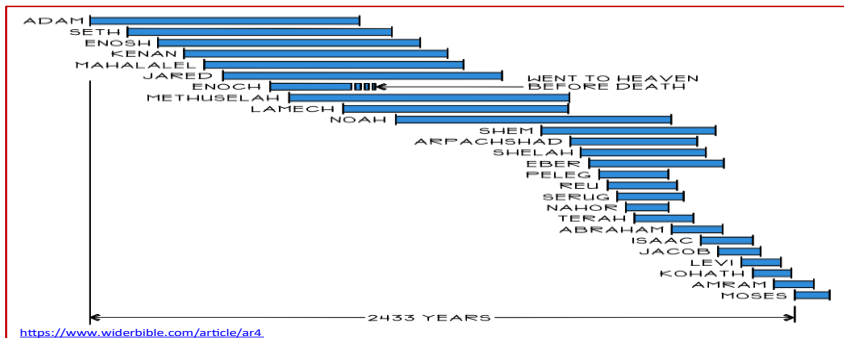


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Moses Part 2: Wilderness Adventure Pt A



The Good News Story – Tracing the **Scarlet Thread of Covenant Redemption from Genesis to Revelation**

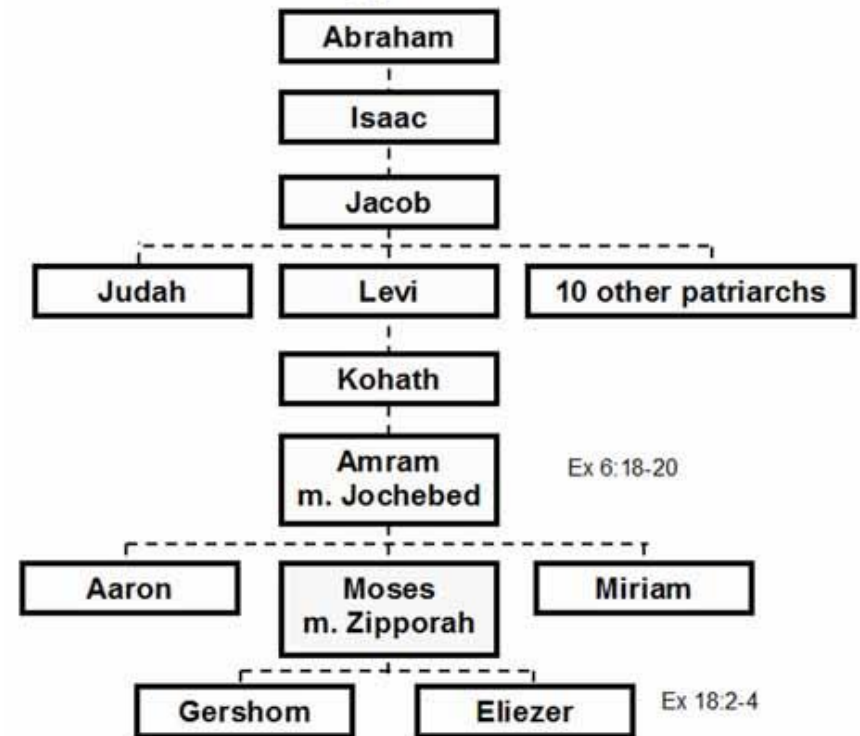


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Genealogy of Moses



Stages of the Story of Moses

From Success To Slavery

From Slavery to Palace Royalty

From Palace Royalty To Desert Nomad

From Desert Nomad to National Deliverer

From National Deliverer to Wilderness Adventure

Guide

Last week we left off with the Hebrews leaving Egypt in haste in the middle of the night after the Death Angel had come through and taken the life of every first born male (human & animal) of the Egyptians. (**Exodus 12**) After they ate the Passover meal they took all their flocks and herds and also a large amount of silver, gold and clothing from their Egyptian taskmasters, who were eager to rid themselves of the Hebrews and their powerful God and His plagues against them. They left Ramses (see map)

2. Israel's Exodus from Egypt and Entry into Canaan



They left Rameses (it was in the springtime of the year probably March or April) after spending around 430 years in Egypt, some in freedom, but most in slavery. Now they were a free people heading back to the Promised Land that God had given in a Covenant to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They also according to Joseph's request 300 years earlier, brought his bones

with them to be buried in the Promised Land. They began their journey to Sukkoth, with, according to Exodus 12 about 600,000 men as well as women and children. Some scholars estimate the total between 1.5 to 2 million total. This number also included some Egyptians and other foreigners as well.

In Exodus 13 we read that God led them to take a longer path on the desert road that led to the Red Sea, rather than the quickest and most direct route because He was aware that they would face the strong Philistine armies and be tempted to turn back to Egypt.

After they left Sukkoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert God continued His miraculous activity.

By day He would place a Pillar of Cloud to guide them and protect from the fierce desert sun, and by night a Pillar of Fire that would also guide them on any night journeys.



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These never left the people. It is a reminder that God is always there for us to provide protection, light and security.

Then we read of a strange plan by God to lure the Egyptians armies to their demise as punishment for their hardened disobedience.

In Exodus 14 (see MAP) God instructs Moses to lead the people in a non-direct route so that the Egyptian scouts would see and think that they are lost and are easy prey to attack. The Hebrews camped at Pi Hahiroth by the Red Sea. This unusual strategy also placed them in a non-retreatable position as they were boxed in by the sea on one side and the quickly approaching Egyptian army on the other. To the human mind this was terrible military strategy. But to God, Who specializes in the Impossible, had other plans in mind. Pharaoh took 600 of his best chariots and his army and began to make their way to the Hebrews to recapture them and enslave them again. Even though I try to avoid this word, I think Pharaoh' action is the origin of the phrase “ You just can't fix stupid!” Pharaoh had seen and experienced the miraculous wrath of God and he still wanted to take on God's people. Now that is just unbelievable dumb!

But the sad thing is the Hebrew people seemed to have forgotten God's power and ability as well. Listen to what is recorded in **Exodus 14:1-10**... *As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you*

brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

It just seems so ridiculous that the Israelites would doubt God after all He had done for them. But, if we are honest with ourselves, how many times in our own lives do we fret, worry and forget that God is in full control, and we can trust Him no matter how dire the circumstances may be.

Listen to what Moses says to them, and these words should remind us 3,500 years later to always trust in God!

Exodus 14:13,14...¹³ *Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.”*¹⁴ *The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”*

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Wow! Isn't that some amazing and powerful words. In **Psalms 46:10** we read something similar ***“Be still and know that I AM God, I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth”***.

God is fixing to show up and show out His glory and power. Get Ready, the **ACTION** is about to happen!

Action Scene 1 – God moves the Pillar of Cloud in between the trapped Israelites and the oncoming Egyptian army. It is a complete blackout on the Egyptian side and literally sunny as a day at the beach (The Red Sea Resort, lol). On the Israelite side.

Lesson to be Learned: God is for us

Action Scene 2 – God instructs Moses to raise his staff toward the Red Sea and all night long a strong east wind blows and divides the sea into with completely dry land in between. It must have been an amazing sight to see these massive water walls on each side as nearly 2 million people and animals cross over the dry sea floor. Just as the last of the Hebrews were making their way onto the other side of the sea, God removes the protective Pillar of Cloud blocking the Egyptians and they blind with rage follow after the Hebrews through the sea floor. God began to throw the 3 chariots into confusion and jamming and breaking the chariot wheels and then God had Moses lift his staff back over the sea and the massive walls of water came rushing in like a might torrent in on the confused and terrified soldiers.

The entire Egyptian army was destroyed. But the Israelites were roasting hotdogs and marshmallows on the other side. Well, maybe not exactly, but you get the point. The Israelites experienced again, firsthand, the mighty power of God to save and redeem His people. Listen to **Exodus 14 30, 31**... ³⁰ ***That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.*** ³¹ ***And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in Him and in Moses his servant.***

Lesson to be Learned: Always Trust the Lord, He Will Always Come Through

Action Scene 3: ‘Wilderness Adventure The Musical’ In Chapter 15 we find what appears to be the 1st record of a song in the Bible. The Whole crowd broke out into singing as if they were part of the Musical Movie “Grease” or a Broadway Musical. Exodus 15:1-3 starts the song off... ***“I will sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted. Both horse and driver He has hurled into the sea.”*** ² ***“The LORD is my strength and my defense¹; He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.*** ³ ***The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is His name.*** ⁴ ***Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea.***

Lesson to be Learned: Its good to sing your praise to the Lord and worship Him.

Action Scene 4: Wilderness Food Network

After this great event of joy and victory we see the unfortunate tendency of people to quickly fall back into a pattern of doubt, complaint and disobedience.

The people were exhilarated but also tired and hungry.

They began to complain about being hungry and for the 2nd time they whined about “the good ole days’ in Egypt where they at least had plenty of food to eat. Isn’t it crazy how quickly we as humans, get discouraged and how bad our past memories can be?

Now we see God spring into miraculous action of provision. God sent down manna (literally means ‘*What is this*’ in Hebrew) for them to eat. Manna was a flake like substance that could be made in to bread and cakes. This would appear for 6 days, but not on the 7th day (commonly known as the Sabbath). They were to harvest twice as much on the 6th day so they could rest on the 7th. However, they got tired of the ‘same old manna casseroles’. Many of them then went beyond complaint and overtly disobeyed by going out on the 7th day (the Sabbath) to gather the manna. Of course, just as God had CLEARLY said, there will be NO MANNA on the Sabbath.

They started complaining AGAIN. This time Moses told his brother Aaron to tell the people that the Lord has heard them and they will soon have their fill of meat.

That evening quail came in and covered the campground. (In another account we see that people were punished because of their complaints and disobedience by God causing them to become extremely sick with the meat).

Lesson to be Learned: JUST FOLLOW GOD’S INSTRUCTIONS!

Action Scene 5: Water From the Rock

Right on cue the people that had complained and doubted God’s care and provision for food they had the same weak faith when it came to water. Complaints, griping and whining. They began moving to a place named Rephidim and cried out in grumbling anger “***Give us water to drink***” (Ex. 17:2)

Enter Stage Right God and another miraculous action. God instructs Moses to strike the rock near Mt. Horeb. When he did, God miraculously providing flowing fresh water. God provided out of love even when the people were disobedient. Moses renamed this place Massah and Meribah, loosely meaning testing and contention, because this is what the Israelites did to God.

Lesson To Be Learned: Quit complaining and trust in God provision and power

Action Scene 6: Sometimes We Just Need a Little Helping Hand

In Exodus 17:8-16 we see the 1st of many battles and wars that the Israelites were to face in order to claim the Promised Land.

A people known as the Amalekites came out to stop the Israelites from going through their land. (*distinct relatives to the Israelites and descendants of Esau*)

Moses chooses his handpicked apprentice Joshua to lead the Israelite army in battle. As Joshua and the armies fought, Moses stood on a hill and held his hands with the staff of God toward the battle field. When his hands were in the air (I believe symbolically acknowledging the help of God) the Israelites advanced in victory but when he tired and dropped his hands the Amalekites advanced. So his brother Aaron and another leader Hur, helped hold his hands and God brought about their first military victory.

Lesson to be Learned: We will always have conflict and opposition as we seek to do follow God. But God will always be there for us. We are given a new Name for God here “**Yahweh Nissi**” meaning “**The Lord is my Banner**”. Also, we see that God wants us to aid one another in our battle in this life. We need one another.

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Tracing The Scarlet Thread

Revelation 13:8... *“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship Him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the **Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**”*

1 Peter 1:19-21... *“^[19] But with the **precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb** without blemish and without spot: ^[20] For He was chosen or foreknown **before the foundation of the world**, but has appeared in these last times for your sake, ^[21] and through Him you believe [confidently] in God [the heavenly Father], who raised Him [Christ] from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are [centered and rest] in God.*

{Genesis 2:15 & 3:6,7 set the stage for the need of a
‘Scarlet Thread of Redemption’}

Genesis 2:15...¹⁵ *Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you **shall surely die.**”*

Genesis 3:6,7...⁶ *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that **they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings...¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”*

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Genesis 3:15... *“And I will put enmity (open hostility) Between you and the woman, And between your seed (offspring) and **her Seed**; He shall [**fatally**] **bruise your head**, And you shall [only] **bruise His heel.**” (AMP)*

Genesis 3:21... *The LORD God made **clothing from skins** for the man and his wife, and he clothed them.*

From the very beginning of human history, it is revealed. When Adam and Eve sinned, God shed innocent blood in order to make them clothes from animal skins (Genesis 3:21). This is a picture of the covering of righteousness that we receive when the Lord Jesus Christ died for us.

Genesis 4:8... *Then Cain spoke to Abel his brother; and it happened when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his **brother and killed him.***

Genesis 4:10-15...¹⁰ *And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your **brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground.** ¹¹ So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹² When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.” ¹³ And Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear! ¹⁴ Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me.”¹⁵ And the LORD said to him, “Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” **And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.***

Genesis 4:25-26...²⁵ *And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, “For God has **appointed another seed** for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed.” ²⁶ And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the LORD. [It is through the lineage of Enosh that our Lord Jesus Christ is descended. He is the 6th Great Grandfather of Noah)*

Genesis 6:5-8, 14-18, 22...⁵ *When the Lord saw that man’s wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every scheme his mind thought of was nothing but evil all the time, ⁶ the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ Then the Lord said, “I will wipe off*

from the face of the earth mankind, whom I created, together with the animals, creatures that crawl, and birds of the sky—for I regret that I made them.”⁸ **Noah**, however, **found favor in the sight of the Lord**...¹⁴ “Make yourself an **ark** of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and **cover it with pitch** inside and outside.”¹⁵ This is how you are to make it: The ark will be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.¹⁶ You are to make a roof finishing the sides of the ark to within 18 inches of the roof. You are to put a door in the side of the ark. Make it with lower, middle, and upper decks.¹⁷ “Understand that I am bringing a flood—floodwaters on the earth to destroy every creature under heaven with the breath of life in it. **Everything on earth will die.**”¹⁸ But **I will establish My covenant with you, and you will enter the ark** with your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives...²² And Noah did this. He did everything that God had commanded him.

Genesis 8:15-22...¹⁵ Then God spoke to Noah, ¹⁶ “Come out of the ark, you, your wife, your sons, and your sons’ wives with you.”¹⁷ Bring out all the living creatures that are with you—birds, livestock, those that crawl on the ground—and they will spread over the earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”¹⁸ So Noah, along with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives, came out.¹⁹ All wildlife, all livestock, every bird, and every creature that crawls on the earth came out of the ark by their groups.²⁰ Then Noah **built an altar to the LORD**. He took some of every kind of clean animal and every kind of clean bird and **offered burnt offerings** on the altar.²¹ When the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, He said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, even though man’s inclination is evil from his youth. And I will never again strike down every living thing as I have done.”²² As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night will not cease.”

Noahic Covenant

Genesis 9:1-9, 12-17...¹ God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.”² The fear and terror of you will be in every living creature on the earth, every bird of the sky, every creature that crawls on the ground, and all the fish of the sea. They are placed under your authority.³ Every living creature will be food for you; as I gave the green plants, I have given

you everything.”⁴ However, you must not eat meat with its lifeblood in it.⁵ I will require the life of every animal and every man for your life and your blood. I will require the life of each man’s brother for a man’s life.⁶ **Whoever sheds man’s blood, his blood will be shed by man, for God made man in His image.**⁷ But you, be fruitful and multiply; spread out over the earth and multiply on it.”⁸ Then God said to Noah and his sons with him,⁹ “Understand that I am **confirming My covenant with you and your descendants after you**...¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between Me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all future generations: ¹³ I have placed **My rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.**”¹⁴ Whenever I form clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds,¹⁵ I will remember My covenant between Me and you and all the living creatures: water will **never again become a flood to destroy every creature.**”¹⁶ The bow will be in the clouds, and I will look at it and remember the **everlasting covenant** between God and all the living creatures on earth.”¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have confirmed between Me and every creature on earth.”

Genealogy of the Scarlet Thread Continues

Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Arphaxad, Salah, Eber (Hebrew), Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, Abraham...

The Call of Abraham –

Reaffirmation of God’s Covenant Redemption

Genesis 12:1-3,7...¹ The LORD said to Abram: Go out from your land, your relatives, and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.² I will make you into a **great nation, I will bless you**, I will make your name great, and **you will be a blessing.**³ I will bless those who bless you, I will **curse those who treat you with contempt**, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you...⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your offspring.” So **he built an altar** there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

Genesis 14:17-20...¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ Then Melchizedek, king of Salem brought out **bread and wine**; He was a **priest to God Most High**. ¹⁹ He blessed Abram and said: **Abram is blessed by God Most High**, Creator of heaven and earth, ²⁰ and I give praise to God Most High who has handed over your enemies to you. And Abram gave Him a **tenth of everything**.

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 15:1-6, 9-12, 17,18...After these events, the **Word of the LORD** came to Abram in a vision: Do not be afraid, Abram. **I Am your Shield**; your Reward will be very great. ² But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what can You give me, since I am childless and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ Abram continued, "Look, You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house will be my heir." ⁴ Now the Word of the LORD came to him: "This one will not be your heir; instead, **one who comes from your own body will be your heir**." ⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look at the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then He said to him, "Your offspring will be that numerous." ⁶ **Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness.....** ⁹ He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old cow, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ So he brought all these to Him, **split them down the middle**, and laid the pieces opposite each other, but he did not cut up the birds. ¹¹ Birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was setting, a deep sleep fell on Abram, and suddenly great terror and darkness descended on him..... ¹⁷ When the sun had set and it was dark, a **smoking fire pot and a flaming torch appeared and passed between the divided animals**. ¹⁸ On that day the **LORD made a covenant with Abram**,

Genesis 17:1-14...When Abram was 99 years old, the LORD appeared to him, saying, "I am God Almighty. Live in My presence and be blameless. ² **I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you greatly**." ³ Then Abram fell facedown and God spoke with him: ⁴ "As for Me, My covenant is with you: you will become the father of many nations ⁵ Your name

will no longer be Abram, but **your name will be Abraham**, for I will make you the father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you extremely fruitful and will make nations and kings come from you. ⁷ **I will keep My covenant between Me and you, and your future offspring throughout their generations, as an everlasting covenant to be your God and the God of your offspring after you**. ⁸ And to you and your future offspring I will give the land where you are residing—all the land of Canaan—as an eternal possession, and I will be their God." ⁹ God also said to Abraham, "As for you, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations are to keep My covenant. ¹⁰ This is My covenant, which you are to keep, between Me and you and your offspring after you: **Every one of your males must be circumcised**. ¹¹ You must circumcise the flesh of your foreskin to serve as a sign of the covenant between Me and you. ¹² Throughout your generations, every male among you at eight days old is to be circumcised. This includes a slave born in your house and one purchased with money from any foreigner. The one who is not your offspring, ¹³ a slave born in your house, as well as one purchased with money, must be circumcised. **My covenant will be marked in your flesh as an everlasting covenant**. ¹⁴ If any male is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that man will be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

The Covenant thread of Genealogy Continues with Birth of Issac

Genesis 17:19-22...¹⁹ But God said, "No. Your wife Sarah will **bear you a son**, and you will name him Isaac. **I will confirm My covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his future offspring**. ²⁰ As for Ishmael, I have heard you. I will certainly bless him; I will make him fruitful and will multiply him greatly. He will father 12 tribal leaders, and I will make him into a great nation. ²¹ But I will confirm My covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this time next year." ²² When He finished talking with him, God withdrew from Abraham.

Genesis 21:1-5...The LORD came to Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what He had promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time God had told him. ³ Abraham named his son who was born to him—the one Sarah bore to him—Isaac. ⁴ **When his son Isaac was**

eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God had commanded him. ⁵ *Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born to him.*

**Deferred Sacrifice Of Isaac – A Pre-type and Foreshadowing of the
Substitutionary Sacrifice of Christ, The Lamb of God**

Genesis 22:

The Life of Jacob

The Life of Joseph

Job

Moses