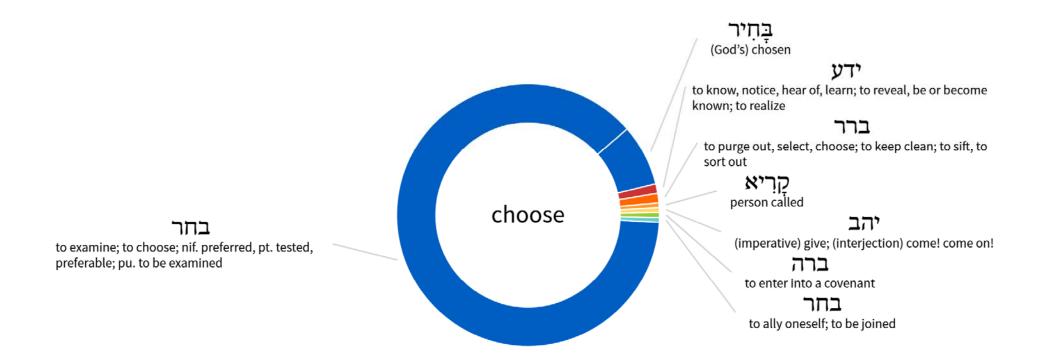
#### The Gospel in the Old Testament

# Jacob and Esau

Genesis 25:20-34; 27:1-40

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- The Creation of the Universe by the Word of God (1:1-2:3)
- II. The history about what happened to God's creation (2:4-6:8)
  - A. The fall and consequences to sin (2:4-4:26) God's curse/judgment against sin affects everything!
  - **B.** Genealogy of Adam's descendants (5:1-6:8)
    - 1. The family line from Adam to Noah through Seth (5:1-32)
    - 2. The wickedness of humanity (6:1-8)

# But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. Genesis 6:8

- III. The history about what happened to Noah's descendants (6:9-11:26)
  - A. The flood and the Noahic covenant (6:9-9:29)
  - B. Genealogy of Shem, Ham, and Japheth (10:1-11:9)
  - C. Genealogy of Shem to Abram (11:10-26)
    Out of all the nations of the world, the storyline funnels down to one man.

- IV. The history about what happened to Terah's descendants (11:27-25:18)
  - A. God calls Abram and promises the Abrahamic Covenant (12:1-9)
    - 1. Abram worshiped other gods (Joshua 24:2)
    - 2. God chose Abram (Nehemiah 9:7)
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  - C. Development of the promise: focus on seed (16-21)
    - God chose the younger Isaac over the older Ishmael. God's choice shows how salvation is not based on one's natural birth or lineage.
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  - D. God tests Abraham (22:1-19)
  - E. The transfer of the promise to the seed (22:20-25:11)

- V. The history about what happened to Isaac's descendants (25:19-37:1)
  - "the older shall serve the younger." (Gen. 25:23)
    - The purpose of God was stated before they were born, and therefore was not dependent on their actions.
    - so that God's purpose according to *His* choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls (Rom. 9:11)
    - Psalm 135:4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His own possession.

#### God's election is unconditional

- 1. Jacob and Esau had the same parents. Election is not based on bloodline.
- 2. The choice was made before Jacob and Esau were born. Election is not based on birth order.
- 3. Jacob deceptively deceived Isaac. Election is not based on what someone does after birth.

- VI. The history about what happened to Jacob's descendants (37:2-50:26)
  - OClose to death, Jacob pronounces on each of his sons a blessing
    - Genesis 49:10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
    - God chose the tribe of Judah and David His servant (Psalm 78:67-70)

#### The Book of Exodus

- Israel in Egypt (1:1-12:36)
  - > Yahweh reveals His name in the plagues

Psalm 105:26 He sent Moses His servant, And Aaron, whom He had chosen.

Ezekiel 20:5 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "On the day when I chose Israel..."

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  - > Yahweh reveals His name in the crossing of the Red Sea
- III. Israel encamped at Sinai (19-40)
  - > Yahweh reveals His name through the Law and the Tabernacle

Exodus 33:19 I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion

# The Book of Deuteronomy

- Moses' 1<sup>st</sup> discourse: PAST a historical review (1:1-4:43)
  - ○A loving choice. Deuteronomy 4:37 "Because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them.
    - The LORD made Israel. The LORD formed Israel from the womb (Isaiah 44:1-2)
    - The Creator of Israel (Isaiah 43:15)
    - Israel's Maker...the work of My hands (Isaiah 45:11)
    - But now, O LORD, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand. (Isaiah 64:8)

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  - **○A faithful choice. Deuteronomy 7:5-8**
  - OAn affectionate choice. Deuteronomy 10:15 "Yet on your fathers did the LORD set His affection to love them, and He chose their descendants after them
  - the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them (Deut. 10:15 KJV)

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  - the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.
     (Deut. 14:2 NKJV)

#### The Book of Psalms

#### God chooses for individual salvation:

- OPsalm 65:4 How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near to You
  - Isaiah 43:10 "You are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me And understand that I am He.
  - The non-elect are decreed for reprobation and hardened: Proverbs 16:4 The LORD has made everything for its own purpose, Even the wicked for the day of evil.
    - God is holy and man is guilty

### Christ, the Chosen One

- O Isaiah 42:1 "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights.
- Luke 9:35 Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, My Chosen One;
- OLuke 23:35 And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One."
- O1 Peter 1:20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world

# The doctrine of election ensures Israel's place in God's plan

- OGod's choice of this nation was based on His unconditional electing purposes.
- Olf Israel's election could be set aside, in what way could Christians be sure of their own election?
- OBecause Israel's restoration is linked to God's election, Israel's restoration is surely based on the character of God. God is faithful to keep His promises!

#### Election in the Old Testament

- 1. God chose Jerusalem as the place of worship [Deut. 12:5]
- 2. God chose the king to reign over Israel [Deut. 17:15]
- 3. God chose the priesthood [Deut. 18:5]
- 4. God chose Israel as the people of God [Deut. 4:37]
- 5. God chose individuals for salvation [Isaiah 43:10]
- 6. God chose Christ as the promised Messiah [Isaiah 42:1]