

Intro:

“these are the generations of” (Vss.12 and 19). The next of literary division in Genesis: Gen. 2:4: the heaven and the earth; 5:1: Adam; 6:9: Noah; 10:1: the sons of Noah; 11:10: Shem; 11:17 Terah. All about its beginnings. Abraham the beginning of the generations of OT/NT church.

EP: God blesses both the generations of Ishmael and Isaac due to His promise to their father Abraham; but the Son of the promise continues as the focus of history.

HP: *You are the next generation of Christ.*

Move 1: God keeps His promises to Abraham about Ishmael.

Vss. 12-19. Many great nations populating Arabia. Fulfillment of God’s promises in Gen. 16:10 to Hagar. And to Abraham, Vs. 16, “great princes”, to Abraham, 17:20.

Move 2: God keeps His promise to Abraham about Isaac.

This son not only is blessed on earth for a time, but forever in a new heaven/earth. Vs.11. Aspect of the progressive fulfillment of Gen. 17:19, 21.

Vs. 12: Ishmael born by Hagar. Vs. 19, Abraham begat Isaac. Phrasing seems to emphasize the son of the promise. Ishmael mainly transitional. Vs. 19, the beginning of the next section of the covenant line. The next eternal divide. Reprobate left behind as the Gospel line moves forward.

Move 3: God keeps His promise to Abraham about you.

Line of the covenant through generations shows God’s divine, supernatural provision and promises unto the generation of Christ. *The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham*. (Mat 1:1). (See also Mat 1:17)

And these generations have been leading somewhere. To Jesus. And then to the Gentiles (you): *That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith*. (Gal 3:14).

Abraham and David transfer this kingdom to your generation. Seek and find Him in faith. *Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham*. (Gal 3:7). *Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise*. (Gal 4:28).

Conclusion:

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