

Genesis 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "***I am God Almighty***; walk before me and be blameless.

Exod 6:3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them.

Abraham	South	Hebron
Jacob	North	Bethel
Isaac	Far South	Gerar --- no tradition preserved

Promise to Abraham

Gen 12:2-3 "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." *See also -- Gen 18:18 and Gen 21:18*

Take my wife ... please (endangered ancestress)

Gen 12:11-13, Gen 20:1-2, Gen 26:6-7

First plague

Gen 12:17 But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai.

Sacrifice of Isaac – Covenant is tested.

Barrenness

Gen 20:17 Then Abraham prayed to God, and *God healed Abimelech, his wife and his slave girls so they could have children again*, for the LORD had closed up every womb in Abimelech's household because of Abraham's wife Sarah.

Joseph

Gen 45:5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

Gen 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

At this time period, "Hebrews" should best be translated as "poor white trash".

Esau and Jacob reunite – observe the use of the word face; face of God. Perhaps Jacob's wrestling with God is wrestling with his conscience over Esau (see *Gen 32:30* and *Gen 33:10*)

Blessing – unilateral

Covenant – bilateral (Jacob bargains; non-symmetric)

Look at *Gen 12* and *Gen 17* promises

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The Patriarchs and Matriarchs

Genesis 14 – Melchizedek and the first tithe

Genesis 18:20 – Jacob's conditions for the covenant

Genesis 18:22 – second tithe

Genesis 23:17-20: Abraham buys land

Genesis 32:28 – Jacob renamed Israel (and Gen 35:10)

Genesis 33:19 – Jacob buys land