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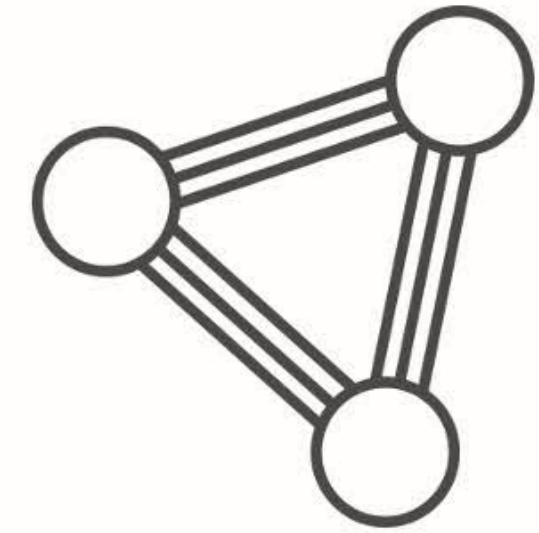
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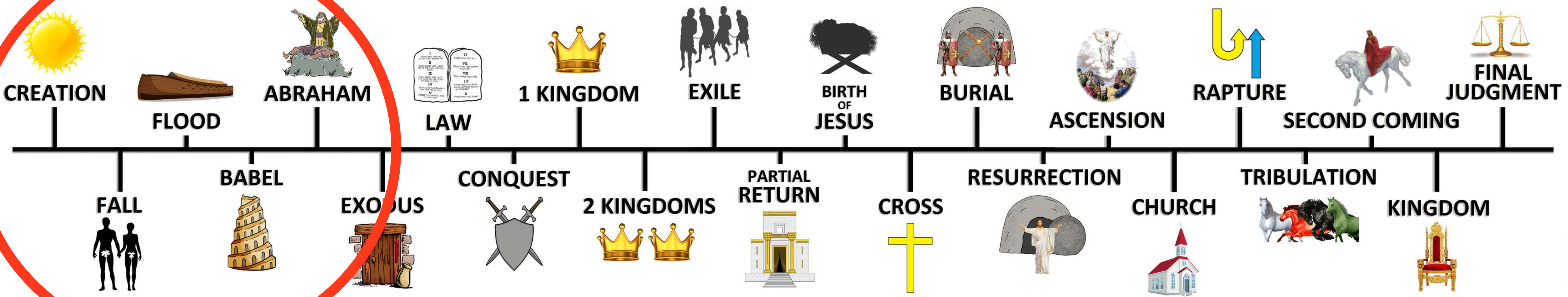
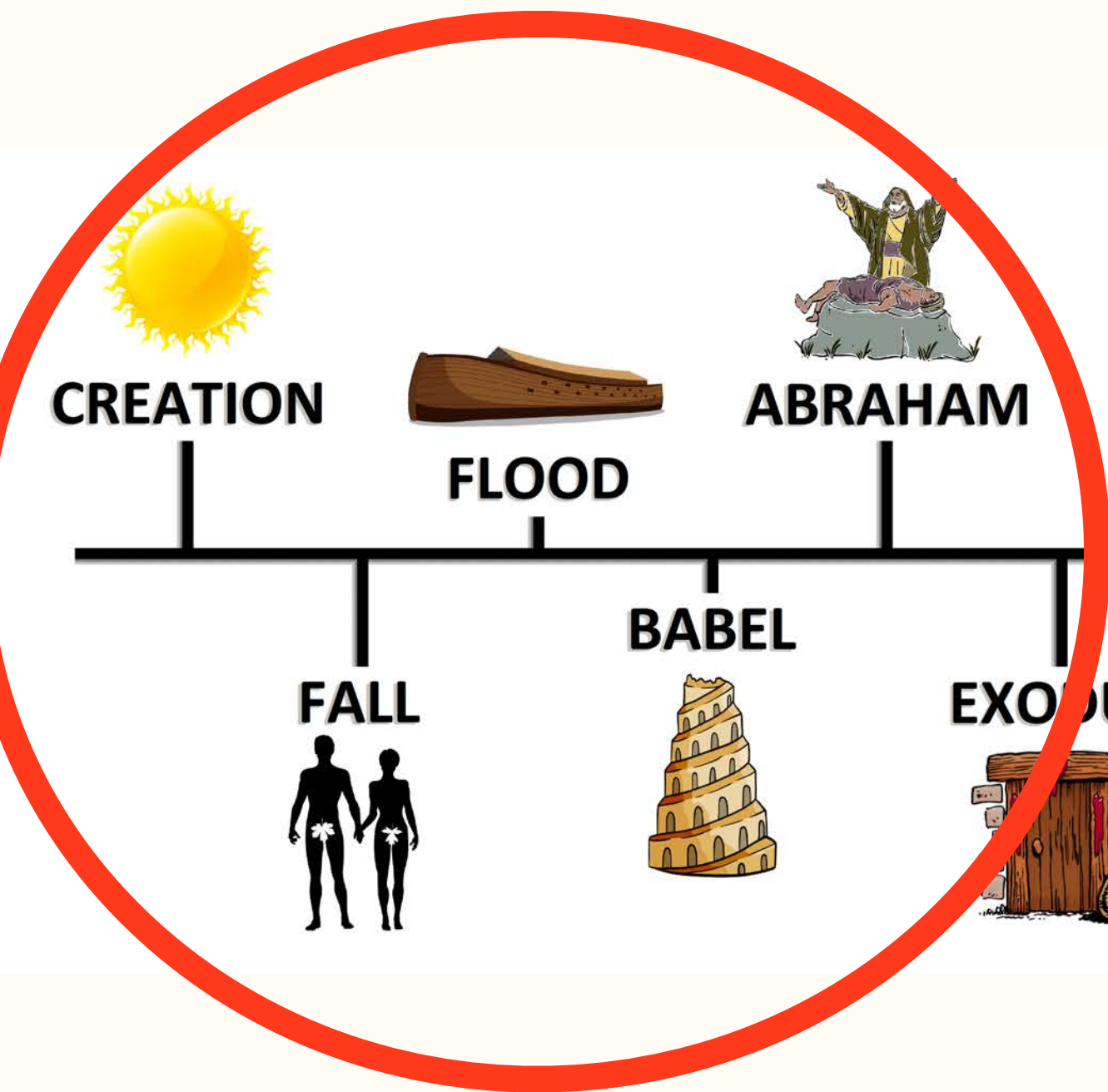
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Lesson 11: Israel vs. Egypt

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Lesson 11A: Abraham's Descendants



Outline: Lesson 11A

God's CHOICE of Abraham: Implications for His Descendants

**A. God protected Abraham's family
Into Egypt**

Question: Is God really in charge of history? Or does man decide? Surely it can't be both, can it?

B. God grew Abraham's family into the nation of Israel

C. God saved Israel from Egypt

Outline, Lesson 11B

Exodus: A confrontation between the Kingdom of Man and the Kingdom of God

A. God alone is God. There is no other.

i. The Egyptian magicians were not gods.

ii. The Egyptian gods were not really gods.

iii. Pharaoh was not a god.

B. No world system or government can save man. Only God can save mankind.

Review Divine Institutions, especially #4, #5

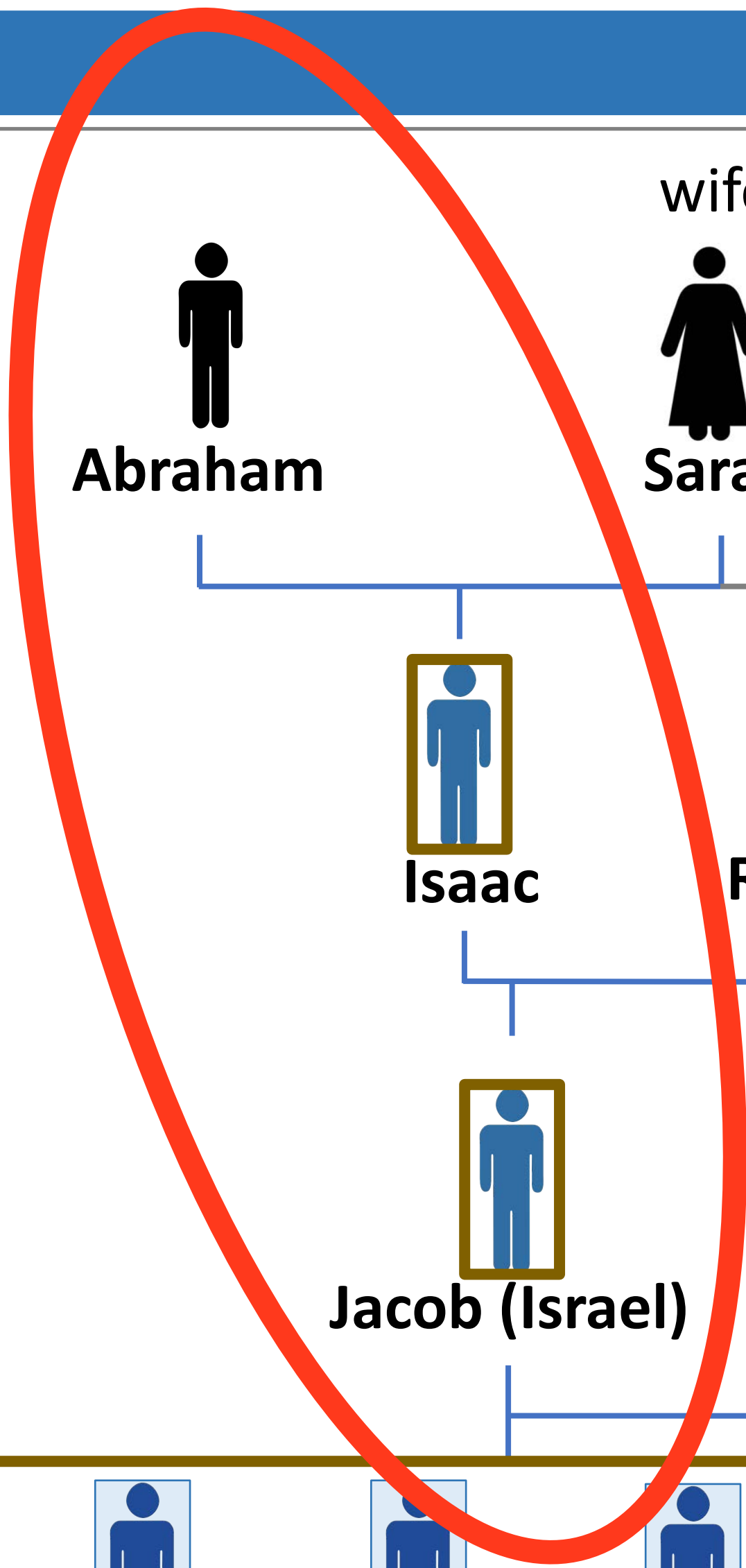
C. God's grace is necessary for salvation and redemption. Man can do nothing but respond.

How the Exodus Ended: *Yahweh* Crushed the Egyptians

Question: Is it true that with the right government and the right programs, man can be happy, fulfilled, and find meaning in life within a well-ordered society?

Clash of the Kingdoms

Abraham's Family



Abraham

wife
Sarah

concubine
Hagar

2nd wife
Keturah

Isaac

Rebekah

Ishmael

Zimran

Jokshan

Medan

Midian

Ishbak

Shuah

Jacob (Israel)

wife
Leah

wife
Rachel

concubine
Bilhah

concubine
Zilpah

Esau

Reuben

Simeon

Levi

Judah

Dan

Naphtali

Gad

Asher

Issachar

Zebulun

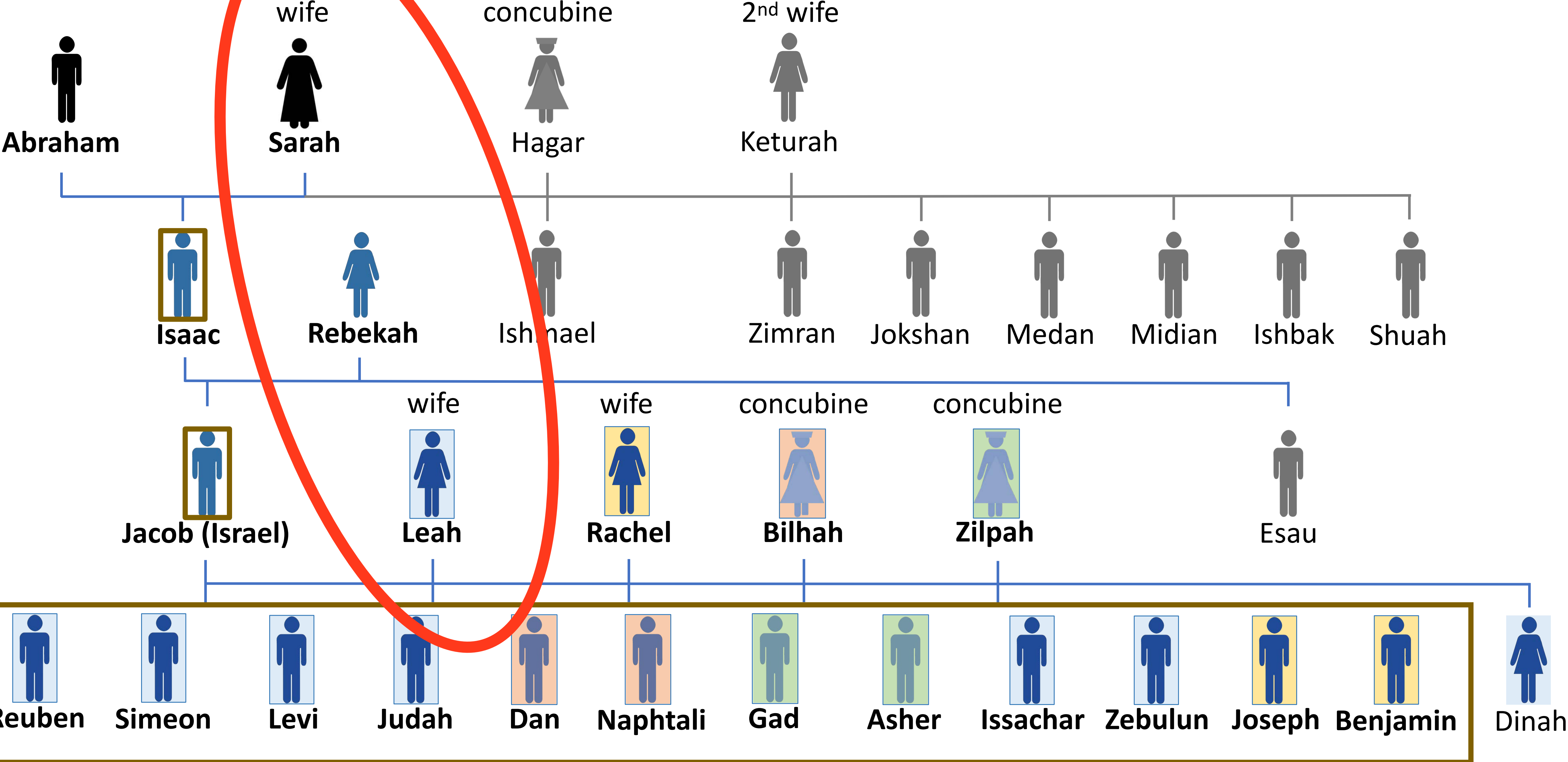
Joseph

Benjamin

Dinah

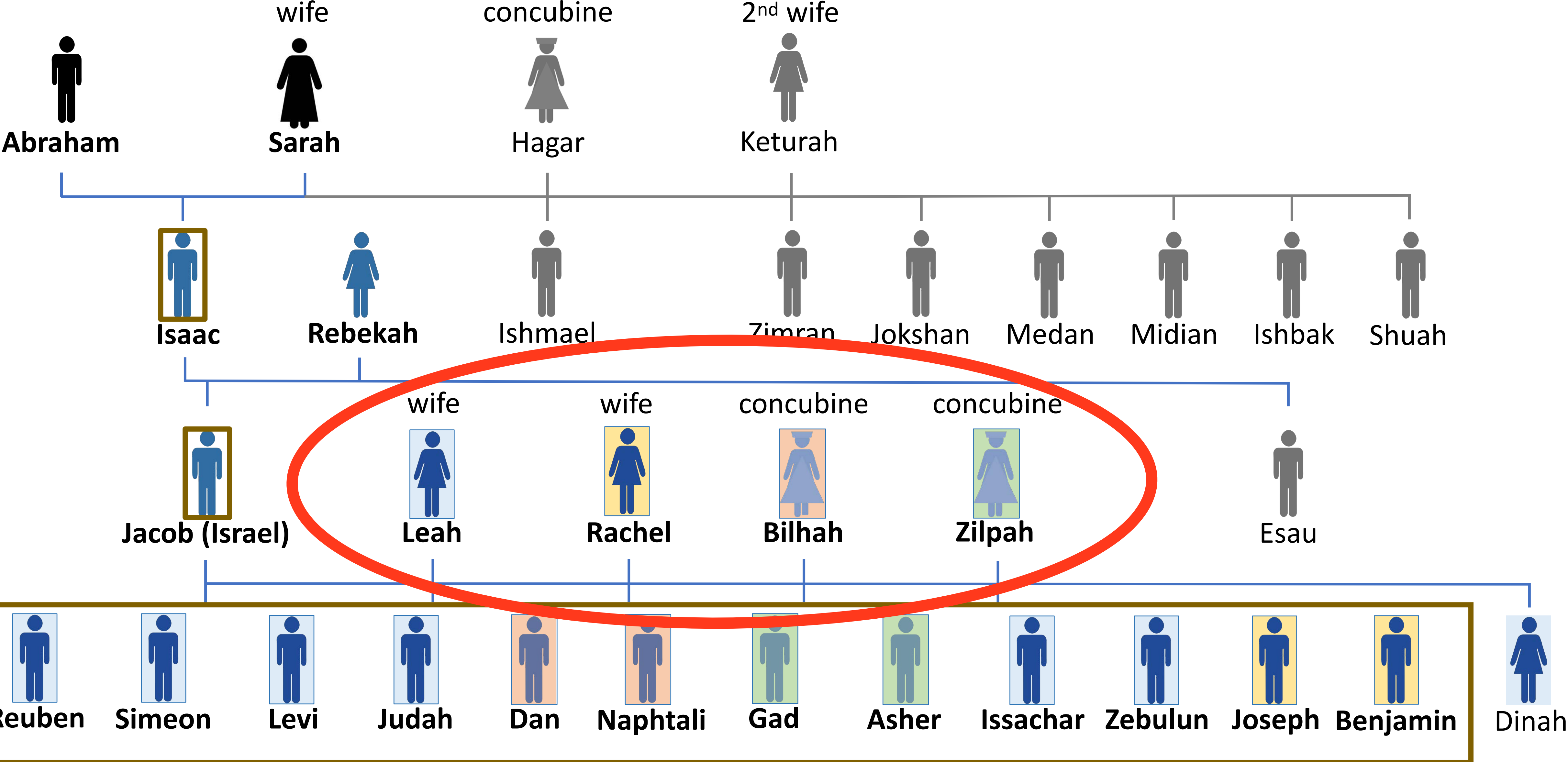
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Abraham's Family



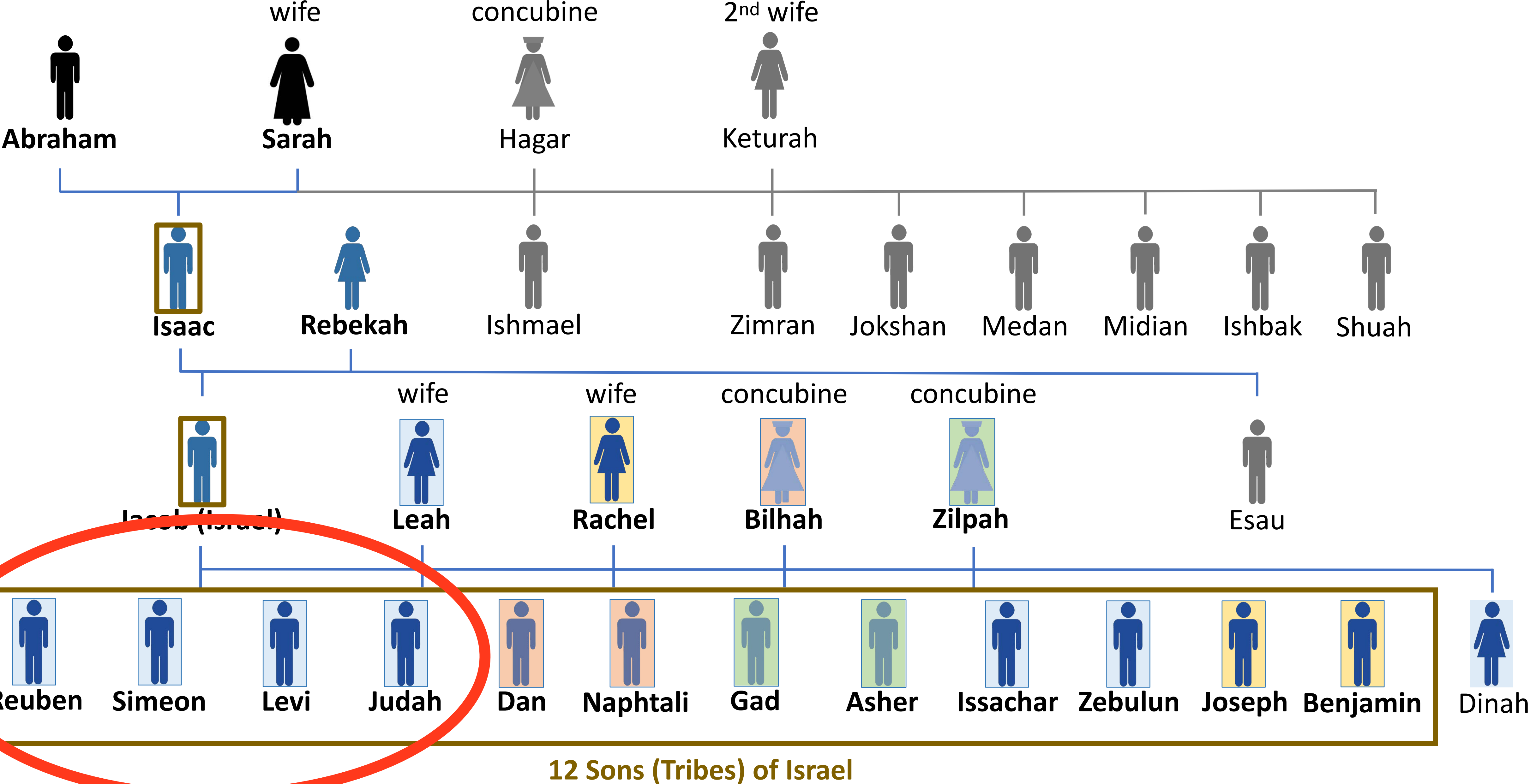
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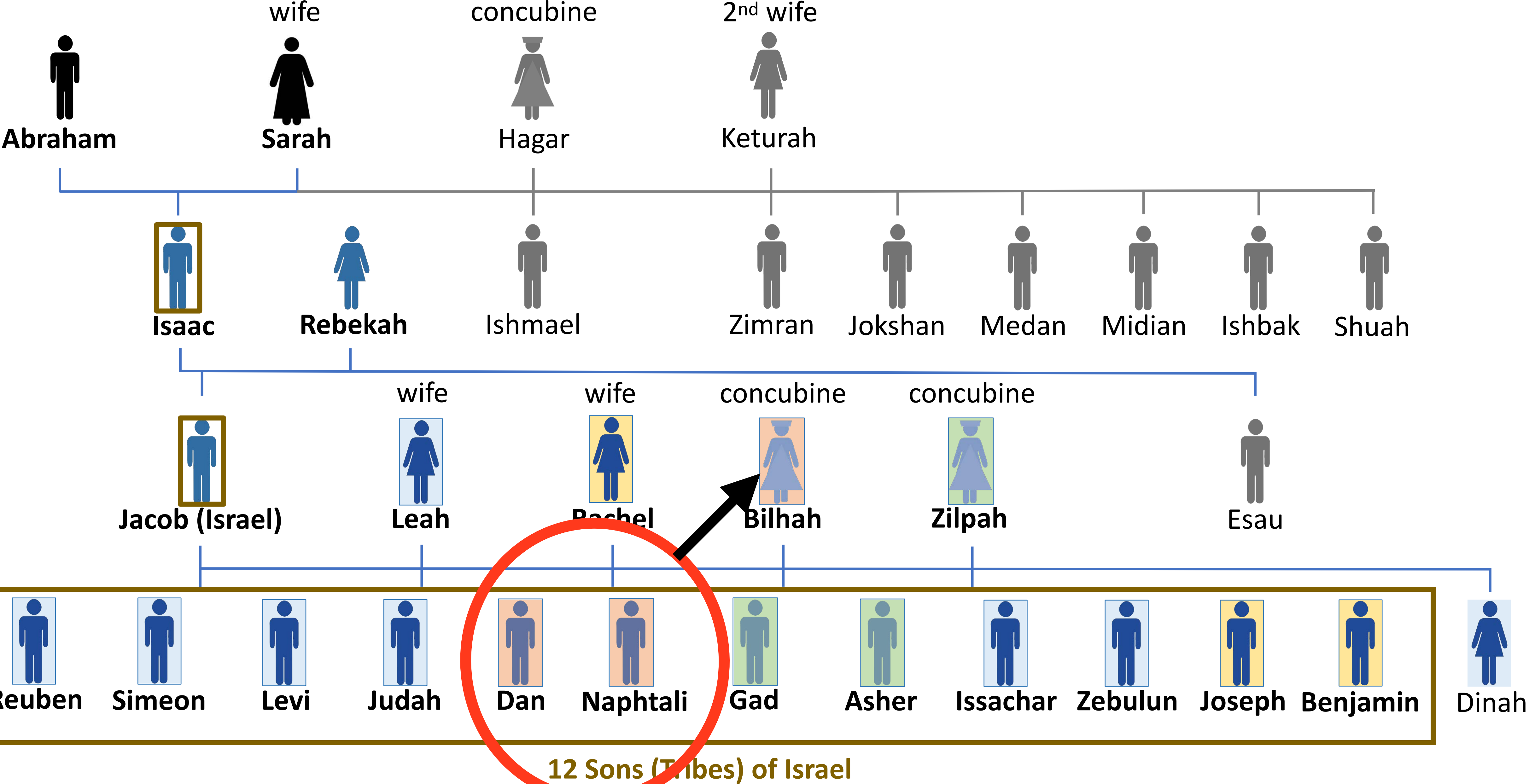
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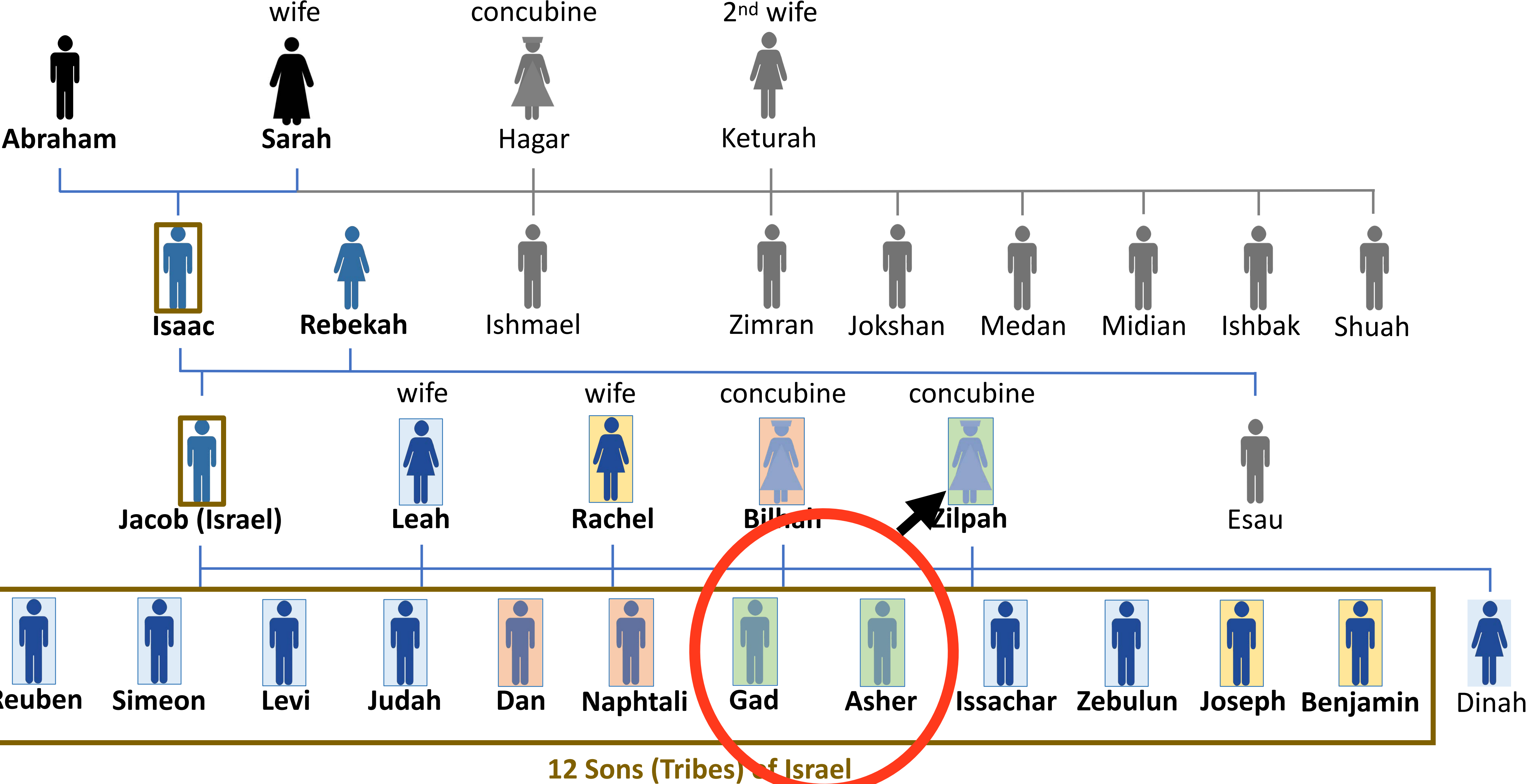


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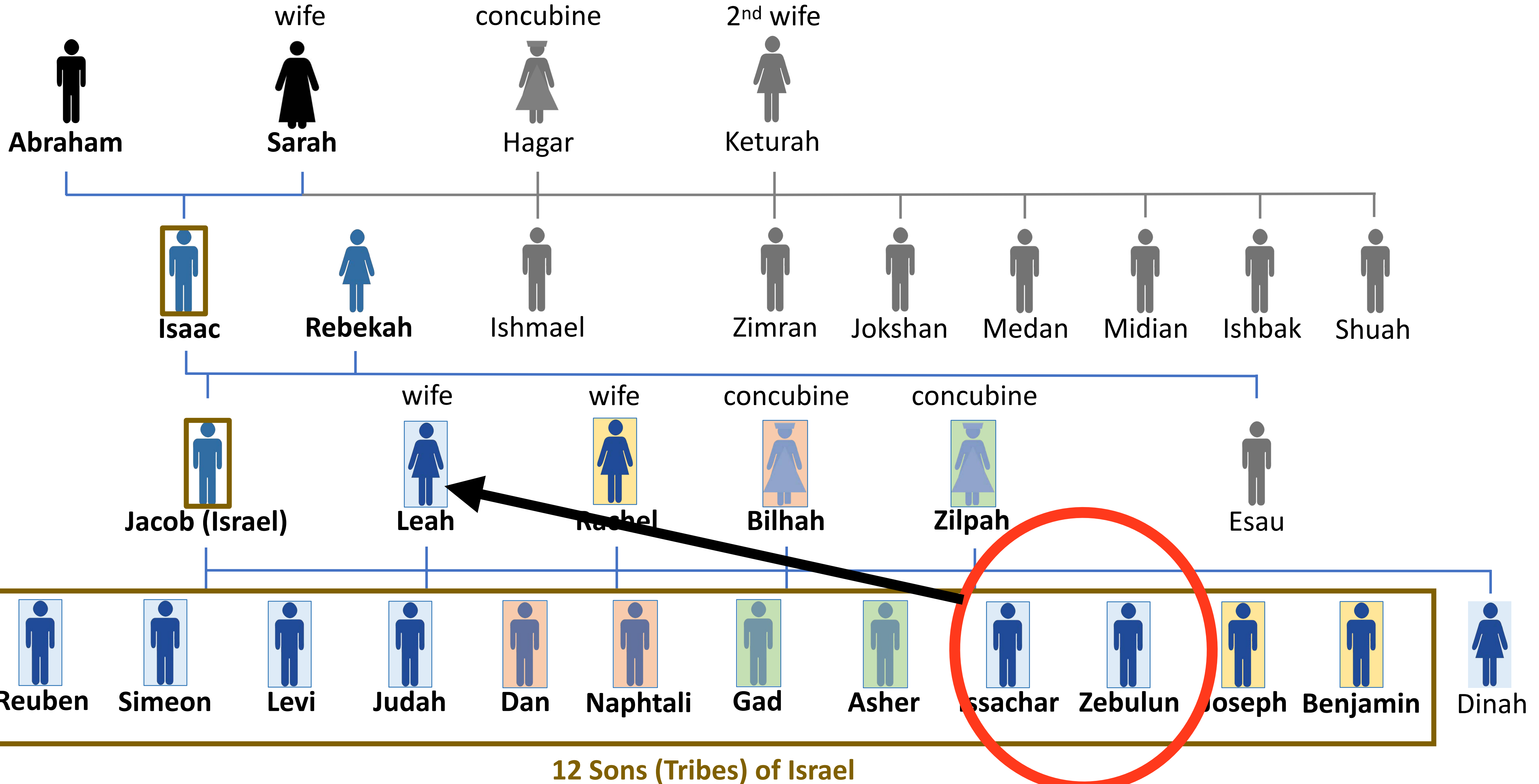
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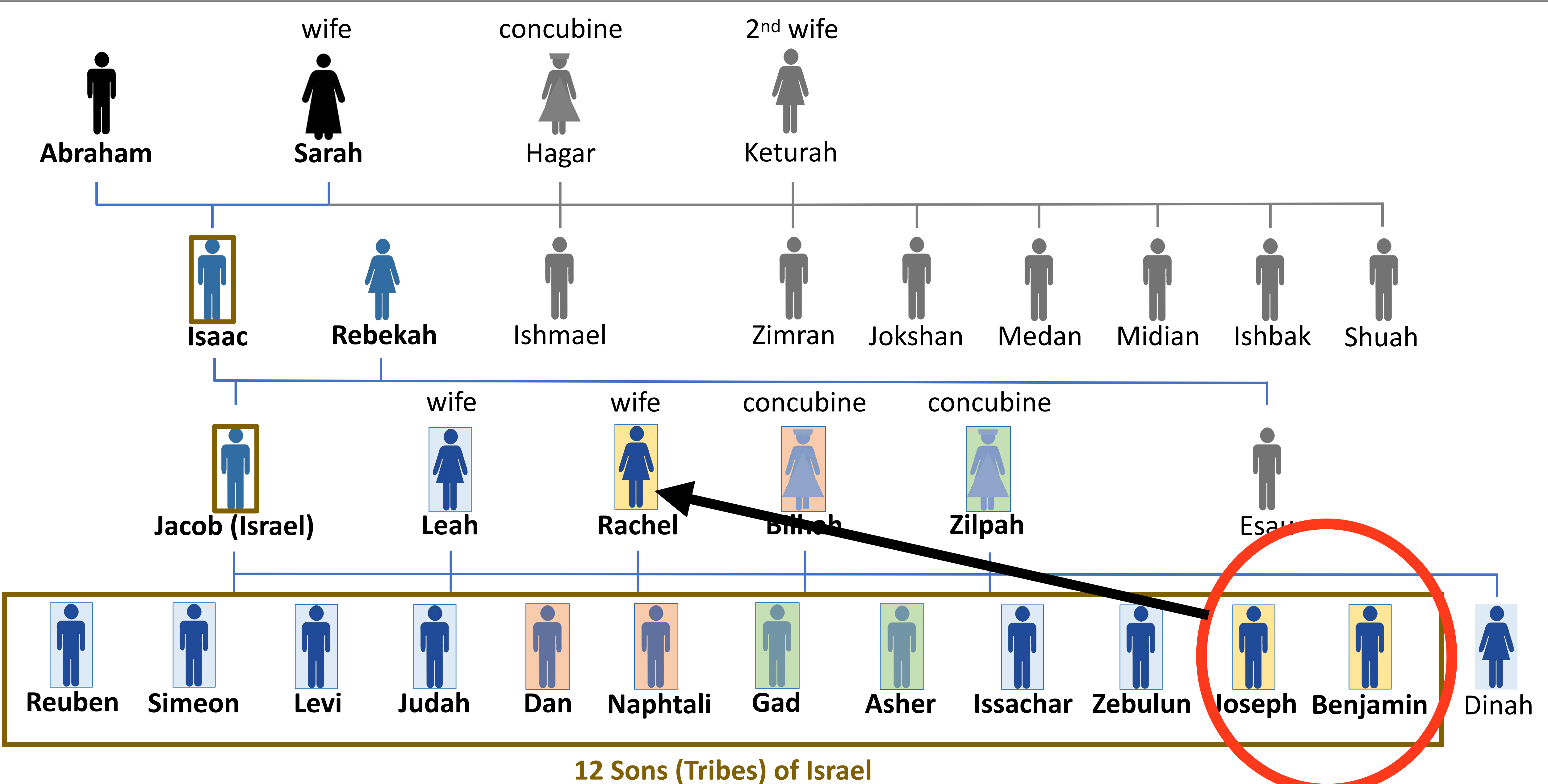
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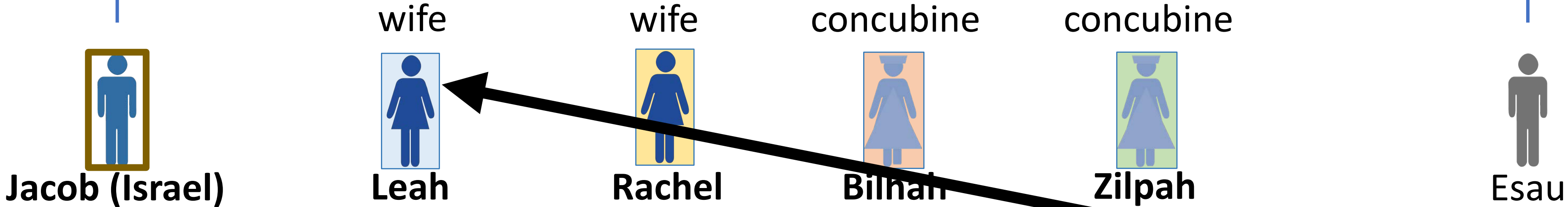
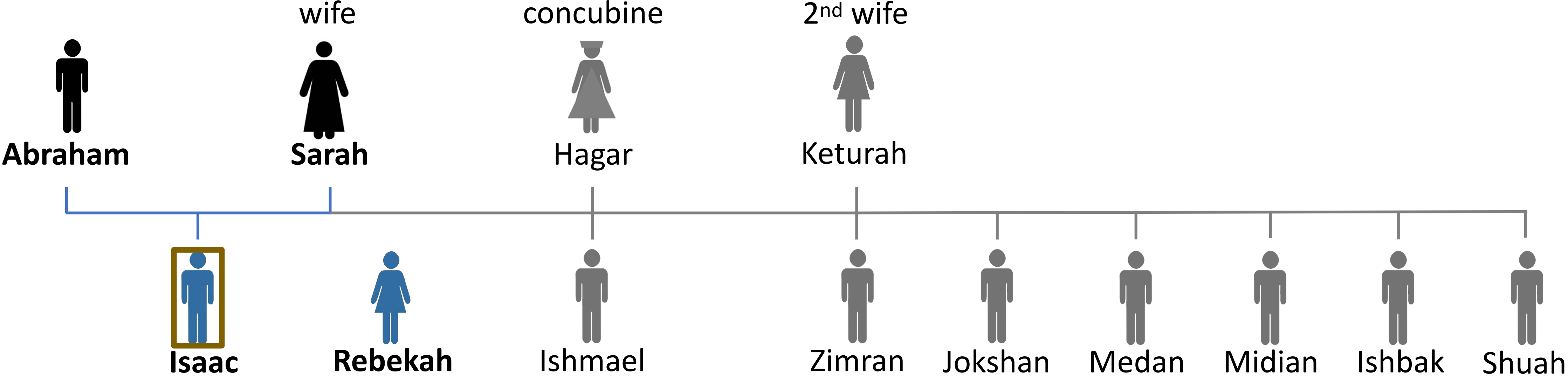
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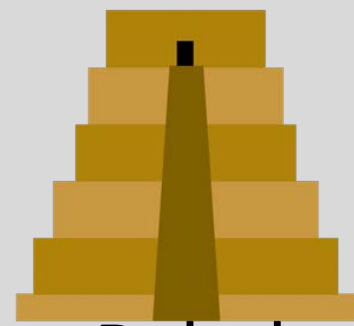
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12 Sons (Tribes) of Israel

Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS
Man would save himself through his own ideas



Babel

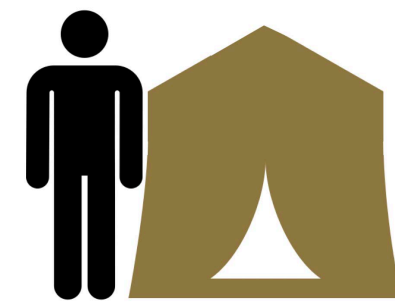


Egypt

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE
God would save man

Election



God chose Abraham



God saved Israel



A
God protected
Abraham's family



B

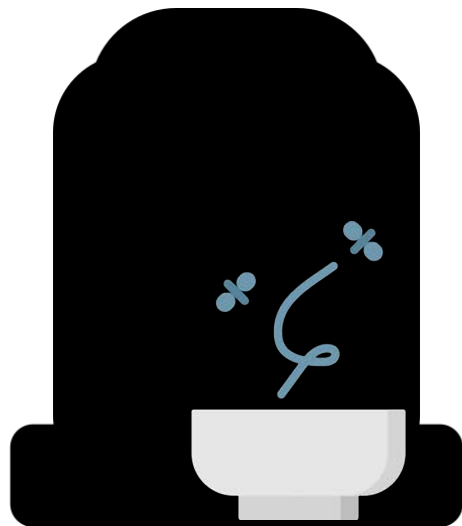
God grew
Abraham's family into
the nation of Israel



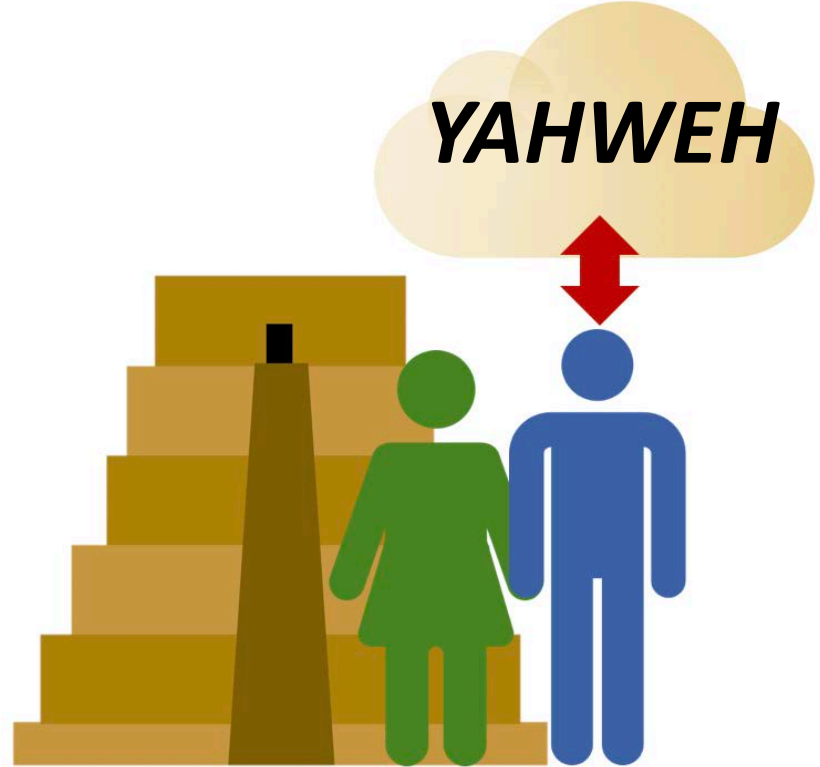
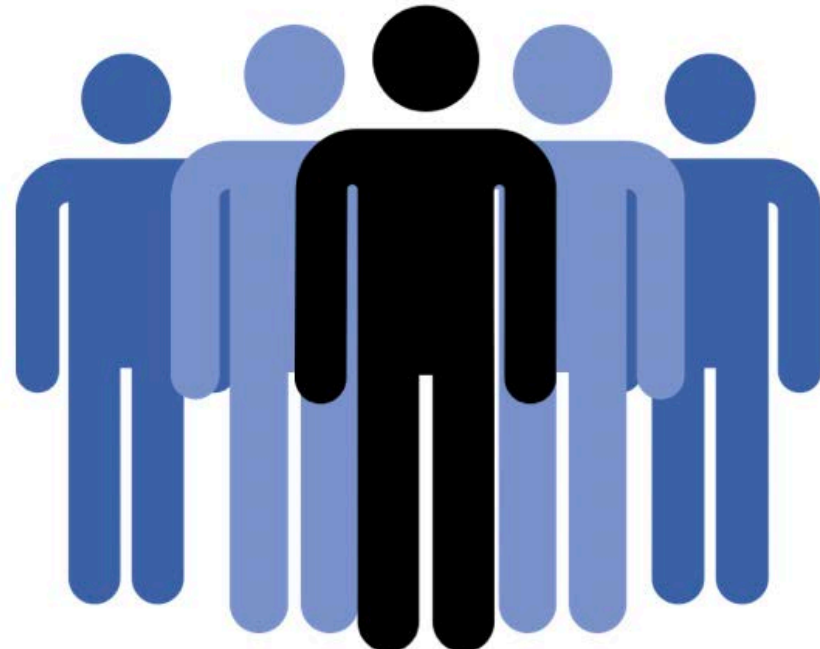
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God rescued Israel
out of slavery in
Egypt

Threat to Abraham's descendants



**Physical death:
Famine**



**Cultural death:
Intermarriage with Canaanites**

Into Egypt

Gen. 15:12, “Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.

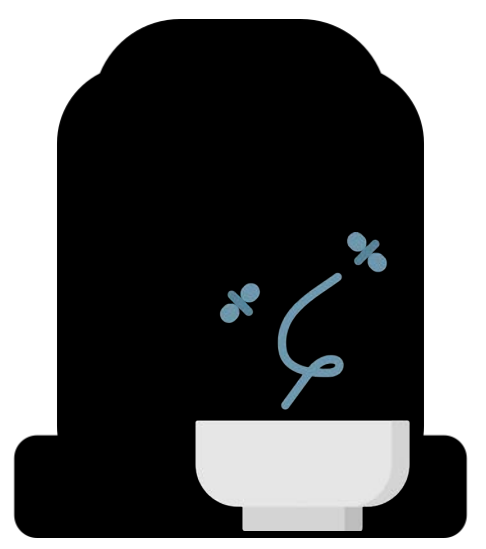
Gen. 15:13, “Then He said to Abram: ‘Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

Gen. 15:14, “ ‘And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

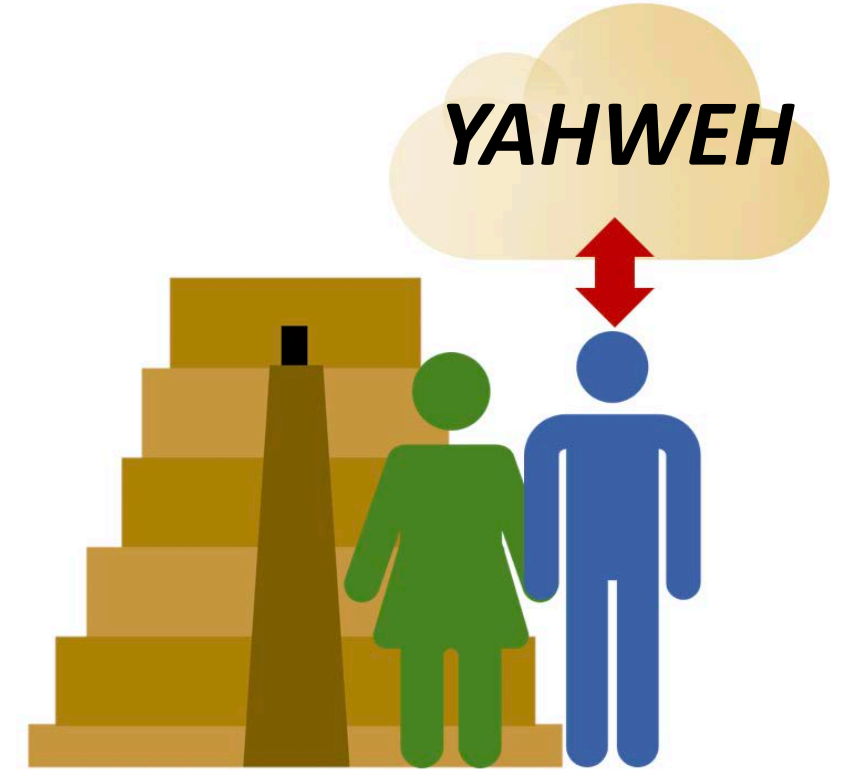
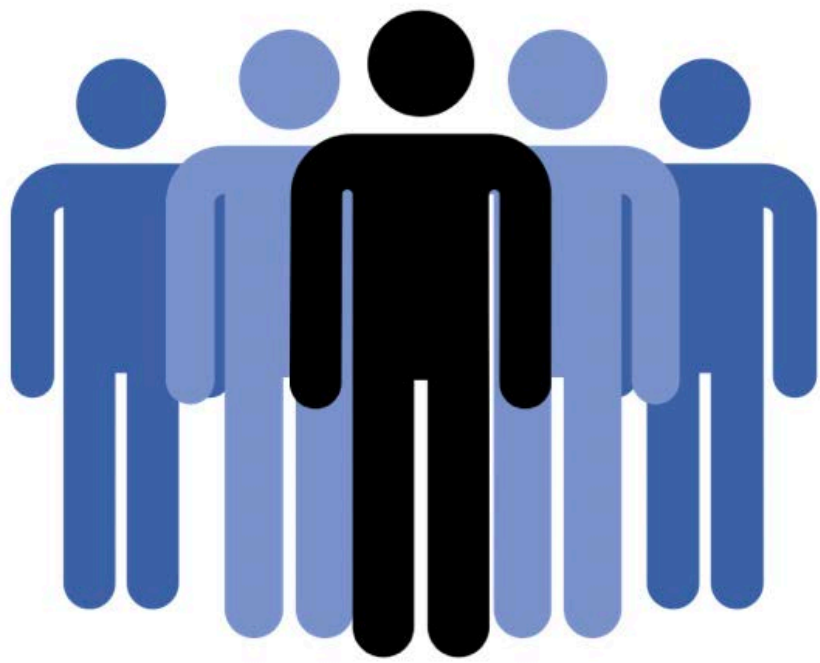
Gen. 15:15, “ ‘Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

Gen. 15:16, “ ‘But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.’ ”

Threat to Abraham's descendants



**Physical death:
Famine**



**Cultural death:
Intermarriage with Canaanites**

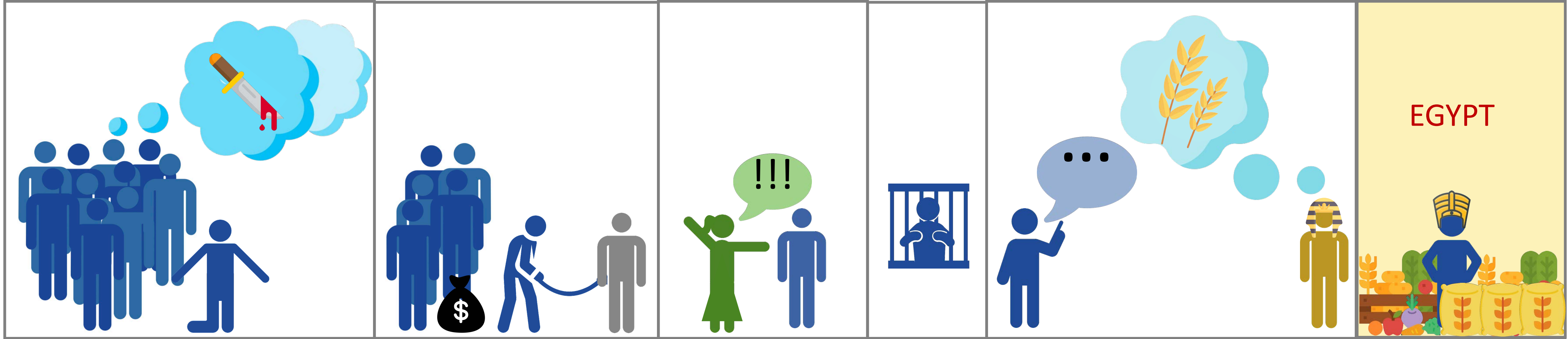
God Intervened by sending them into Egypt



Egypt has food

Egypt discriminates against foreigners and segregates them





Gen. 45:4, “And Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Please come near to me.’ So they came near. Then he said: ‘I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.

Gen. 45:5, “ ‘But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

Gen. 45:6, “ ‘For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

Gen. 45:7, “ ‘And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Gen. 45:8, “ ‘So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler.’ ”

Gen. 43:32, “So they set him a place by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves; because the Egyptians could not eat food with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians.”



Mediterranean Sea

Mt. Carmel ▲

Shechem ●

THE PROMISED LAND

Jericho ●

Mt. Nebo ▲

Hebron ●

GOSHEN

Rameses ●

Kadesh Barnea ●

Pithom ●

Succoth ●

EGYPT

**Is God really in charge of history? Or does man decide?
Surely it can't be both, can it?**

ESSENCE OF GOD

HOLY

Sovereign

Omniscient

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

Love

Veracity

Eternal Life

Immutability

Creator-creature Distinction

1st level
CREATOR
(Yahweh)

SOVEREIGNTY

2nd level
creature
(man)

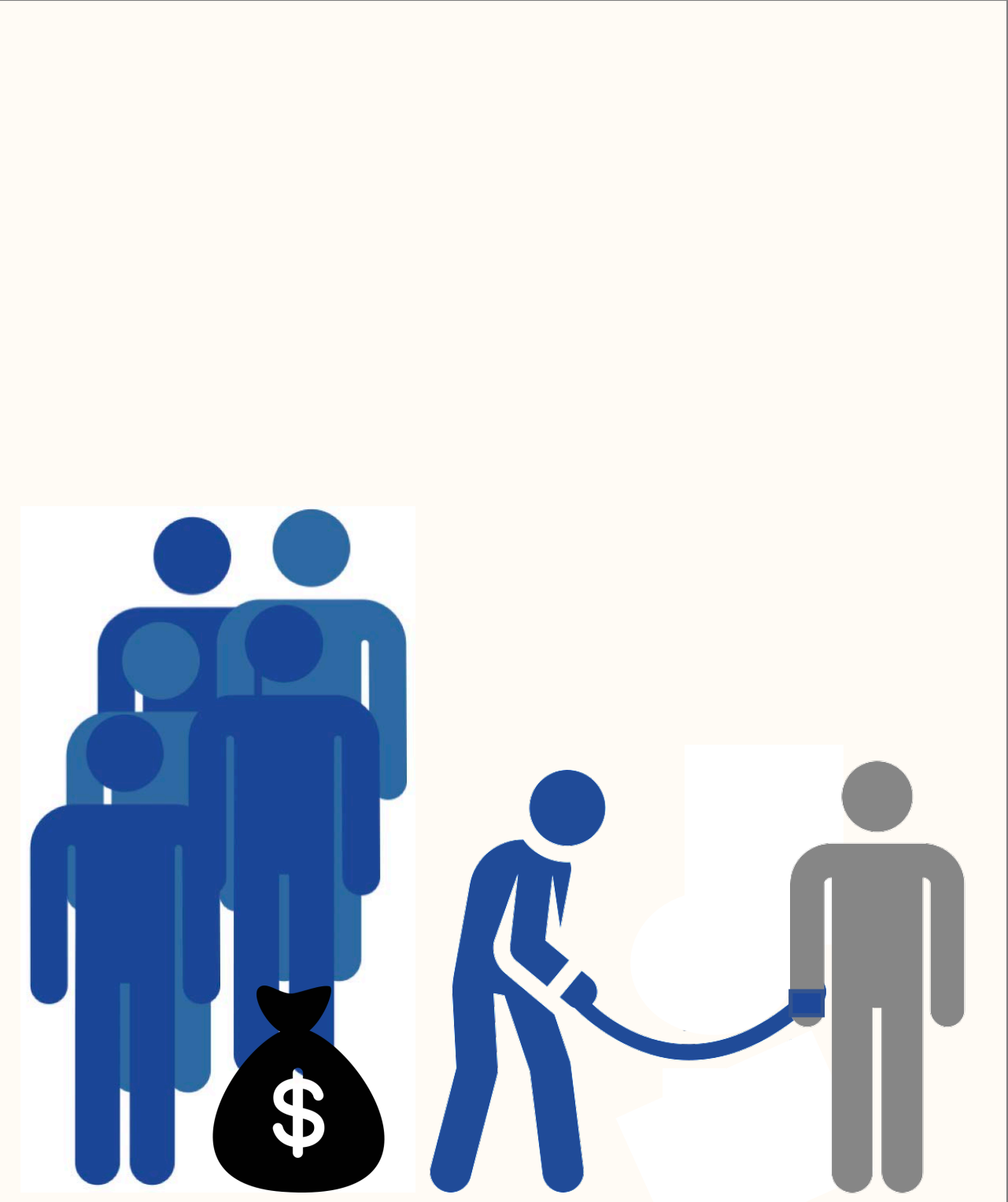
● responsible for
choices made

Joseph

Choices faced by Joseph's brothers



Kill Joseph?



Sell Joseph?



Spare Joseph?

Choices faced by Joseph in Egypt



Live honourably?



Live dishonourably?

Gen. 50:20, “But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”

Rom. 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

Creator-creature Distinction

1st level

CREATOR (*Yahweh*)

His intentions → Good

Yahweh's SOVEREIGNTY over Joseph's life

2nd level

creature (man)

Brothers' intentions → evil

brothers' responsible choice

• Joseph's responsible choice

Outcome

- Joseph becomes Prime Minister
- Abraham's family is saved

Isa. 46:9, “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,

Isa. 46:10, “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,’ ”

B. God grew Abraham's family into the nation of Israel.

Gen. 46:1, “So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

Gen. 46:2, “Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, ‘Jacob, Jacob!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’

Gen. 46:3, “So He said, ‘I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there.’ ”

Jacob's Name Change

Jacob



Israel
clings to God



Ex. 1:8, “Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

Ex. 1:9, “And he said to his people, ‘Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we;

Ex. 1:10, “ ‘come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land.’

Ex. 1:11, “Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses.”

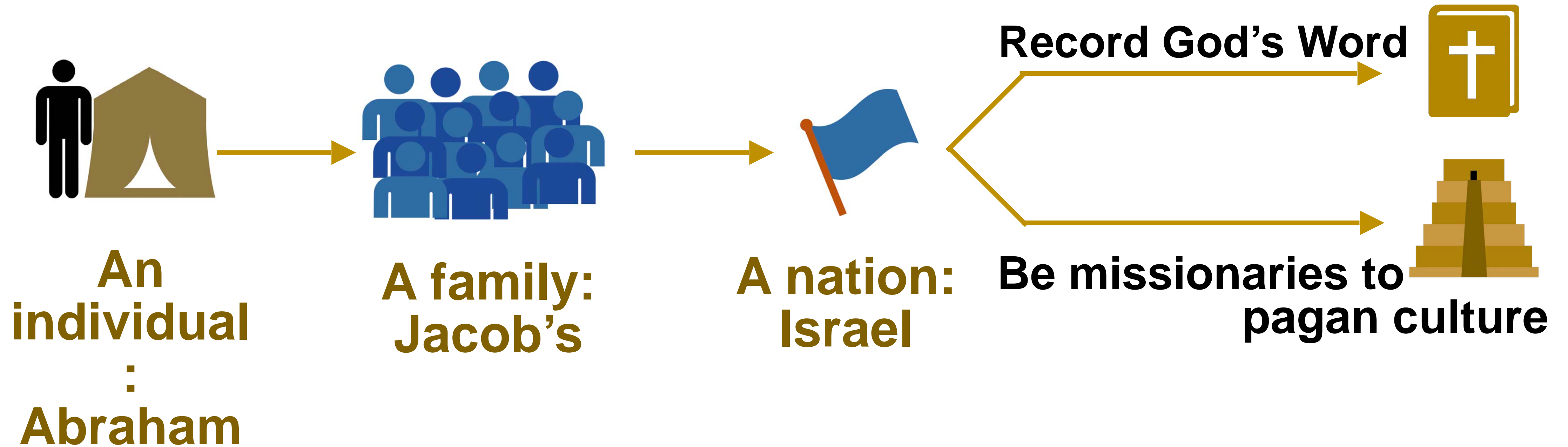
Ex. 1:12, “But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel.

Ex. 1:13, “So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor.

Ex. 1:14, “And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.”



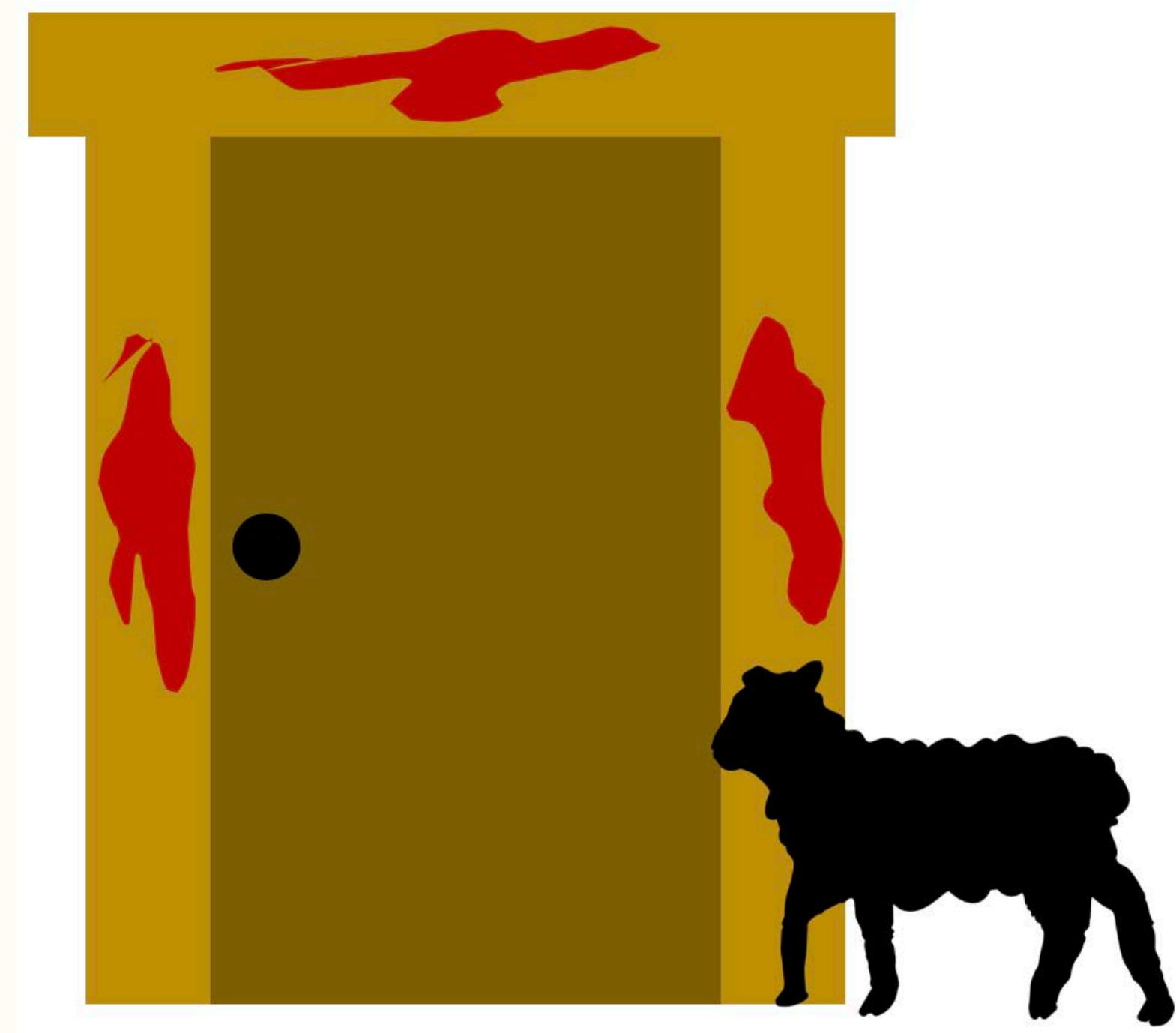
Election of a nation for a specific mission and purpose



Ex. 2:24, “So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

Ex. 2:25, “And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.”

C. God saved Israel from Egypt



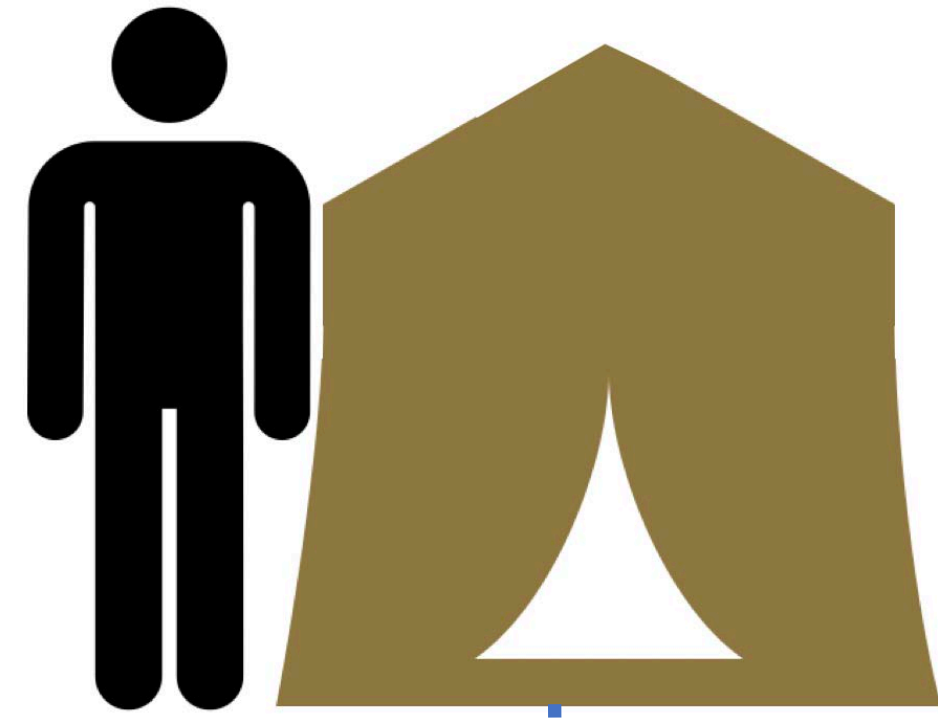
Ex. 3:2, “And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

Ex. 3:3, “Then Moses said, ‘I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.’

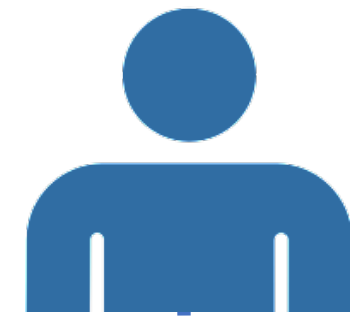
Ex. 3:4, “So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’

Ex. 3:5, “Then He said, ‘Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.’

Ex. 3:6, “Moreover He said, ‘I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.”



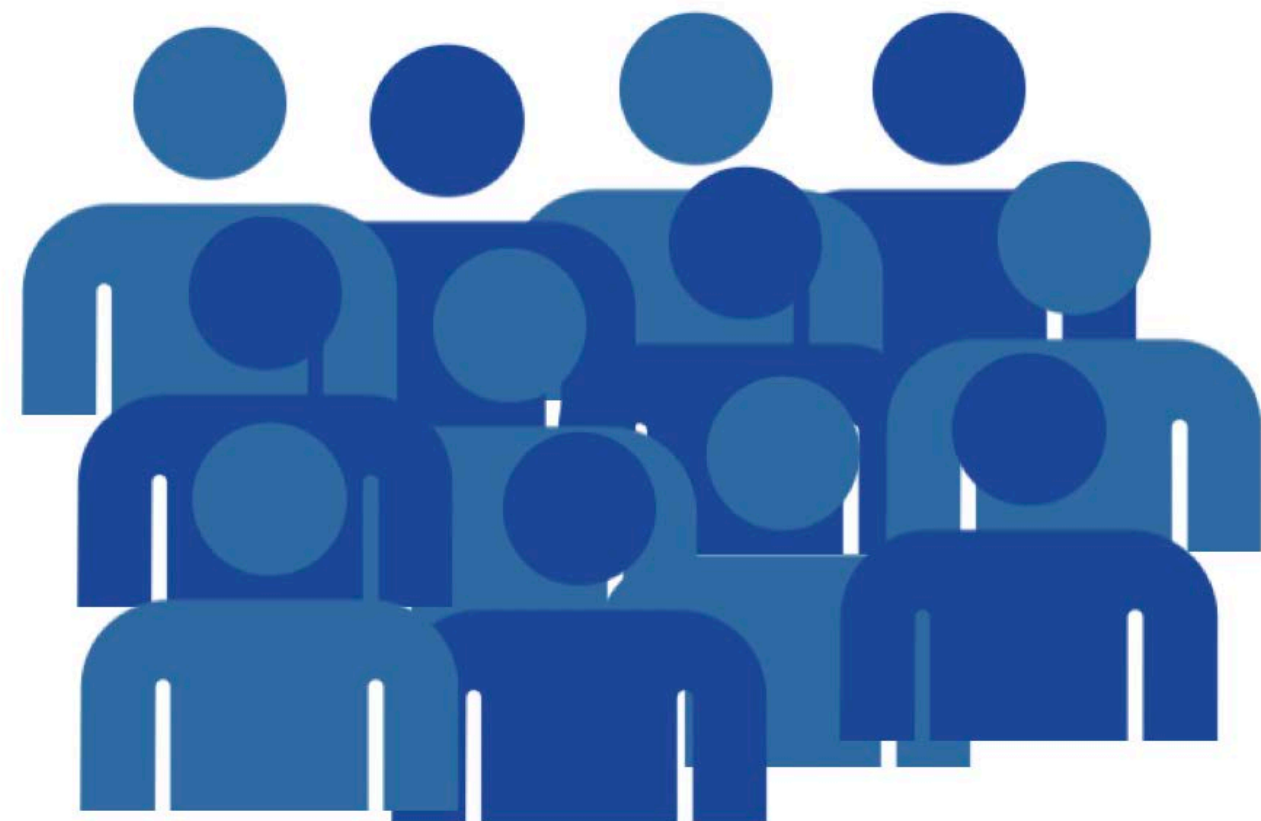
**I am ...
the God of Abraham ...**



... the God of Isaac ...



... the God of Jacob ...



Ex. 3:7, “And the LORD said: ‘I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

Ex. 3:8, “ ‘So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

Ex. 3:9, “ ‘Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

Ex. 3:10, “ ‘Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.’ ”

Abraham: God called Abraham and made him three specific promises: land, descendants, and worldwide blessing.

Gen. 12:1, “Now the LORD had said to Abram: ‘Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you.

Gen. 12:2, “ ‘I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

Gen. 12:3, “ ‘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.’ ”

Isaac: God confirmed His covenant with Abraham.

Gen. 26:1, “There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.

Gen. 26:2, “Then the LORD appeared to him and said: ‘Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.

Gen. 26:3, “ ‘Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.

Gen. 26:4, “ ‘And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

Gen. 26:5, “ ‘because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.’ ”

Jacob: God again confirmed His covenant with Abraham.

Gen. 28:10, “Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran.

Gen. 28:11, “So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep.

Gen. 28:12, “Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.”

Gen. 28:13, “And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: ‘I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.”

Gen. 28:14, “ ‘Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Gen. 28:15, “ ‘Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.’ ”

Ex. 3:13, “Then Moses said to God, ‘Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you,” and they say to me, “What is His name?” what shall I say to them?’

Ex. 3:14, “And God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And He said, ‘Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, “I AM has sent me to you.” ’

Ex. 3:15, “Moreover God said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: “The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.” ’ ”

I AM

I AM

self-contained, self-existent, self-fulfilled, absolutely independent of all else, perfect, and complete.

I AM

present with my people
—
I am the very same God who promised to be with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

I AM

the God who acts.
I will reveal myself through my sovereign actions in history.

Ex. 5:1, “Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD God of Israel: “Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.” ’”

Ex. 5:2, “And Pharaoh said, ‘Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go.’ ”

