were fulfilled in the life of Jacob? What parts were not yet completely fulfilled?

Joseph

- What is different about the Joseph account, compared to the earlier stories?
- What are the two reasons the textbook gives for the Joseph narrative? How do each of these contribute to the larger story of God's people? How does this prepare for the continuation of the story later in the Old Testament?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter