

The Bible Jesus Used

A Gospel-Centered Glance at the Old Testament

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Genesis at a Glance

		<u>toledot Structure</u>		<u>Outline</u>
		Preface. Biblical Worldview Foundations (1:1–2:3)		I. Preface. <i>The Blessing-Commission:</i> Humanity's Productive Kingdom-Purpose as God-Imagers (1:1–2:3)
1	i	The <u>toledot</u> of the H and E (2:4–4:26)	N	
2A	ii	The <u>toledot</u> of Adam (5:1–6:8)	GL	II. <i>The Need for Blessing:</i> Humanity's Perversion & the Merciful Kingdom Promise of a Curse-Overcoming Seed (2:4–4:26)
	iii	The <u>toledot</u> of Noah (6:9–9:29) <i>And the toledot of Noah's Sons</i> (10:1–11:9)	N GS	
2B	iv	The <u>toledot</u> of Shem (11:10–11:26)	GL	III. <i>The Hope for Blessing:</i> Humanity's Merciful Preservation & Provision for Kingdom Blessing (5:1–50:26) A. <i>The Missional Blessing Renewed</i> (5:1–11:9) B. <i>The Agency for Blessing Declared</i> (11:10–50:26)
		<i>And the toledot of Terah</i> (11:27–25:11)	N	
		<i>And the toledot of Ishmael</i> (25:12–18)	GS	
		<i>And the toledot of Isaac</i> (25:19–35:29)	N	
	<i>And the toledot of Esau</i> (36:1–8; 36:9–37:1)	GS		
	v	The <u>toledot</u> of Jacob (37:2–50:26)	N	
KEY: N = Narrative; GL = Linear Genealogy; GS = Segmented Genealogy				

The Setting of God's Promises to Abra(ha)m

❖ Biblical Context:

- ❖ Gal. 3:8. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached *the gospel* beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”

❖ General

- ❖ Mankind's core purpose: **worship and missions** (Gen. 1:26–28; 9:1)
- ❖ The problem: **rebellion and curse** (ch. 3)
- ❖ Two lines of descent (3:15)
 - ❖ Chosen line of hope (Seth, Enoch, Noah, Shem)
 - ❖ Rejected line of rebellion (esp. segmented genealogies)—Israel's mission field

❖ Specific

- ❖ World hope hinges on the preservation of the line of promise.
- ❖ A new threat: Sarai's barrenness (11:30)
- ❖ The curse as a backdrop to the promises given to Abram (3:14–19 with 12:1–3):
 - ❖ **Pain in childbirth** (3:16) gives rise to a nation (12:2) from whom the curse-overcoming deliverer will rise (3:15; 22:17b–18)
 - ❖ **The cursed ground that sucks away life** (3:17–19) will become the realm of a kingdom where lasting relationship with God will be enjoyed (12:7; 15:7).
 - ❖ **The overall global curse** will be reversed by blessing as God's people enjoy God's favor and thus fulfill their mission (12:3; cf. 1:28; 6:8).

❖ Abraham's Call (Gen 12:1–3)

❖ An Overview of the Great Commission & Promises

“Go (**command**) to the land I will show you (v.1)

so that (**promise**) (v.2)

(a) I may make you into a great nation

(b) I may bless you

(c) I may make your name great

And (there) be a blessing (**command**)

so that (**promise**)

(a) I may bless those who bless you (v.3)

(and the one who curses you I will curse)

(b) in you all the families of the earth may be
blessed.”

❖ **Observations of 12:1–3:**

- ❖ **Dominated by promise**
- ❖ **The fulfillment of the promises is conditioned on human response (“Go to the land.... Be a blessing!”)**
- ❖ **All driven by blessing and thus all about the overcoming of curse**
- ❖ **The mandatory obedience is only possible by grace**
 - ❖ **Divine blessing (1:28); divine grace (6:8)**
 - ❖ **The appearance of the “God of glory” (Acts 7:2) to one serving “other gods” (Josh. 24:2)**
 - ❖ **The promise maker must be **believable** and the promises **desirable** (see Heb. 11:6)**
- ❖ **Christ the offspring of Abraham**

- ❖ Christ is the offspring of Abraham through whom blessing comes.
- ❖ Gen. 22:17–18. I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. **And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.**
- ❖ Gal. 3:7–8, 14, 16, 29. Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”... In Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham [has] come to the Gentiles.... Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.... And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.