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BIBLE CHARACTER STUDY OLD TESTAMENT:

#4 — The Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob

Key Bible Verses: Genesis 12:1-3

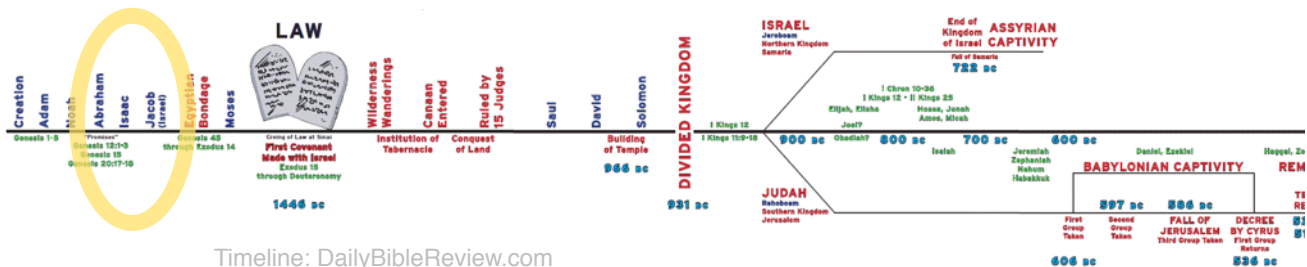
Get out of your country, From your family, And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you, And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

10 KEY BIBLE FACTS about the Old Testament Patriarchs:

1. ABRAM/ABRAHAM IS CALLED BY GOD: Abraham's wife's name is SARAI/SARAH. God promises them a son.
2. IMPATIENCE: Abram takes Sarai's handmaid, HAGAR, to have a child. Abram & Hagar have a son, "ISHMAEL."
3. PROMISE FULFILLED: God again promises ABRAHAM & SARAH a son, to be named "ISAAC" (or "laughter").
4. HAGAR and son, ISHMAEL are mistreated and they run away. God reveals Himself as "The God who Sees."
5. SURRENDER: God calls Abraham to offer Isaac on an altar, a shadow of God offering His son, Jesus on Calvary.
6. SACRIFICE: God provides a ram, caught in a thicket to take Isaac's place. God is called "The God who Provides."
7. ISAAC & REBECCA: Abraham's servant finds a wife for Isaac. Isaac & Rebecca have twins, JABOB & ESAU.
8. BIRTHRIGHT LOST: Esau surrenders his inheritance for a bowl of stew. Jacob earnestly desires God's blessing.
9. JACOB FLEES and works for LABAN who tricks him to marry LEAH the older sister of RACHAEL, whom he loves.
10. JACOB'S 12 SONS (through Leah, Rachel and two concubines, Zilpah & Bilhah) become the 12 Tribes of Israel.

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

BIBLE TIMELINE — Joseph & his brothers (the 12 Tribes) — Genesis 37-46



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Abraham Offering His Son, Isaac — The Testing of Abraham's Faith