



Romans 9:1-13

A Look at the
Heart of an
Apostle



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Romans 9:1-3 (NKJV)

¹I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ²that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,

conscience = *sunēidēsis*

- What I think by combining my heart with the Holy Spirit
- Great sorrow
- Continual grief





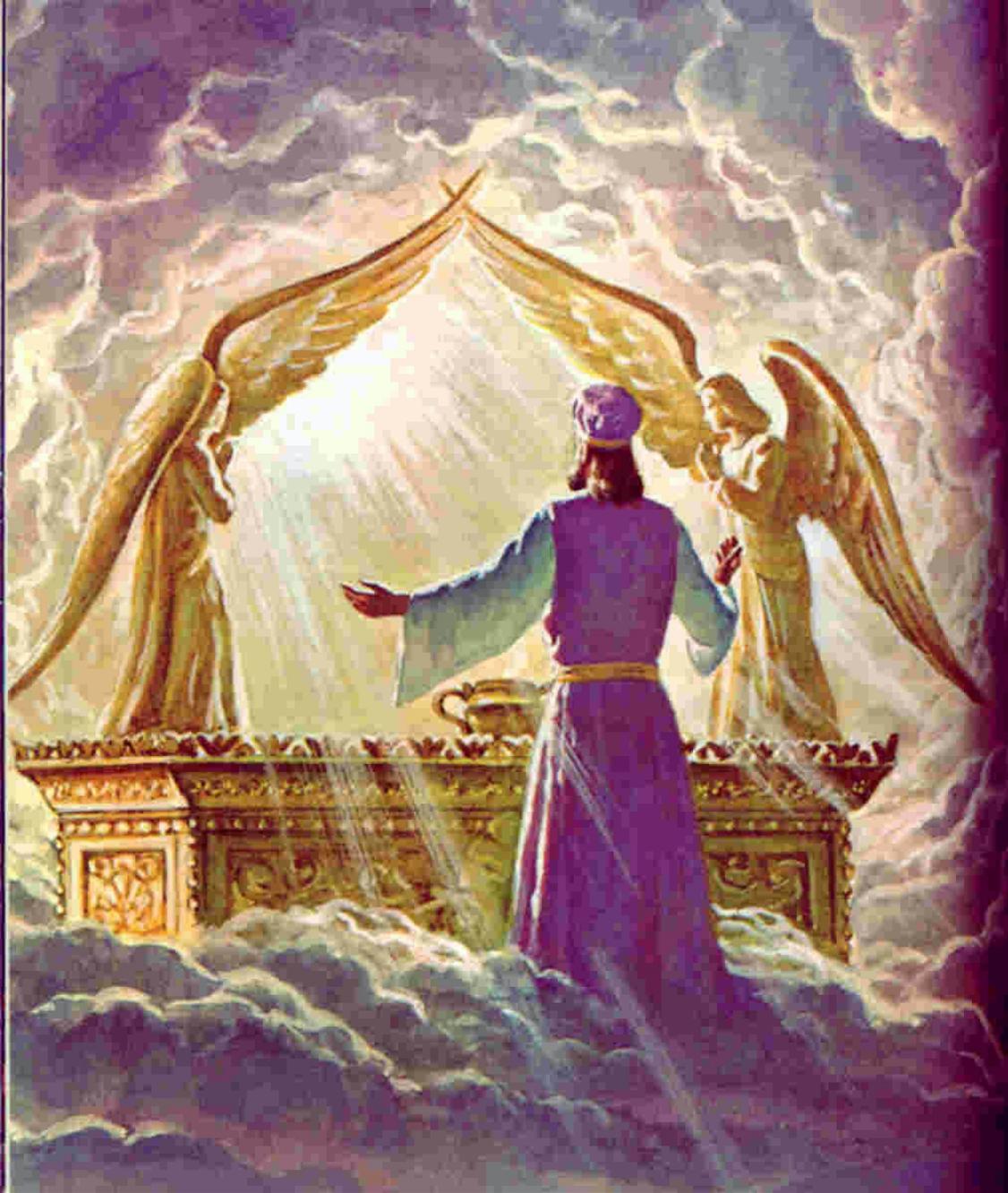
accursed = *anathema*

Hebrew: *cherem*
(Joshua 6:17-18)



Romans 9:4-5 (NKJV)

⁴who are Israelites, to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service *of God*, and the promises; ⁵of whom *are* the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ *came*, who is over all, *the* eternally blessed God. Amen.



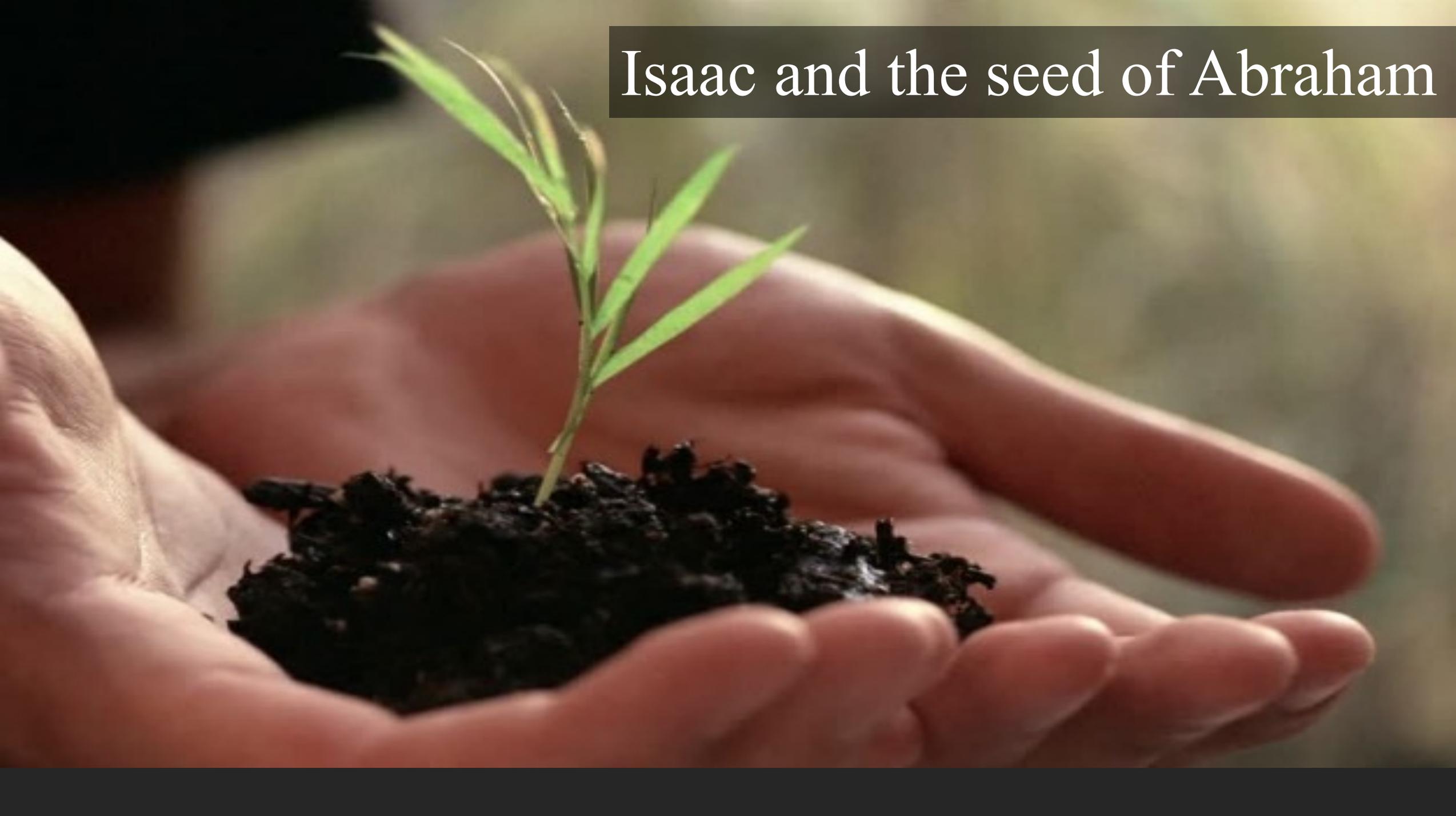
blessed = *eulogētos*
(eulogized)

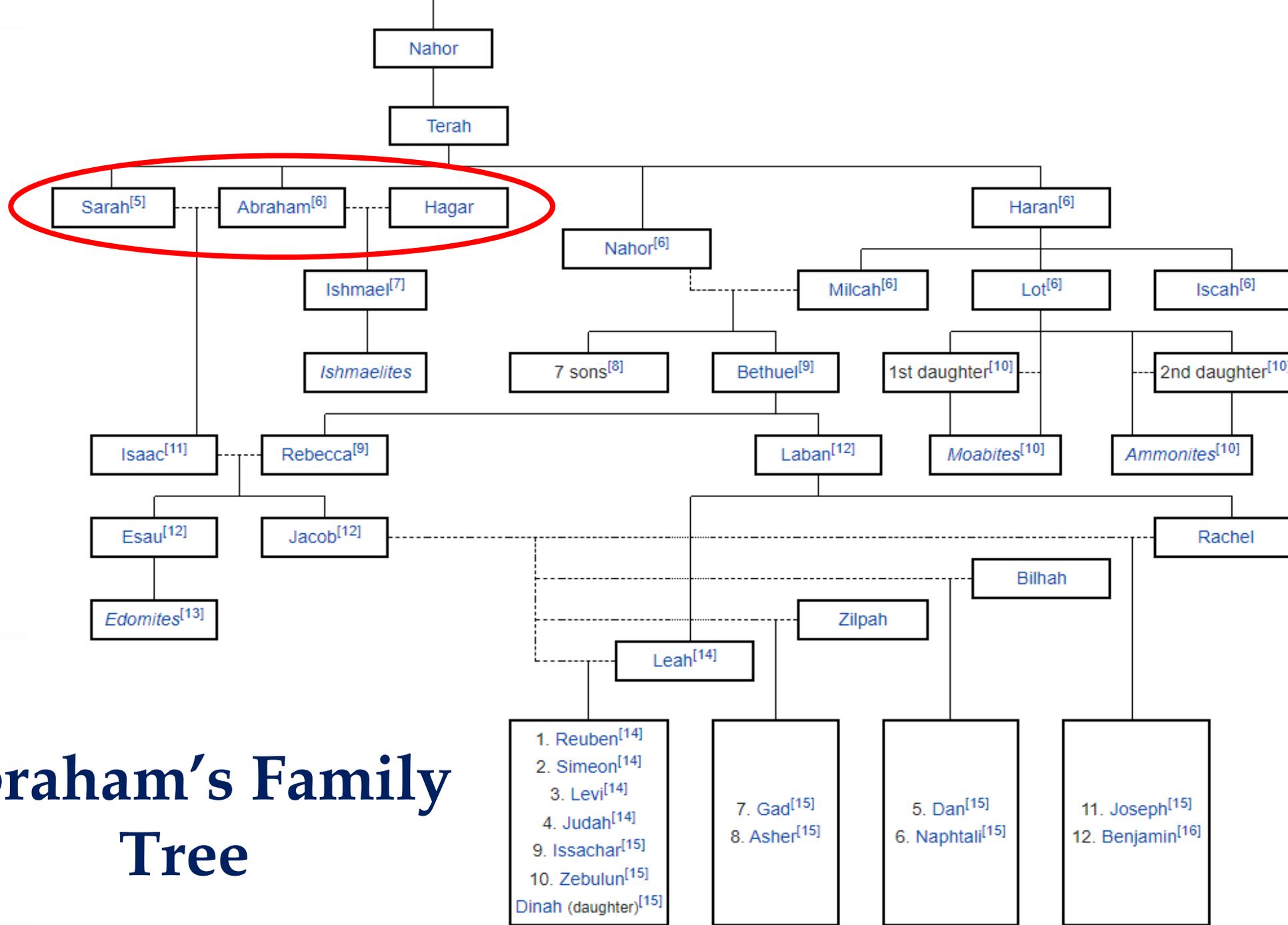


Romans 9:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they *are* not all Israel who *are* of Israel,
⁷*nor are they* all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, “*In Isaac your seed shall be called.*”

Isaac and the seed of Abraham





Abraham's Family Tree



Romans 9:8 (NKJV)

⁸That is, those who *are* the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed



- Children not of the flesh
- Children of the promise
- Children of Rebekah

Isaac and Ishmael – Genesis 21:1-11 (NKJV)

¹And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken. ²For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. ³And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac. ⁴Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶And Sarah said, “God has made me laugh, *and* all who hear will laugh with me.” ⁷She also said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne *him* a son in his old age.”

⁸So the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the same day that Isaac was weaned.

⁹And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing. ¹⁰Therefore she said to Abraham, “Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *namely* with Isaac.” ¹¹And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham’s sight because of his son.

Isaac and Ishmael – Genesis 21:12-21 (NKJV)

¹²But God said to Abraham, “Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called. ¹³Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he *is* your seed.”

¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting *it* on her shoulder, he gave *it* and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba. ¹⁵And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down across from *him* at a distance of about a bowshot; for she said to herself, “Let me not see the death of the boy.” So she sat opposite *him*, and lifted her voice and wept.

¹⁷And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, “What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he *is*.

¹⁸Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation.”

¹⁹Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink. ²⁰So God was with the lad; and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. ²¹He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Esau's Blessings – Genesis 36:7 (NKJV)

⁷For their possessions were too great for them to dwell together, and the land where they were strangers could not support them because of their livestock.





Job 39:5-8 (NKJV)

⁵“Who set the wild donkey free?
Who loosed the bonds of the onager,

⁶Whose home I have made the
wilderness,

And the barren land his dwelling?

⁷He scorns the tumult of the city;
He does not heed the shouts of the
driver.

⁸The range of the mountains *is* his
pasture,

And he searches after every green
thing.

Esau's Attitude – Genesis 33:8-10 (NKJV)



⁸Then Esau said, “What *do you mean by* all this company which I met?”

And he said, “*These are* to find favor in the sight of my lord.”

⁹But Esau said, “I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself.”

¹⁰And Jacob said, “No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me.