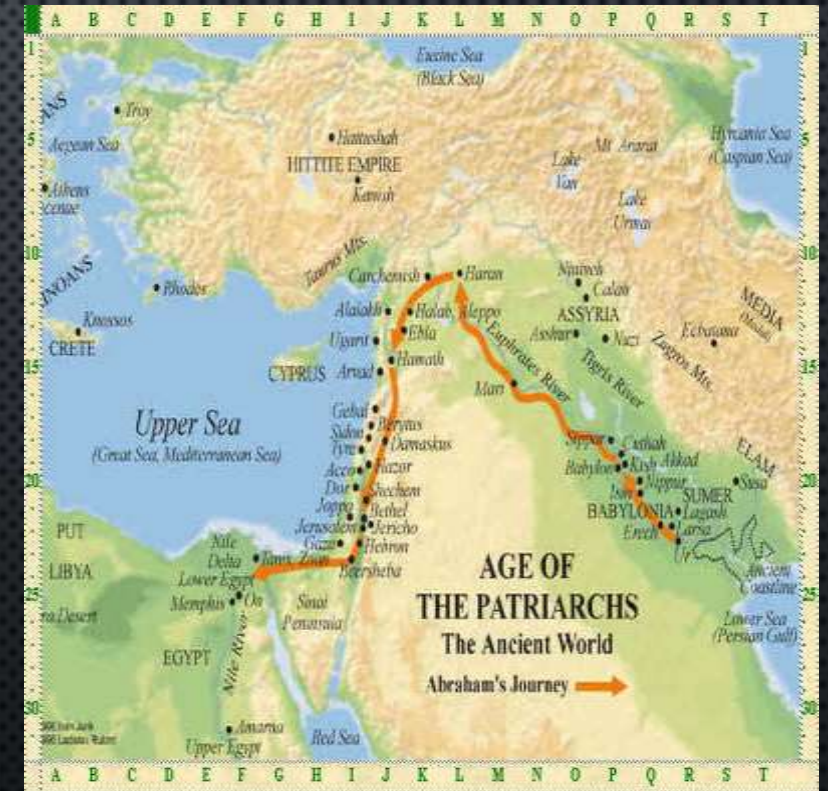
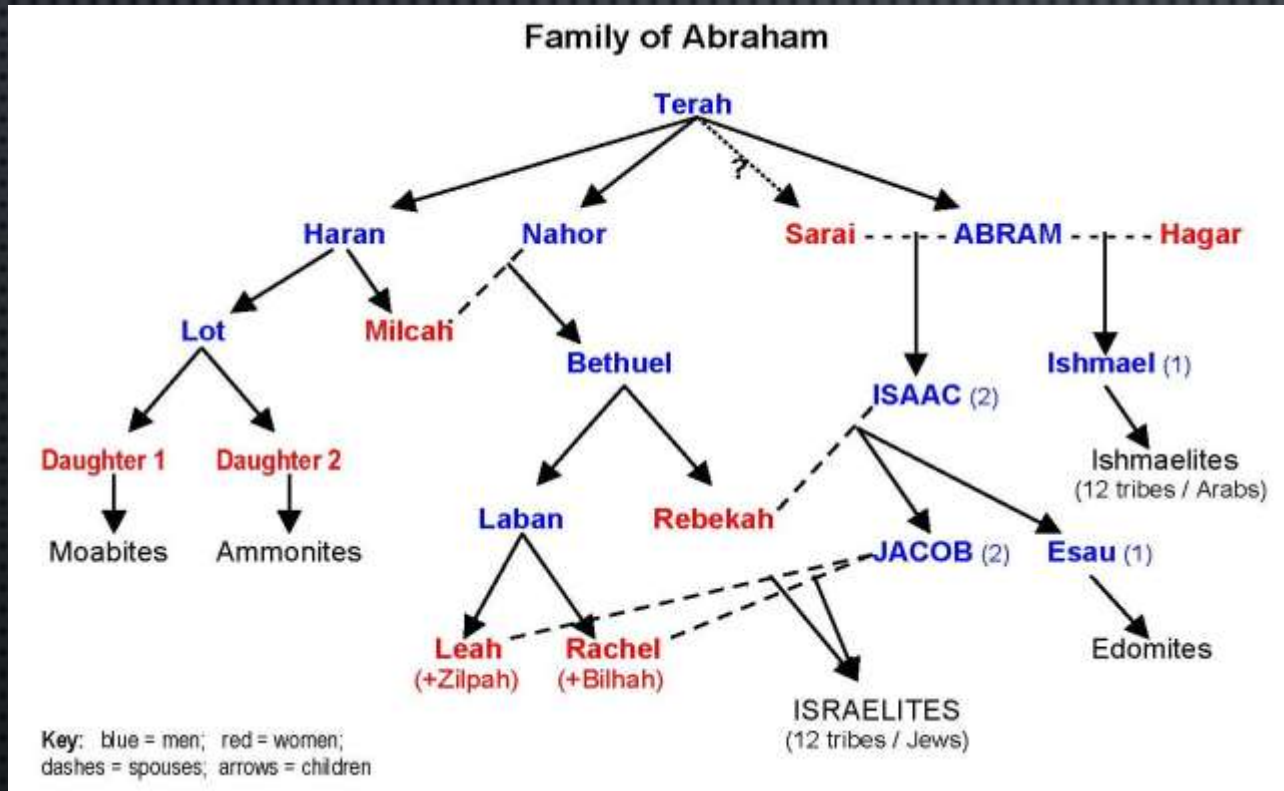


**WHEN FAMILY'S A
LOT OF TROUBLE**

GENESIS 12:10 - 14:24

12:1-9 THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT – ABE WAS CALLED TO LEAVE HIS STATION, GOD WOULD MAKE HIM A SPECIAL NATION.



12:10-20 SARAI TAKEN TO PHARAOH

A MAN OF FAITH, THE PLOT A TWISTER,
WHILE IN EGYPT, HIS WIFE WAS HIS SISTER.



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Hubba, hubba, who's
the HOTTIE?



Abraham, father of a nation, and a great man of faith...BUT he should could tell a whopper of a lie.
Genesis 12:15 note: How lonely is the desert for Pharaoh to call 65 year old Sarai a 'hottie'?

13 ABRAHAM & LOT SPLIT –

THE STOCK MUST SPLIT, THE HERD HAD GROWN.
LOT TOOK THE BEST FROM ABE AS HIS OWN.



Abraham and Lot splitting up.

Can you find the animal with the different colored eyes?

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It's not good for us to bicker like this. So, you choose the land to the left or right and I will go the other way.



Abraham and Lot enter into Land Negotiations.

Genesis 13:8-11

14 LOT GETS CAPTURED –

LOT GETS CAPTURED IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE,
ABE GETS HIM BACK WITH ALL HIS CATTLE.



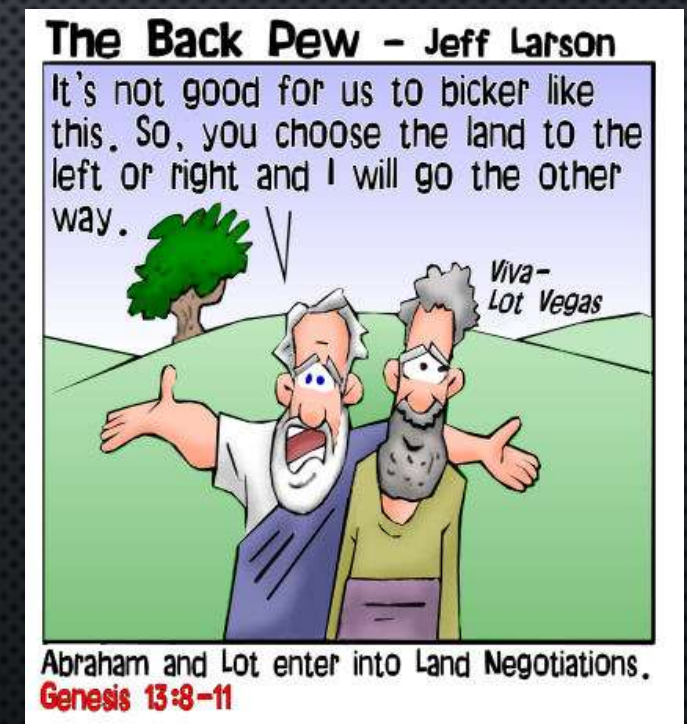
I. DEALING WITH THE MANIPULATIVE TRUTH-STRETCHER (12:10-20)



- DURING DIFFICULT DAYS, GOD LEADS US (10)
- IF GOD LEADS US, WE DON'T HAVE TO LIE TO CONTROL THE SITUATION (11-16)
- EVEN WHEN WE LACK FAITH, GOD WILL STILL PROTECT US (17-20)

II. DEALING WITH THE ENTITLED FREE-LOADER (13:1-18)

- CONFLICTS ARISE WHEN WE DON'T LET GO WHAT THE LORD SAYS TO "LET GO" (1-5)
- A WISE SEPARATION BRINGS/KEEPS PEACE (8-12)
- THE KEY IS TO TRUST GOD'S PROMISE AND PROVISION, NOT MANIPULATE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES (14-18)



III. DEALING WITH ONE CAPTURED BY THE WORLD (14:1-24)



- REALIZE HOW EASY IT IS TO GET TAKEN IN BY THE WORLD (1-12)
- RESCUE THROUGH DIRECT INTERVENTION (13-16)
- WORSHIP GOD FOR BLESSING US RATHER THAN MANIPULATE GOD TO BLESS US (17-24)

CONCLUSION

1. IF WE REALLY TRUST GOD, WE DON'T NEED TO LIE OUR WAY OUT OF DIFFICULT SITUATIONS.
2. WHEN WE TRUST GOD BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT, GOD BLESSES BEYOND THE WORLD'S STRATEGIES.
3. WE ENDANGER OURSELVES WHEN WE FEEL ENTITLED TO GET THINGS INSTEAD OF RESPONDING IN WORSHIP FOR WHAT GOD DOES GIVE US.
4. PEACE-MAKING IS ALSO AN ACT OF FAITH.