

Genesis 12–50

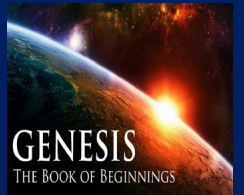
Israel's Birth & Preservation



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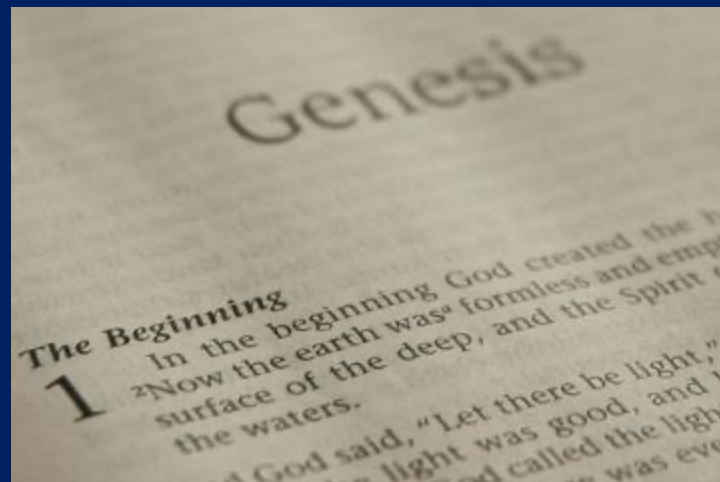
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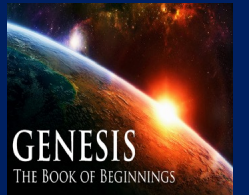


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II. Beginning of the Hebrew race (Gen. 12–50)



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I. Genesis 1-11 (four events)

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B. Fall (3-5)

C. Flood (6-9)

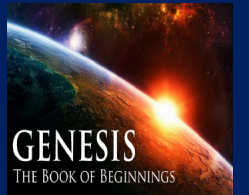
D. National dispersion (10-11)



Genesis 3:15

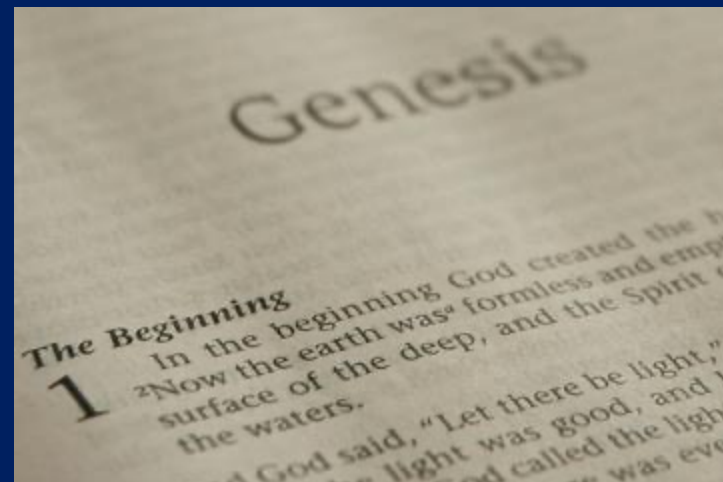
“And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”



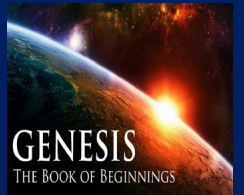


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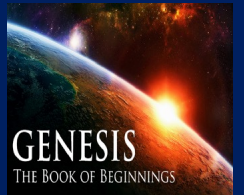


Isaiah 43:1

“But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!'”



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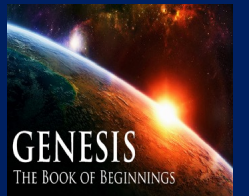
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Abram's Early Journeys

- I. Unconditional promises (Gen. 12:1-3)
- II. From Haran to Canaan (Gen. 12:4-5)
- III. In Canaan (Gen. 12:6-9)
- IV. In Egypt (Gen. 12:10-20)
- V. Abram and Lot Separate (Gen. 13:1-13)
- VI. Reaffirmation of Abram's promises (Gen. 13:14-18)
- VII. Abram Rescues Lot (14:1-24)
- VIII. Abrahamic Covenant (15:1-21)
- IX. Hagar & Ishmael (16:1-16)
- X. Circumcision (Gen. 17:1-27)
- XI. Sodom & Gomorrah (Gen. 18–19)
- XII. Abraham & Abimelech (Gen. 20)**

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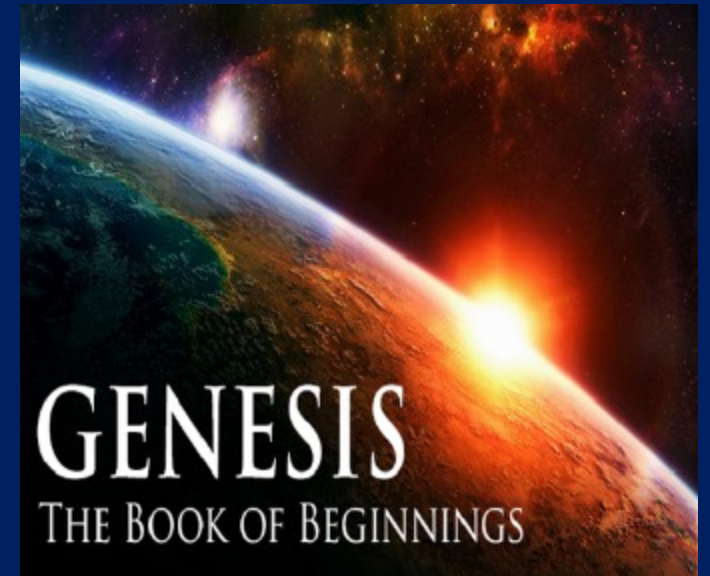
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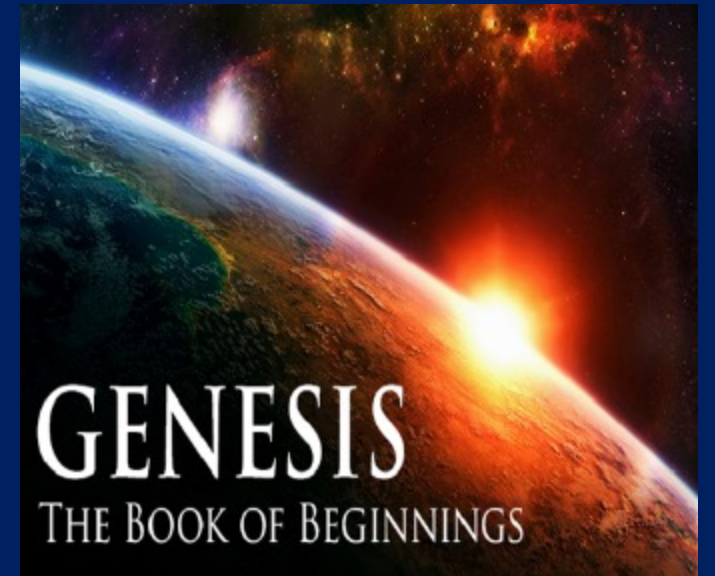
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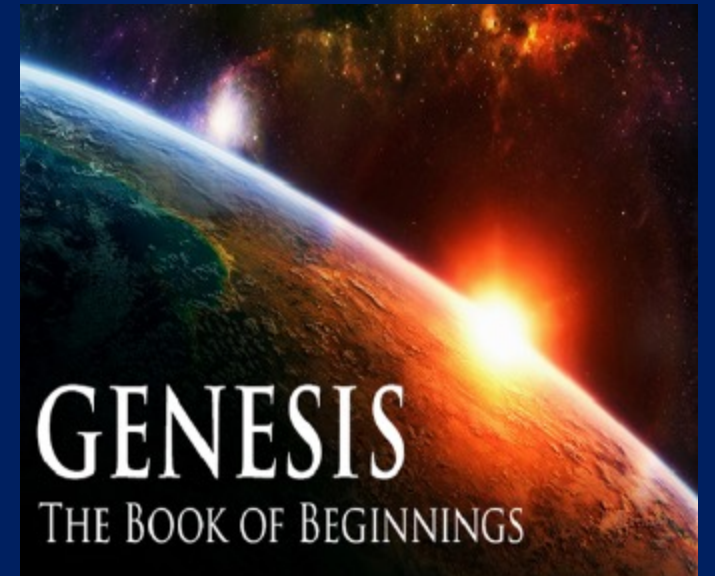


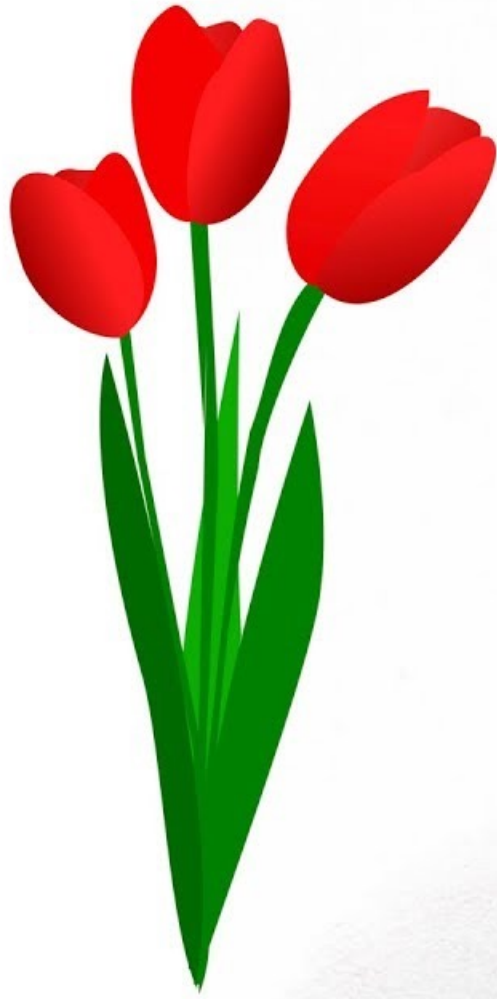
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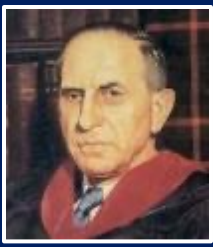
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Irresistible Grace

Perseverance of the Saints



John Murray

Redemption Accomplished and Applied, (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing Co. 2015 edition), p. 152, 154-55, 165. pp. 152, 154-55, 165



“The crucial test of true faith is endurance to the end, abiding in Christ, and continuance in the Word...He cannot abandon himself to sin; he cannot come under the domination of sin; he cannot be guilty of certain kinds of unfaithfulness...Let us appreciate the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints and recognize that we may entertain the faith of our security in Christ only as we persevere in faith and holiness to the end...The perseverance of the saints reminds us very forcefully that only those who persevere to the end are truly saints.”

1 Peter 1:5

“⁴to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”



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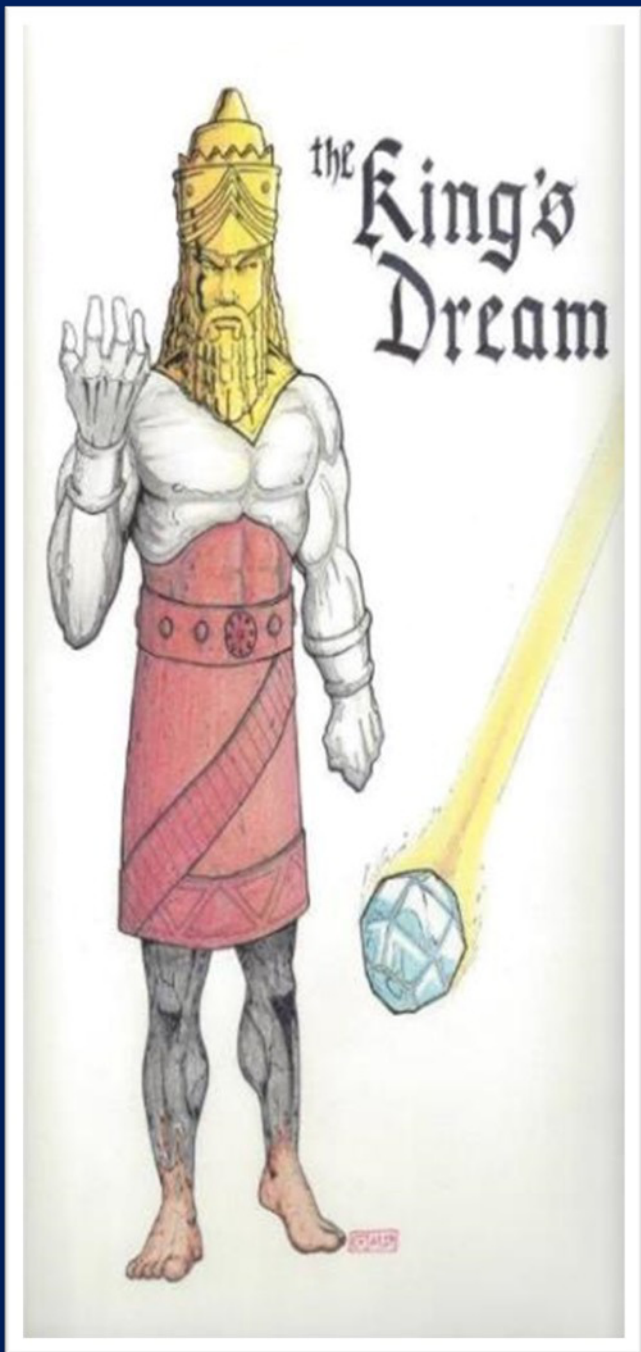


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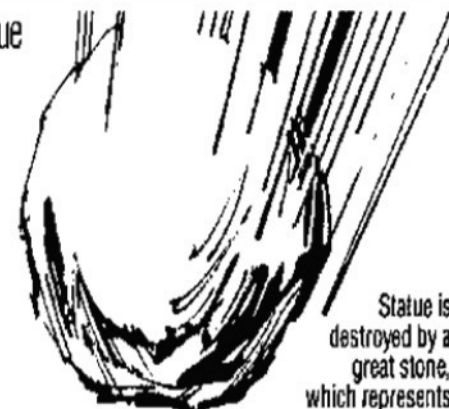
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Statue & Stone

2. A Statue and a Stone



Statue is destroyed by a great stone, which represents Jesus Christ



HEAD
GOLD
WORLD POWER
BABYLON
606-539

CHEST AND ARMS
SILVER
WORLD POWER
PERSIA
539-331

STOMACH AND THIGHS
BRASS
WORLD POWER
GREECE
331-323

LEGS AND FEET
IRON & CLAY
WORLD POWER
ROME
322 B.C. — A.D. 476
FUTURE

Daniel Interprets the Writing (5:24-28)





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The Book of Genesis, 334-35



“In Genesis and elsewhere, God more than once appeared to pagans by means of a dream. In Genesis, Abimelech is the first of five pagans to receive a divine revelation of things by a dream, and all were warnings. The other four were Laban (31:24), the butler and the baker (40:5), and Pharaoh (41:1).”

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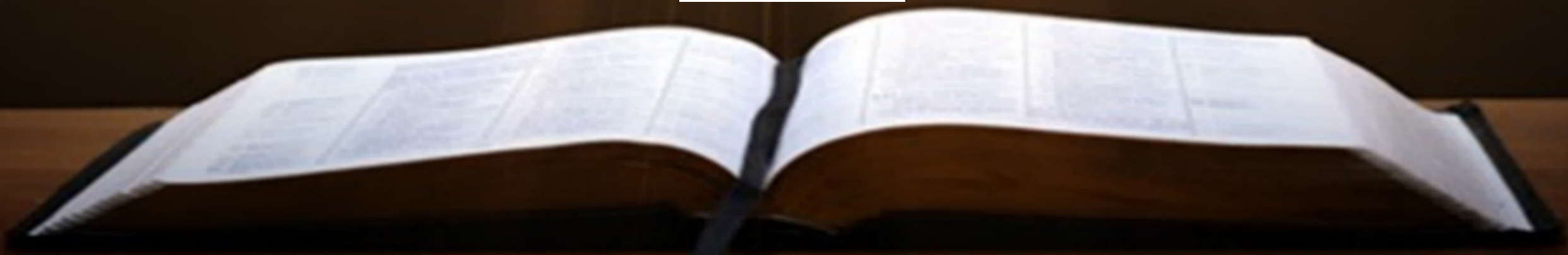
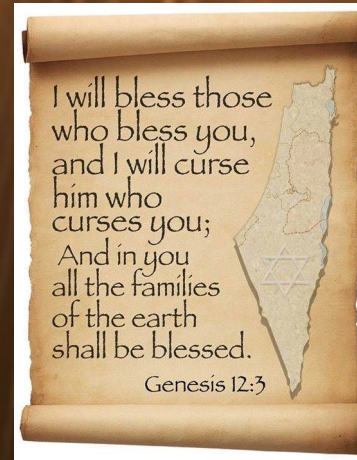
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2 Timothy 2:11-13

“It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; ¹² If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; ¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.”



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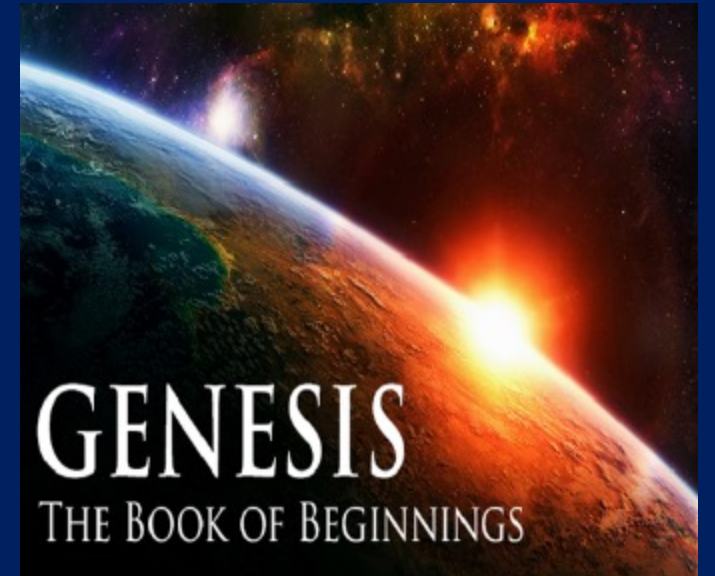
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The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



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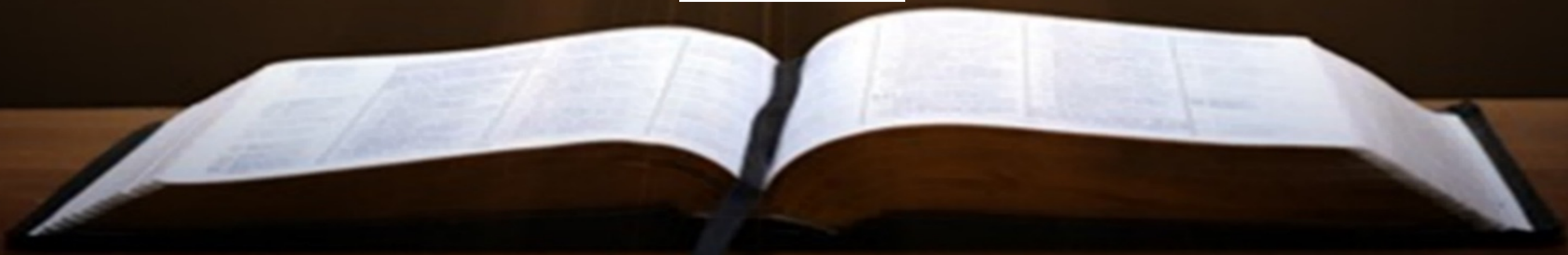
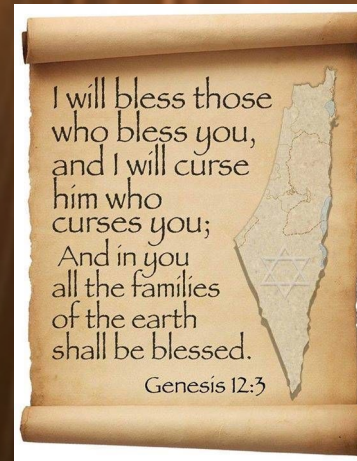
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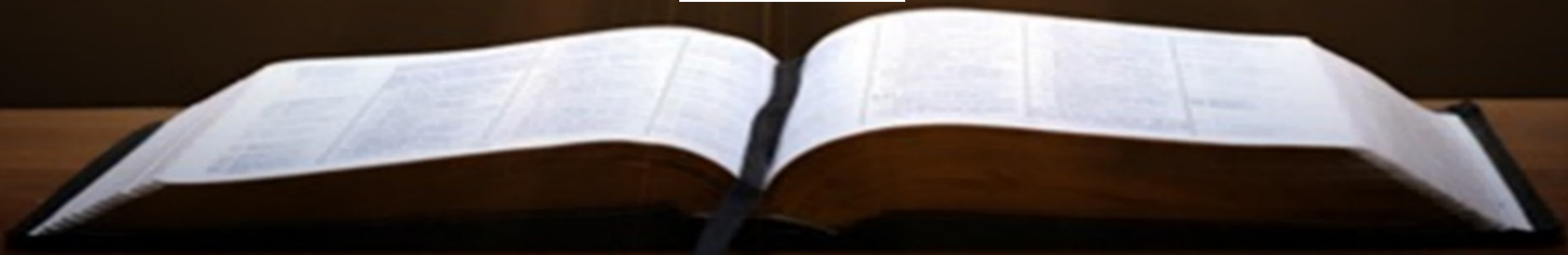
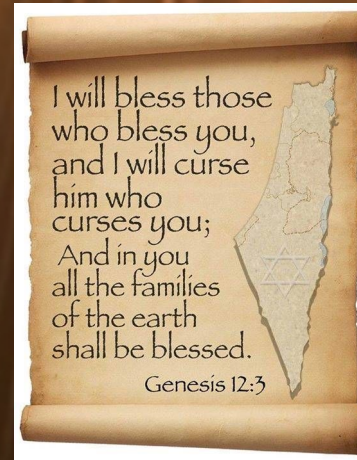
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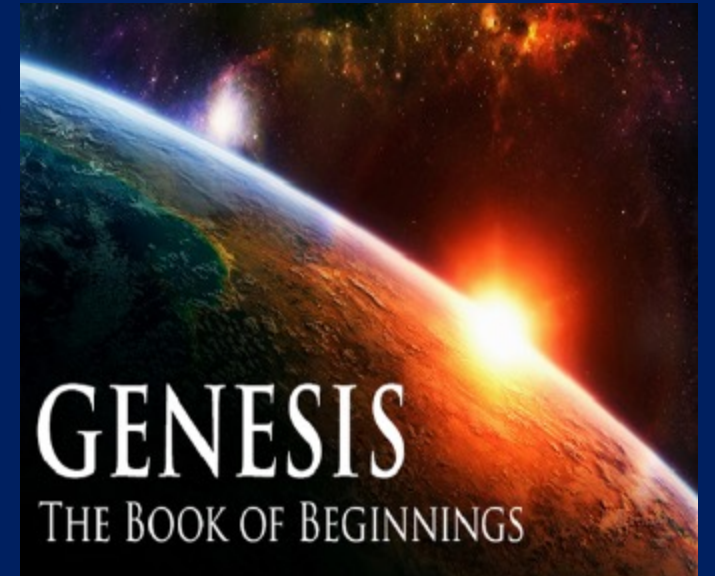
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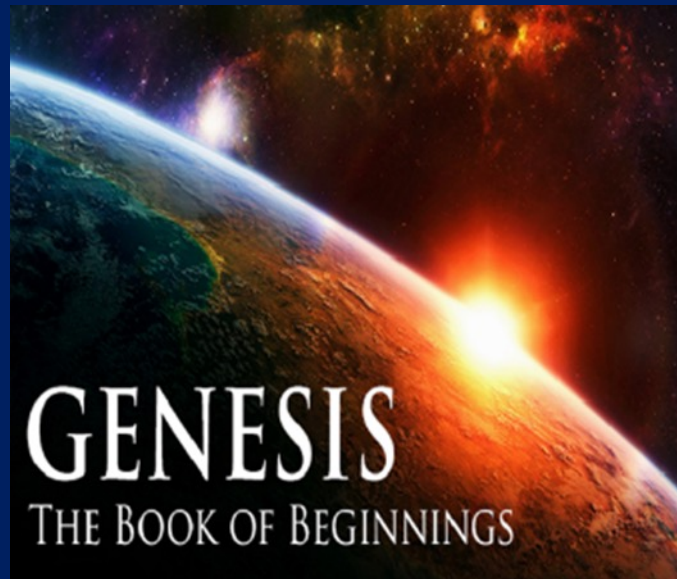


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“The irony here is that a pagan king condemned a patriarch for his sin.”



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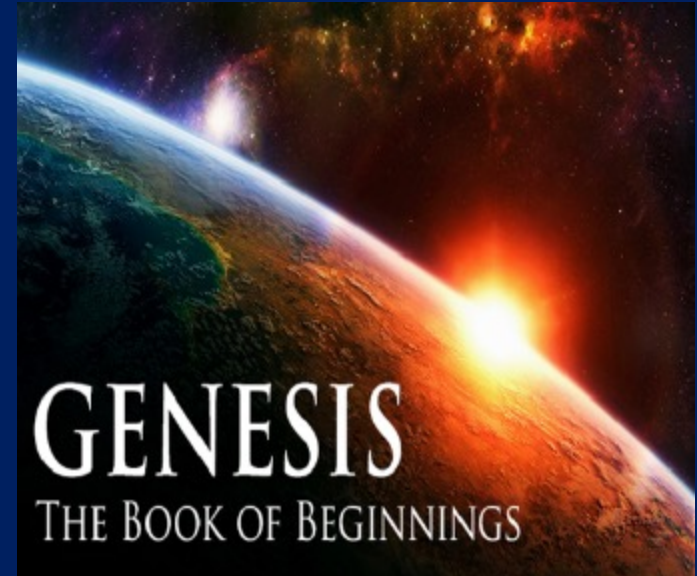
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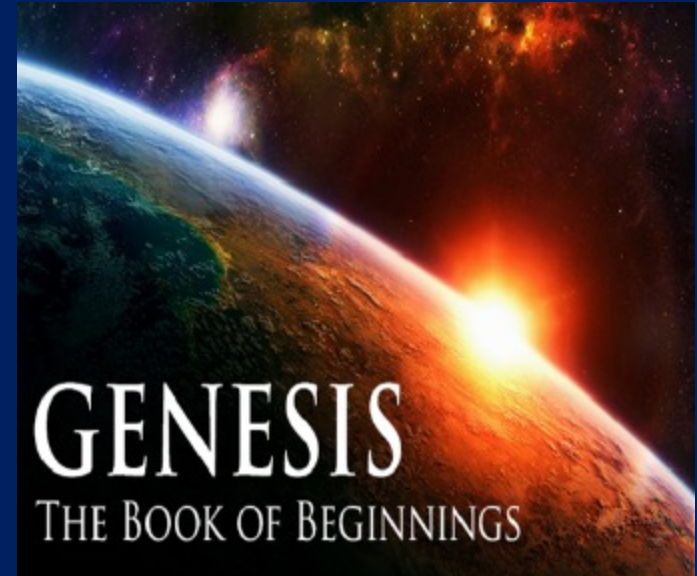
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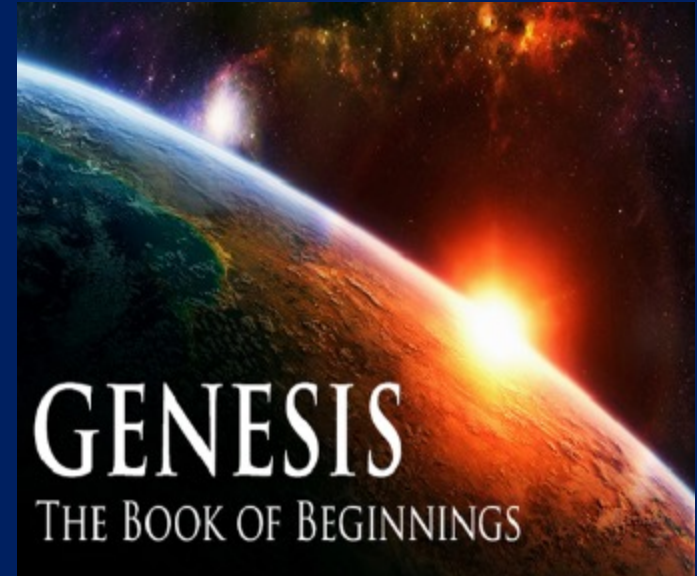
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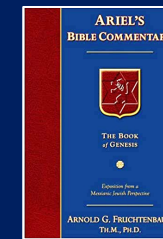






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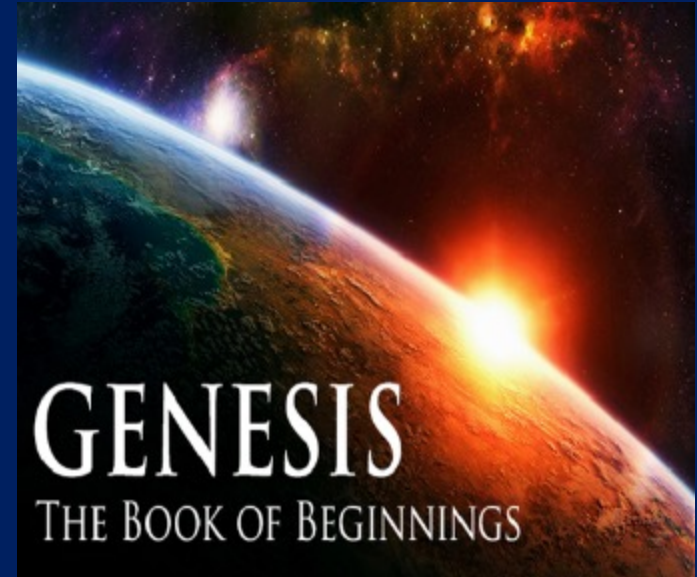


“Then in verse 12, he explained his relationship with Sarah: *And moreover she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.* Therefore, Sarah was Abraham’s wife, but she was also his half-sister, having the same father, but a different mother. This was later forbidden by the Law of Moses (Lev. 18:9, 18:11, 20:17; Deut. 27:22; Ezek. 22:11), but this law was not in force in Abraham’s day.”

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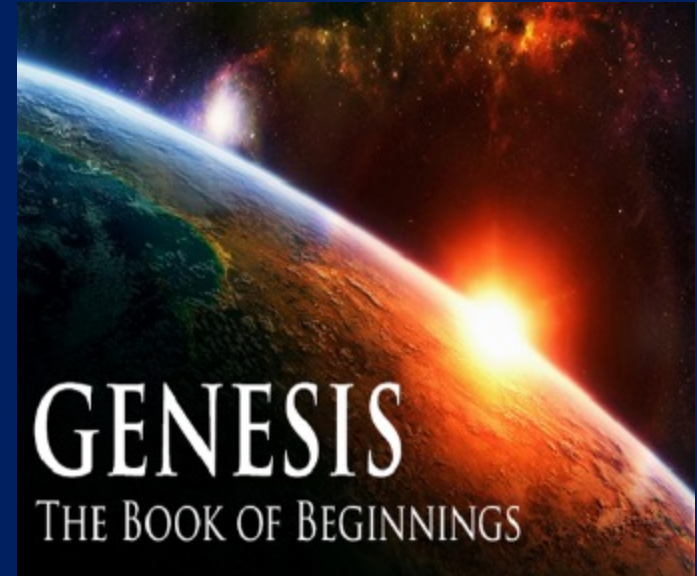
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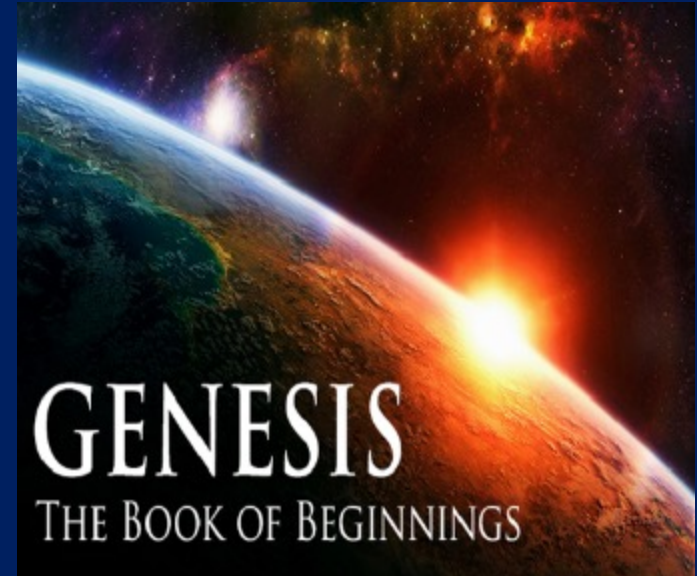
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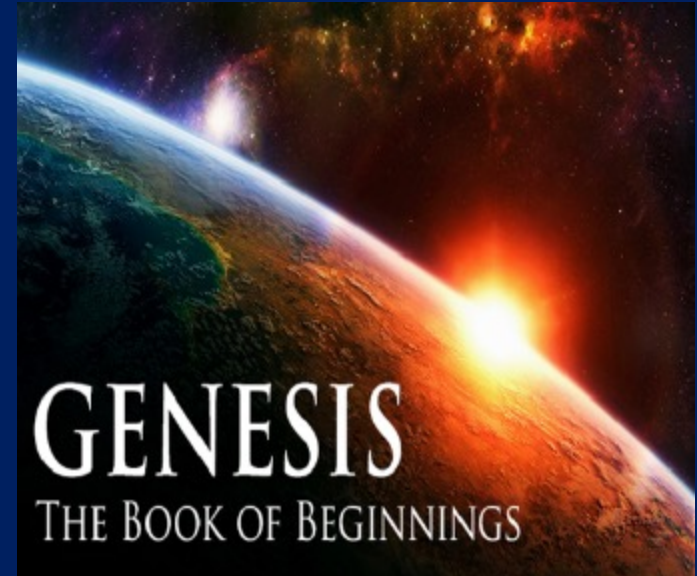


“Abimelech’s action is in keeping with Middle Assyrian Law (15th-12th century b.c.): ‘If in the case of a seignior’s [man’s] wife, one not her father, nor her brother, nor her son, but another person, has caused her to take to the road, but he did not know that she was a seignior’s [man’s] wife, he shall (so) swear and he shall also pay two talents of lead to the woman’s husband.’”

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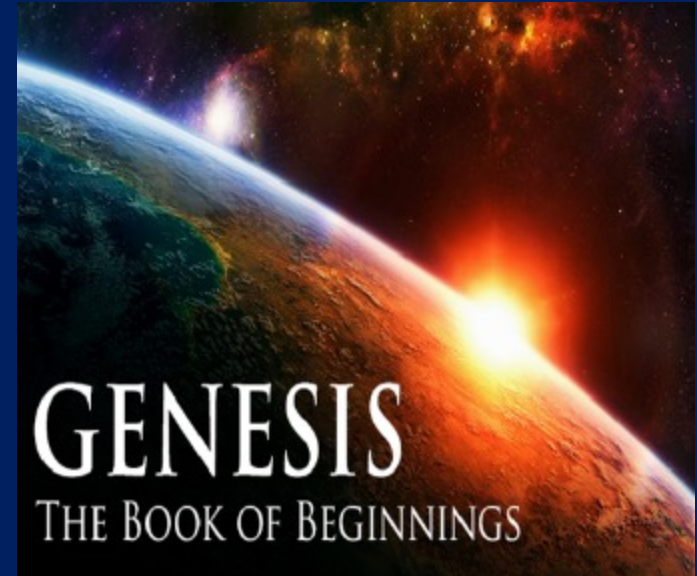
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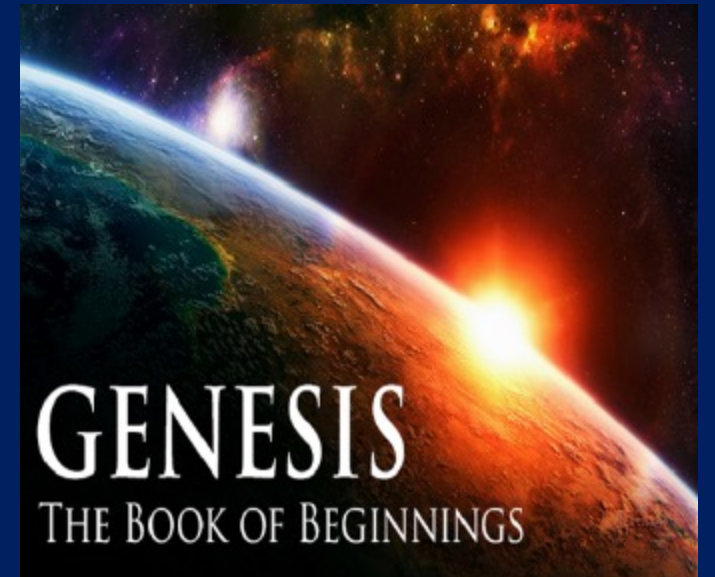
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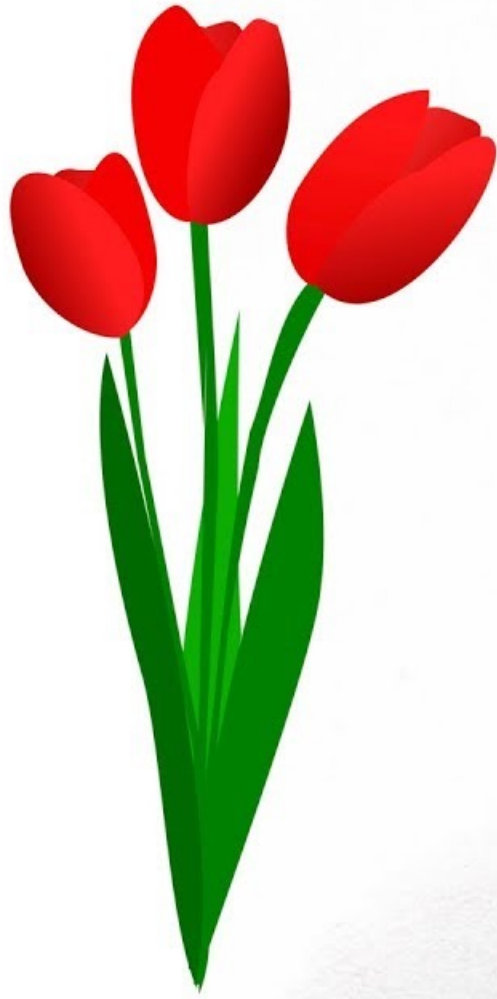


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Lectures in Systematic Theology, rev. ed. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1979), 191.

“The Scriptures speak of human nature as totally depraved. However, the doctrine of ‘total depravity’ is easily misunderstood and misinterpreted. From the negative standpoint, it is important to know both what it does not mean and what it does mean. This does not mean that every sinner is devoid of all qualities pleasing to men; that he commits, or is prone to every form of sin; or that he is bitterly opposed to God as it is possible for him to be. Jesus recognized the existence of pleasing qualities in some individuals (Mark 10:21); He said that the scribes and Pharisees did some things God demanded (Matt. 23:23); Paul asserted that some Gentiles ‘do instinctively the things of the law’ (Rom. 2:14); God told Abraham that the iniquity of the Amorites would grow worse (Gen. 15:16); and Paul says that ‘evil men and imposters will proceed from bad to worse’ (2 Tim. 3:13).”

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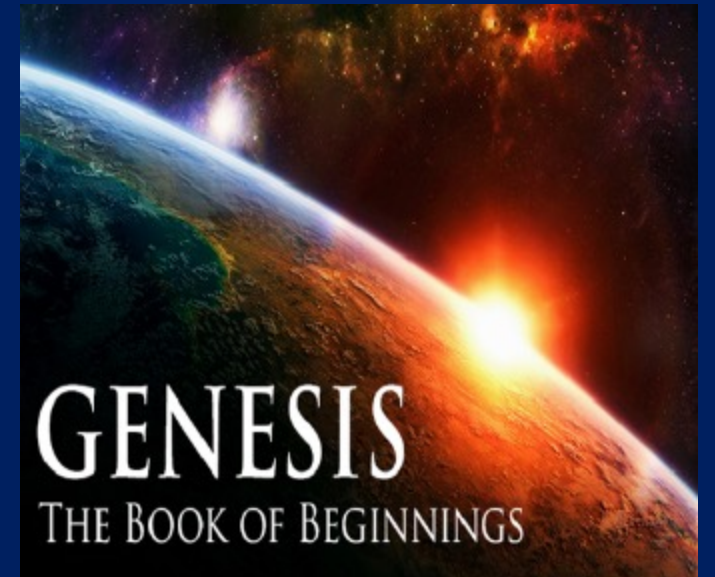
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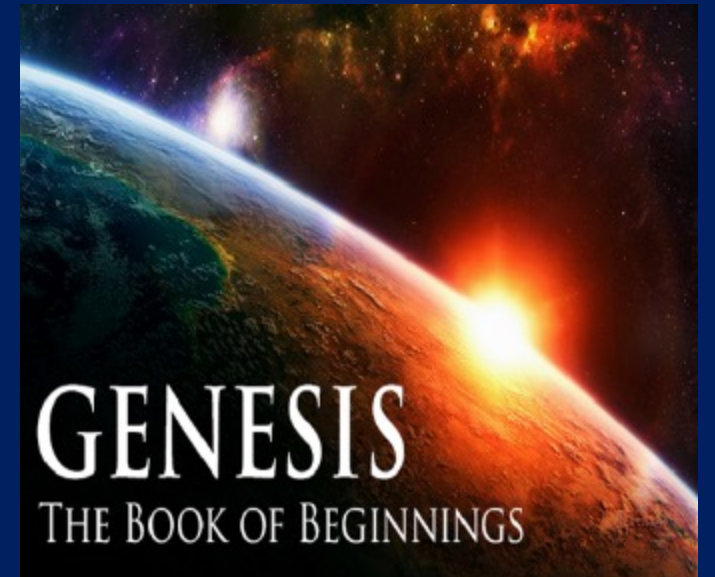
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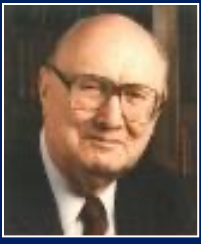


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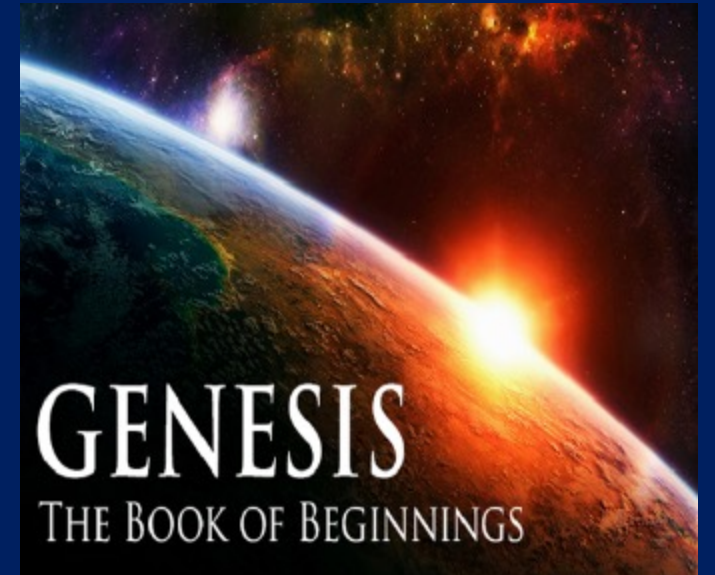
Evidence of Abrahamic Covenant's Unconditional Nature

- ANE covenant ratification ceremony (Gen 15)
- Lack of stated conditions for Israel's obedience (Gen 15)
- Covenant's eternality (Gen 17:7, 13, 19; Ps. 90:2)
- Covenant's immutability (Heb 6:13-18; Mal. 3:6)
- Trans-generational reaffirmation despite perpetual national disobedience (Jer 31:35-37)

E. Abimelech & Abraham

Genesis 20:17-18

1. Abraham's prayer (17a)
2. Result (17b)
3. Curse (18)



2 Timothy 2:11-13

“It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; ¹² If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; ¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.”



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VI. 8 New Promises

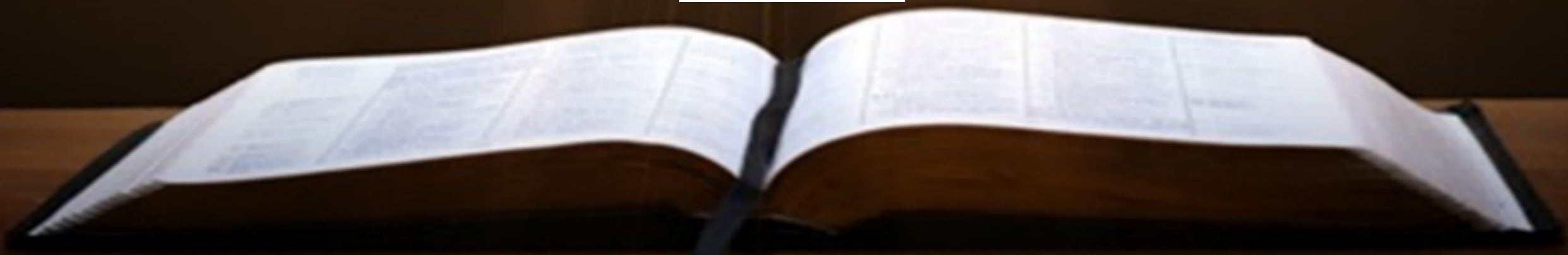
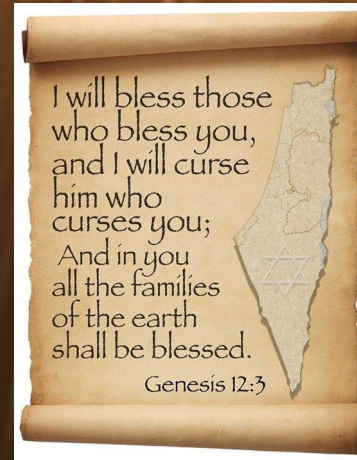
Genesis 12:1-3

- A. Land (Gen. 12:1b)
- B. Great nation (Gen. 12:2a)
- C. Personal blessing (Gen. 12:2b)
- D. Great name (Gen. 12:2c)
- E. Blessing to others (Gen. 12:2d)
- F. Blessing to blessers (Gen. 12:3a)
- G. Cursing to cursers (Gen. 12:3b)
- H. Blessing to the world (Gen. 12:3c)



Genesis 12:3

“And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”







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“Finally, in 20:18, the actual curse is revealed: *For Jehovah had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham’s wife.* Here again is an example of the outworking of the Abrahamic Covenant and the curse-for-curse-in-kind principle. Abimelech’s action would have resulted in Isaac not being born, and so the specific curse against Abraham was the danger of extinction of Abraham’s line and the promised nation by keeping birth from occurring.”



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“If Isaac would not be born, the Jewish nation would then die out with the death of Abraham. If God had not reversed the curse on Abimelech, he would have been faced with the real danger of extinction because of the inability of the women in his household to give birth to children. When Abimelech restored Sarah to Abraham, the future of Abimelech’s nation is restored by God.”

Conclusion

Genesis 20

Abraham & Abimelech

- A. Background (20:1-2)
- B. Abimelech & God (20:3-8)
- C. Abimelech & Abraham (20:9-15)
- D. Abimelech & Sarah (16)
- E. Removal of the curse (17-18)



Genesis 12–20

Abram's Early Journeys



- I. Unconditional promises (Gen. 12:1-3)
- II. From Haran to Canaan (Gen. 12:4-5)
- III. In Canaan (Gen. 12:6-9)
- IV. In Egypt (Gen. 12:10-20)
- V. Abram and Lot Separate (Gen. 13:1-13)
- VI. Reaffirmation of Abram's promises (Gen. 13:14-18)
- VII. Abram Rescues Lot (14:1-24)
- VIII. Abrahamic Covenant (15:1-21)
- IX. Hagar & Ishmael (16:1-16)
- X. Circumcision (Gen. 17:1-27)
- XI. Sodom & Gomorrah (Gen. 18–19)
- XII. Abraham & Abimelech (Gen. 20)
- XIII. Isaac's birth (Gen. 21)**



²⁴ The LORD bless you, and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26 (NASB95)