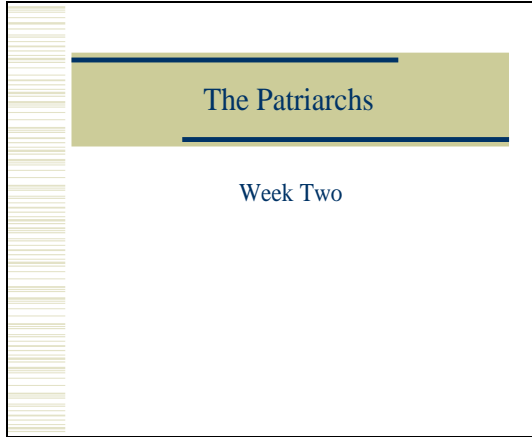


Slide 1



The Patriarchs

Week Two

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Slide 2



The Stages of the Story

- ♦ Patriarchs
- ♦ The nation of Israel
- ♦ Jesus
- ♦ The early church

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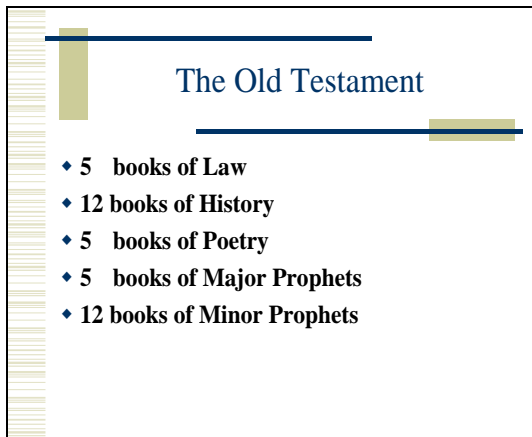
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Slide 3



The Old Testament

- ♦ 5 books of Law
- ♦ 12 books of History
- ♦ 5 books of Poetry
- ♦ 5 books of Major Prophets
- ♦ 12 books of Minor Prophets

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Slide 12

**Before the Patriarchs**

- ♦ Cain and Abel
- ♦ Noah and the flood
- ♦ Tower of Babel
- ♦ Brothers, Cain kills Abel
- ♦ Ark saves Noah and family from flood
- ♦ Many languages

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Slide 13

**Age of the Patriarchs**

- ♦ Abraham
  - “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you;
  - “I will make your name great and you will be a blessing;
  - “I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse;
  - “and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”
  - Genesis 12:2-3

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Slide 14

**Abraham**

- ♦ Monotheism vs. Polytheism
- ♦ Three dominant monotheistic religions:
  - Judaism
  - Christianity
  - Islam
- ♦ All three have roots in Abraham

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Slide 15

**Abraham's Life**

- ♦ The story of Abraham takes up more than 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the 50 chapters of Genesis (11:27-25:11)
- ♦ Originally named Abram; God made a covenant with him in Genesis 17 and gave him a new name (Abraham)

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Slide 16

**Abraham's Life**

- ♦ Abraham is promised a son (15)
- ♦ Sarai suggests Hagar, her maidservant. She gives birth to Ishmael and Sarai is mad (16)
- ♦ Isaac is born
- ♦ Offering of Isaac

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Slide 17

**Age of the Patriarchs**

- ♦ Abraham
- ♦ Isaac and Ishmael
- ♦ Jacob and Esau
- ♦ Joseph and his brothers

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Slide 18

**Jacob's Sons**

- ♦ **Leah's Sons**
  - Reuben
  - Simeon
  - Levi
  - Judah
  - Issachar
  - Zebulun
- ♦ **Bilhah's Sons**
  - Dan
  - Naphtali
- ♦ **Zilpah's Sons**
  - Gad
  - Asher
- ♦ **Rachel's Sons**
  - Joseph
  - Benjamin

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Slide 19

**Joseph**

- ♦ **Rachel's first son, Jacob's favorite**
- ♦ **The epitome of "bad things happening to good people" but also of overcoming trials**
- ♦ **Reunites with family through famine**
- ♦ **They move to Egypt and grow greatly in numbers and wind up enslaved**

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