Abraham Through Moses

Review and Catch-up:

* Fall: Sin and Death. (Gen 3-4)
	+ Looking for the seed (Gen 3:15)
	+ approx. 4,000 B.C.

Caravaggio “Sacrifice of Isaac”

Rembrandt “Moses Breaking the Tablets of the Law”

* Flood: (Gen 6-9)
	+ “The intent of man’s heart was constantly on evil”
	+ Is Noah the seed?
		- Sin (9:20-24)
		- Death (9:29)
		- approx. 2341 B.C. (1659 years after creation)
* Babel: (Gen 11)
	+ “Nothing will be impossible for them.”
	+ approx. 2440 B.C. (about 100 years after flood)
* Abraham introduced (11:27-32)
	+ Born approx. 2165 B.C.
* Chapters 5, 10, 11: Genealogies
	+ Why genealogies?
		- Looking for the seed.
		- “and then he died.”
	+ Enoch? (5:21-24) “and he was not, for God took him.”

Abraham

* Call of Abraham (Gen 12)
	+ 12:1-3
		- “Make you a great nation.”
		- “Bless those who bless you, curse those who dishonor you.”
		- “In you, all the families of the earth will be blessed.”
	+ 12:6-8
		- land of Canaanites
		- “To your offspring (seed) I will give this land.”
		- Built an altar to the Lord at Bethel
* The Land and the Spoils (Gen 13-14)
	+ 13:14-18
		- “all the land you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.”
		- “I will make your offspring as the dust” innumerable
		- Built an altar to the Lord at Hebron
	+ 14:18-20
		- Melchizedek “priest of God Most High”
		- Blesses Abraham and God
		- Abraham gives him a 10th of his spoils
* Abrahamic Covenant (Gen 15)
	+ 15:1-6
		- reiteration of promise “So shall your offspring be.”
		- “And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.
	+ 15:13-16
		- prediction of Egypt captivity
	+ 15:18-20
		- To your offspring (seed) I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates…”
* Abrahamic Lack of Faith (Gen 16-17)
	+ 16:3-4
		- Abraham went into Hagar and conceived.
	+ 16:10
		- Hagar’s offspring will be multiplied…
		- Is this the fulfillment of the promise? (see 17:15-22)
	+ 17:9-11ff
		- circumcision will be the sign that you are an offspring of Abraham
	+ 17:15-22
		- Isaac will be born from Sarah
		- Isaac will be the child of promise
* Sacrifice of Isaac (Gen 22)
	+ 22:1-2
		- Sacrifice your only son, Isaac
		- Land of Moriah
		- v.4 on the third day…
	+ 22:9-18
		- Mt. Moriah is named: “the Lord will provide” or “see”
		- “I will surely multiply your offspring.”
		- “And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”
		- Cf. Gal 3:8, 16.
* Is Abraham the seed?
	+ Gen 25:8
	+ So what about Isaac?...

Isaac and Jacob

* Promise repeated – Isaac (Gen 26)
	+ 26:3-5
		- sojourn in the land
		- I will multiply your offspring (seed) as the stars
		- …and give your offspring (seed) all these lands
		- In your offspring (seed) all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.
	+ Is Isaac the seed?
		- 35:28-29
		- So what about Jacob or Esau?...
* Jacob and Sons (Gen 28-50)
	+ 28:1-5
		- Isaac tells Jacob not to marry Canaanites, instead go to Laban
		- “May he give the blessing of Abraham to you”
	+ 28:13-15
		- The land you’re lying on I will give your offspring
		- Offspring shall be like the dust
		- “In your offspring (seed) all the families of the earth will be blessed.”
	+ 29-30
		- Jacob has 12 sons by four women…

Story of Joseph

The story of…

* how God’s prophecy to Abraham in 15:13-16 came to pass
* how the line of the seed was preserved through famine
* how Israel became a nation
* how Moses was born
* God’s providence.

Prophecy for Judah (Gen 49:8-12)

* “your brothers shall praise you”
* “The scepter shall not depart from Judah”

