The Gospel in the Old Testament

Jacob and Esau

Genesis 25:20-34; 27:1-40
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The Book of Genesis

I. 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
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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.
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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)

B. Development of the promise: focus on land (12:10-15:21)
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C. Development of the promise: focus on seed (16-21)
   1. 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.
   2. God lovingly chose Abram (18:19)
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D. God tests Abraham (22:1-19)

E. The transfer of the promise to the seed (22:20-25:11)
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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.
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VI. The history about what happened to Jacob’s descendants (37:2-50:26)

- Close 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

I. 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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II. Israel on the road to Sinai (12:37-18:27)
    ➢ 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

I. Moses’ 1st 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
   ○ An 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:

- Psalm 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

- **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;

- **Luke 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."

- **1 Peter 1:20** He was foreknown before the foundation of the world
The doctrine of election ensures Israel’s place in God’s plan

- God’s choice of this nation was based on His unconditional electing purposes.
- If Israel’s election could be set aside, in what way could Christians be sure of their own election?
- Because 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]