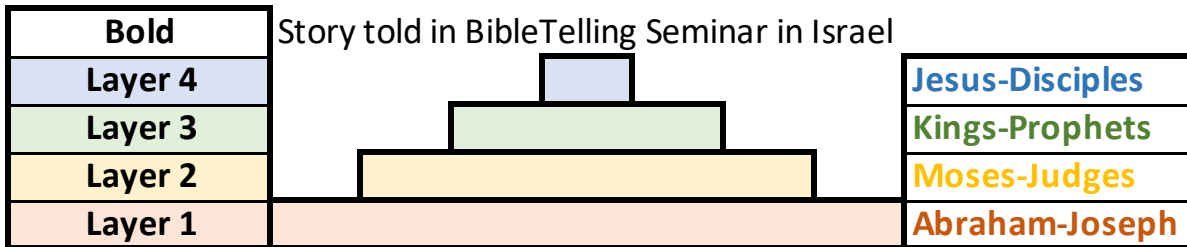


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Beersheba "Well of the oath" - Effectively, the southernmost city in ancient Israel

Nehemiah 11	Some exiles from Babylon reinhabit Beersheba
2 Kings 23	King Josiah tears down high place inside Beersheba
1 Kings 19	Elijah stopped here, left his servant, while fleeing from Jezebel
1 Samuel 8	Samuel's sons judged Israel in Beersheba
Joshua 15, 19	Allotted to tribe of Simeon (they were scattered among tribe of Judah)
Genesis 46	Jacob offers sacrifices before leaving for Egypt
Genesis 28	Jacob steals birthright from Esau while camped at Beersheba
Genesis 26	Isaac digs a well and names the place Beersheba
Genesis 21	Abraham digs a well, pays 7 sheep to own the well, called Beersheba

Beth Shemesh "House of the Sun" in Sorek Valley, connecting central ridge to the coast

2 Chronicles 28	Philistines captured Beth Shemesh while King Ahaz ruled
2 Kings 14	Jehoash (Israel) defeated and captured Amaziah (Judah) here.
1 Samuel 6	Ark returned from Philistines, men killed looking inside, ark sent on
Judges 13-16	Samson judged in the Sorek Valley, Beth Shemesh was gateway city
Joshua 21	Allotted to Levites as one of 48 cities throughout Israel
Joshua 15	City on Israel border with Philistines

Bethel

2 Kings 23	Josiah desecrates and destroys Jeroboam's altar, spares tomb of the prophet
2 Kings 17	Assyria sends exiled priest back to Bethel to teach Samaritans to worship God
2 Kings 2	Company of prophets, young men mauled by bears for mocking Elisha
1 Kings 12-13	Jeroboam's golden calf, prophecy of Josiah, altar splits, Jeroboam's paralysis
1 Samuel 7	Samuel travels as a judge on a circuit that includes Bethel
Judges 20	Tabernacle and ark at Bethel, Benjamites slaughtered by other tribes
Judges 1	Tribes of Joseph attack and defeat Canaanites in Bethel
Joshua 18	Allotted as part of Promised Land territory to tribe of Benjamin
Genesis 35	Jacob returns, builds an altar, stone pillar, Rebekah's nurse buried under oak
Genesis 28	Jacob's dream of stairway to heaven, stone pillow/pillar fleeing from Esau
Genesis 13	Abram (with Lot) returns from Egypt, calls on the Lord, Lot leaves for Zoar
Genesis 12	Abram builds an altar here on his journey from Haran to southern Canaan

Bethlehem "House of Bread"

Matthew 2	King Herod has babies of Bethlehem under 2 years old killed
Luke 2	Jesus born, shepherds visit, wise men visit
Micah 5	Prophecy the Messiah would be born here
2 Samuel 23	3 of David's mighty men retrieve water from Philistine-held Bethlehem wells
1 Samuel 16	David anointed by Samuel as 2nd king of Israel
Ruth	Ruth arrives with Naomi, gleanes in Boaz's field, marries him
Genesis 35	Rachel, wife of Jacob, buried at Bethlehem (died giving birth to Benjamin)

Caesarea Philippi - northern Galilee, near Mt. Hermon

Luke 9	Transfiguration with Moses and Elijah
Luke 9	Jesus asks disciples: Who do people say I am?
	Center of Greek god Pan worship, renamed by King Philip to honor emperors

Caesarea by the Sea - on the Mediterranean coast

Acts 27	Paul sails from Caesarea for Rome
Acts 25-26	Paul's trial before Festus, Agrippa II
Acts 24	Paul's trial before Felix
Acts 23	Paul held 2 years by Roman captors for protection from Jews
Acts 21	Paul completes 3rd journey, stays w/Phillip, Agabus prophesy of capture
Acts 12	King Herod Agrippa I struck down and eaten by worms for blasphemy
Acts 10	Cornelius, Roman Centurion, converted and baptized by Peter
Acts 9	Believers take Paul from Jerusalem to Caesarea to sail to Tarsus
Acts 8	Philip preached gospel in all towns until he reached Caesarea
	Rebuilt by Herod the Great as Roman port honoring Caesar Augustus

Dan City in the far north of Israel (headwaters of the Jordan River)

1 Kings 12	Jeroboam places golden calves at Dan and Bethel for worship
Judges 18	Tribe of Dan leaves their allotted land by Philistines, moves here
Genesis 14	Abraham travels here (then called Laish) to rescue Lot

Gezer Key city on the Via Maris, gateway city to Ayalon Valley up to Jerusalem

1 Kings 9	Egypt burned city, gifted it to daughter/Solomon's wife, Solomon rebuilds
2 Samuel 5	David strikes Philistines from Gibeon to Gezer
Joshua 21	Given to the tribe of Levi
Joshua 19	Allotted to tribe of Ephraim, but Canaanites stayed, performed forced labor
Joshua 10	Joshua defeats King Hiram of Gezer in battle at Lachish

Gibeah 3 miles north of Jerusalem

Isaiah 10	Gibeah falls to Assyrian army on its way to Jerusalem (701BC)
2 Samuel 21	David allows Gibeonites to kill 7 sons of Saul because of Saul's treachery
1 Samuel 10	Saul, Israel's first king is from Gibeah
Judges 20	Civil war in response to murder nearly annihilates the tribe of Benjamin
Judges 19	Men of Gibeah rape and kill a Levite's concubine
Joshua 18	Allotted to the tribe of Benjamin

Gibeon Just west of Jerusalem at top of the road leading down to the coast

Nehemiah 3	95 men returned from Babylon to Gibeon, helped build Jerusalem walls
Jeremiah 41	Jeremiah and others rescued by the pool of Gibeon
1 Chronicles 16	Tabernacle was at Gibeon while Temple was built in Jerusalem
1 Kings 3	Solomon offers sacrifices, asks for wisdom from God at Gibeon
2 Samuel 21	David allows Gibeonites to kill 7 sons of Saul because of Saul's treachery
2 Samuel 2	Joab (David) defeats Abner (Ishbosheth) at pool of Gibeon
Joshua 21	Gibeon allocated to Levites as 1 of their 48 cities
Joshua 10	Canaanite kings attack Gibeon, Joshua attacks and defeats them
Joshua 9	Gibeonites trick Joshua into a peace treaty, become Israel's servants

Gilgal City on the eastern border of Jericho (by Jordan River)

1 Samuel 11	Samuel anoint Saul as first king of Israel
1 Samuel 10	Samuel tells Saul to go to Gilgal and wait 7 days for him to join him
1 Samuel 7	Gilgal was one Samuel's circuit judging Israel (w/Bethel and Mizpah)
Joshua 10	Joshua marches all night from Gilgal to Gibeon, defeats Canaanites
Joshua 9	Gibeonites trick Joshua into a peace treaty, become Israel's servants
Joshua 5	Israel celebrates the Passover
Joshua 4	Israel camps, Joshua sets up the 12 stones taken from Jordan River

Hazor

2 Kings 15	Assyria captures Hazor and deports Israel inhabitants to Assyria
1 Kings 9	Solomon fortifies Hazor, important fortress on trade route
Judges 4	Commander Sisera of Hazor leads 900 chariots to defeat by Barak
Joshua 19	Allotted as part of Promised Land territory to tribe of Naphtali
Joshua 11	Joshua defeats King Jabin of Hazor and burns the city

Hebron Also known as Kiriath Arba, south of Jerusalem and Bethlehem

2 Chronicles 11	King Rehoboam of Judah fortifies Hebron
2 Samuel 15	Absalom rebels against David, goes to Hebron to be proclaimed king
2 Samuel 2	David anointed King over Judah at Hebron
Judges 16	Samson carries the gates of Gaza to Hebron
Joshua 21	Hebron is named 1 of 48 Levite cities (but area around was Judah's)
Joshua 20	Hebron is named 1 of 6 cities of refuge
Joshua 14-15	Caleb requests the surrounding Hebron area for his tribe Judah
Joshua 10	Joshua attacks Hebron and kills its inhabitants
Genesis 49-50	Jacob dies, buried in the cave at Hebron
Genesis 35	Isaac dies, buried in the cave at Hebron
Genesis 25	Abraham dies, buried with Sarah in the cave at Hebron
Genesis 23	Sarah dies, Abraham buys cave of Machpelah at Hebron as burial plot
Genesis 19	Abraham views the destruction of Sodom from near Hebron
Genesis 18	God's 3 messengers visit Abraham, discuss the fate of Sodom

Hill of Moreh (**Ophrah**-southwest, **Endor**-north, **Shunem**-south, **Nain**-north slope)

Luke 7	Jesus restores the only son of a widow to life at <i>Nain</i>
2 Kings 4	Elisha befriended by <i>Shunammite</i> woman, restores her only son to life
1 Kings 1	Abishag, David's comforter, was from <i>Shunem</i>
1 Samuel 28	Philistines gather, Saul visits medium at <i>Endor</i> , Samuel appears
Judges 7	Hill of Midianite's camp where Gideon defeated them with 300 men
Judges 6	<i>Ophrah</i> home of Gideon, Gideon builds altar, tests God with fleece
Joshua 19	Allotted as part of Promised Land territory to tribe of Issachar

Jericho "City of Palms" - World's lowest city, one of the world's oldest cities

Matthew 20	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus and his friend on his final trip to Jerusalem
Luke 19	Jesus spots Zacchaeus in sycamore fig tree, visits his home, Zacchaeus converted
2 Kings 25	Babylonians capture King Zedekiah on Plains of Jericho as he flees Jerusalem
2 Kings 2	Elisha purifies bitter water
1 Kings 16	Hiel rebuilds Jericho gates and walls, loses 2 sons as Joshua predicted (Josh 6)
2 Samuel 10	David's humiliated men wait here for beards to grow back
Judges 3	King Eglon of Moab rules from Jericho, oppresses Israel, killed by Ehud
Joshua 16	Allotted as part of Promised Land territory to tribe of Ephraim
Joshua 6	Destruction of Jericho, Rahab's family protected, curse on rebuilding Jericho
Joshua 5	Joshua sees man standing in front of him with sword drawn
Joshua 2	Joshua sends 2 spies to scout Jericho, Rahab protects them

Jezreel

Hosea 1	Prophecy of punishment on house of Jehu for massacre at Jezreel
2 Kings 10	Jehu kills all of King Ahab's 70 sons and his close friends and priests
2 Kings 9	Jehu kills Kings Ahaziah and Joram and Joram's mother, Jezebel
2 Kings 8	King Joram of Israel returns to recover from his battle wounds
1 Kings 21	Jezebel steals Naboth's vineyard, Elijah condemns her and King Ahab
1 Kings 18	Elijah outruns King Ahab's chariot from Mt. Carmel to Jezreel
1 Samuel 25	David married Ahinoam of Jezreel
Joshua 19	Allotted as part of Promised Land territory to tribe of Issachar

Lachish

Important city protecting valley leading up to Hebron and Jerusalem

Jeremiah 34	King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon captures Lachish, Jerusalem 586BC
2 Kings 18-19	King Sennacherib of Assyria builds siege ramp, captures Lachish 701BC
2 Kings 14	King Amaziah flees assassination attempt in Jerusalem, but gets killed here
2 Chronicles 22	King Rehoboam fortifies Lachish
Joshua 15	Allotted as part of Promised Land territory to tribe of Judah
Joshua 10	King of Lachish attacks Joshua at Gibeon, Joshua conquers Lachish

Megiddo

Revelation 16	Gathering of world's armies at Hill of Megiddo (Armageddon)
2 Kings 23	King Josiah killed by Egyptian army at Megiddo
2 Kings 9	King Ahaziah attacked by Jehu near Jezreel, flees to Megiddo and dies
1 Kings 9-10	Solomon fortifies Megiddo
Judges 5	Barak defeats Sisera by waters of Megiddo (Kishon River, Jezreel Valley)
Judges 1	Allotted to tribe of Manasseh, but not conquered
Joshua 12	One of 31 kings Joshua defeated during Israel's conquest of Canaan

Nazareth

"Branch" or "shoot"

Mark 6	Jesus returns, performs few miracles because of people's unbelief
Luke 4	Jesus' first sermon, people try to throw him off Mount of Precipice
Matthew 2	Joseph, Mary, and Jesus return to Nazareth after refuge in Egypt
Luke 2	Joseph and Mary leave Nazareth for Bethlehem and Jesus' birth
Luke 1	Angel Gabriel announcement of Jesus to Mary

Samaria Capital of divided kingdom Israel, Modern Day: West Bank NW of Nablus

Acts 8	Philip and other believers go to Samaria, driven by persecution in Jerusalem
Many prophets	Numerous prophecies of Israel's Assyrian captivity
2 Kings 17	Israel exiled to Assyria, Assyrians moved to Israel, Samaritan religion developed
2 Kings 14	King Jehoash defeats Judah, takes gold and silver from Temple, returns to Samaria
2 Kings 13	Israel delivered from Aram but continued Jeroboam's sin, kept Asherah pole in Samaria
2 Kings 10	Jehu has all 70 sons of Ahab killed, destroys the temple and all priests of Baal
2 Kings 7	Aram besieges Samaria, Elisha prophecies end of siege, 4 lepers find Aram camp empty
2 Kings 6	Elisha traps blinded Aramean army sent to capture him, leads them to Samaria
2 Kings 5	Naaman of Aram goes to Elisha's house, then to Jordan River for healing of leprosy
1 Kings 22	Micaiah prophesies doom for Kings Ahab and Jehoshaphat sitting together in Samaria
1 Kings 20	King Ben-Hadad of Aram besieges and attacks Samaria but is unsuccessful
1 Kings 16	King Omri of Israel builds city of Samaria, son King Ahab builds temple to Baal there

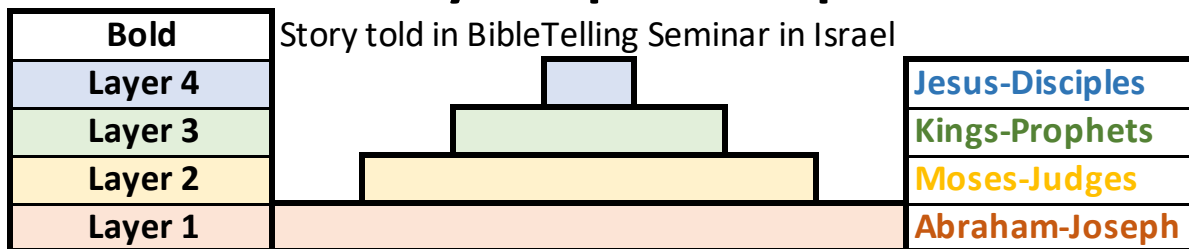
Shechem/Sychar

John 4	Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well (Sychar, near Shechem)
1 Kings 12	Rehoboam made king, people rebel, Jeroboam fortifies Shechem, reigns there
Judges 9	Abimelek leads idolatry, Jotham curses, Shechem revolts, Abimelek destroys
Joshua 24	Joshua assembles all tribes, renews covenant, "As for me and my house..."
Joshua 17, 21	Allotted as part of Promised Land territory to tribe of Ephraim
Joshua 8	Joshua reads law, writes on stones, curses-Mt. Ebal, blessings-Mt. Gerizim (Dt 27)
(Acts 7)	Joseph buried here after exodus from Egypt
Genesis 35	Jacob collects all foreign gods and earrings, buries them under oak here
Genesis 34	Shechem rapes Jacob's daughter Dinah, sons trick then kill Shechemites
Genesis 33	Jacob returns, buys land here for 100 silver pieces, (digs well--John 4)
Genesis 12	Abram stopped here on his journey from Haran to southern Canaan

Shiloh

Jeremiah	Shiloh repeatedly referred to as desolate and cursed
1 Kings 14	Jeroboam's wife, in disguise, visits prophet Ahijah
1 Samuel 4	Ark taken from the Tabernacle and lost in battle with Philistines
1 Samuel 1	Samuel's birth prophesied, brought to the Tabernacle, called as prophet
Judges 21	Benjamites take wives of daughters of Shiloh at annual festival
Joshua 18	Tabernacle set up here after tribes were assigned land

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Amalekites

2 Samuel 1	Amalekite claims to have killed Saul at his request, David orders him killed
1 Samuel 30	Amalekites capture 2 of David's wives, David rescues them, destroys Amalek
1 Samuel 27	David, living among Philistines, raids Amalekite (not Israelite) villages
1 Samuel 15	Saul defeats Amalekites but spares King Agag and flocks
Judges 6-7	Amalekites join Midianites invading Israel, defeated by Gideon's 300 men
Judges 3	Amalekites join Moab in capturing Jericho
Numbers 14	Rebel Israelites try to enter Promised Land on their own--Amalekites beat them back
Numbers 24	Balaam prophecies end of Amalek as utter destruction
Numbers 14	Israelites rebel, try to enter Promised Land, Amalekites attack and beat them
Exodus 17	Joshua defeats Amalekites as Aaron and Hur hold up Moses' arms
Genesis 36	Birth of Amalek, grandson of Esau, father of the Amalekites

Ammonites

North central Jordan, Capital city of Jordan today

Zephaniah 2	Ammonites will become like Gomorrah--wasteland forever
Jeremiah 49	Prophecy of destruction of Rabbah/Amman but eventual restoration
Jeremiah 40	King of Ammon's assassin kills Gedaliah, Babylonian governor of Judah
Nehemiah	Tobiah the Ammonite harrasses Jews returning to Jerusalem
2 Chronicles 27	Jotham subjugates Ammonites, they pay tribute for 3 years
2 Chronicles 20	Join with Moabites and Edomites to attack Judah, fought/killed themselves
1 Kings 14	Rehoboam, son of Solomon and Ammonite wife, becomes king
1 Kings 11	Solomon marries Ammonite, follows Molek, their god
2 Samuel 23	Zelek the Ammonite one of David's 30 Mighty Men.
2 Samuel 17	Give David food and supplies as he flees from Abaslom to Mahanaim (Gad)
2 Samuel 11-12	David commits adultery, sends Uriah to his death in battle at Rabbah (Amman)
2 Samuel 10	Ammonites humiliate David's men, provoke war, Joab defeats them
1 Samuel 11	Demand right eyes of men of Jabesh Gilead, Saul defeats them
Judges 10-11	Ammonites invade Israel, Jephthah defeats them
Judges 3	Join with King Eglon of Moab to oppress Israel and control Jericho
Deuteronomy 23	Descendants forbidden from assembly of the Lord for 10 generations
Deuteronomy 2	God drove out previous inhabitants and gave the land to Ammonites
Genesis 19	Birth of Ben-Ammi, son of Lot and his younger daughter--father of Ammonites

Amorites Large subset of Canaanites in the Promised Land and east of Jordan River

Amos 2	Promised Land = "Land of Amorites," people tall as cedars, strong as oaks
2 Kings 21	Kings Manasseh of Judah does more evil than the Amorites
1 Samuel 7	Samuel defeats Philistines, frees Israel/Amorite cities, peace with Amorites
Joshua 11	Amorites join with northern Canaanite kings but Joshua defeats them
Joshua 10	5 Amorite kings attack Gibeon, Joshua marches to rescue them
Deuteronomy 4	Israelites occupy land of Kings Sihon and Og, east of the Jordan River
Numbers 21	King Sihon refuses Israel passage, attacks--all Amorite cities captured
Numbers 13	Amorites live in the hill country (the mountainous ridge)
Genesis 48	Jacob promises Joseph "one more ridge" (the Amorites') than his brothers
Genesis 15	Return from Egypt delayed until sin of Amorites reaches full measure

Arameans Modern day: southern Syria, especially Damascus

2 Kings 13	Jehoash defeats Aram 3 times but does not destroy them--as Elisha prophesied
2 Kings 8-9	Kings Joram and Ahaziah fight Aram, Joram wounded, Jehu kills both kings at Jezreel
2 Kings 7	Arameans besieging Samaria flee in terror thinking another army was attacking
2 Kings 6	Elisha traps blinded Aramean army sent to capture him, feeds them, sends them back
2 Kings 5	Commander Naaman of Aram goes to Israel, healed of leprosy, returns
1 Kings 22	King Ahab killed in battle with Arameans after ignoring Micaiah's warnings
1 Kings 20	King Ahab defeats Aram multiple times, spares King Ben-Hadad, prophet condemns
2 Samuel 10	Arameans fight/lose to David twice, first with Ammonites, then by themselves
2 Samuel 8	David defeats Aramean army from Damascus, establishes garrisons in Damascus

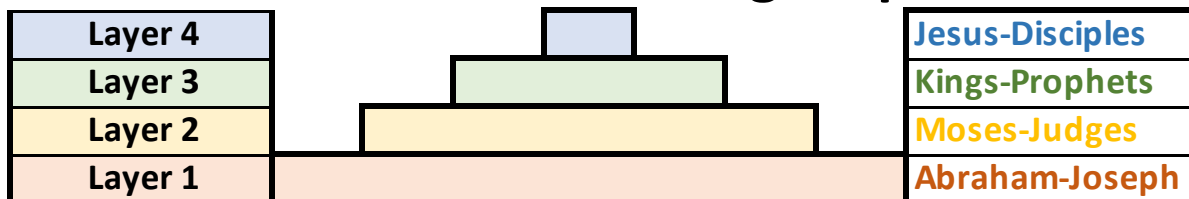
Edomites **Idumea** in Greek, Modern day: Southwest Jordan, Southeast Israel

Matthew 2	Herod the Great, son of Edomite father, orders baby boys in Bethlehem killed
Obadiah	God's judgment on prideful Edom
Joel 3, Amos 1	Edom condemned for violence against Judah, showing no compassion
2 Chronicles 28	Edom attacks Judah
2 Chronicles 20	Ammon, Moab, & Edom try to attack Israel but fought/killed each other
2 Kings 14, 16	King Amaziah of Judah captures city in Edom; Edomites later moved back in
2 Kings 3	Kings of Israel, Judah, and Edom attack and defeat Moab
1 Kings 9	Solomon builds ships on shore of Red Sea in Edom
2 Samuel 8	David conquers Edom
1 Samuel 21-22	Doeg, Saul's Edomite chief shepherd, kills 85 priests at Saul's command
Numbers 20	Edom refuses passage to Israelites wanting to travel on the King's Highway
Genesis 32, 36	Esau leaves land of Canaan for Seir (later known as Edom)--father of Edomites

Moabites Modern day: west central Jordan (along the Dead Sea)

Isaiah 11	Judgment against Moab for their pride
2 Chronicles 20	Ammon, Moab, & Edom try to attack Israel but fought/killed each other
2 Kings 3	Kings of Israel, Judah, and Edom attack and defeat Moab
2 Samuel 8	David conquers Moab
1 Samuel 22	Saul pursues David, David takes his parents to live in Moab
1 Samuel 14	King Saul fights against Moab
Ruth 1	Naomi's family goes to Moab to escape famine, Ruth returns with Naomi
Judges 3	King Eglon of Moab oppresses Israel for 18 years, killed by Judge Ehud
Numbers 22	King Balak of Moab asks Balaam to curse Israelites
Numbers 21	Israel bypasses Moab on way to Promised Land
Genesis 19	Birth of Moab, son of Lot and his older daughter--father of Moabites

"Tel" of World-Ruling Empires



Empire	Start	End	Notes
Romans	100BC	450AD	Herod the Great, Jesus, Peter, Nero, Paul
Greeks	450BC	325BC	Alexander the Great reigned just 11 years
Persians	550BC	330BC	Daniel, Return to Judah (538-426BC), Ezra, Nehemiah
Babylonians	610BC	539BC	Daniel, Fall and exile of Judah (586BC)
Assyrians	900BC	610BC	Elijah, Elisah, Ahab and Jezebel, Capture and exile of Israel (723BC)
Egyptians	2200BC	1200BC	Abraham, Isaac, Jacob

