

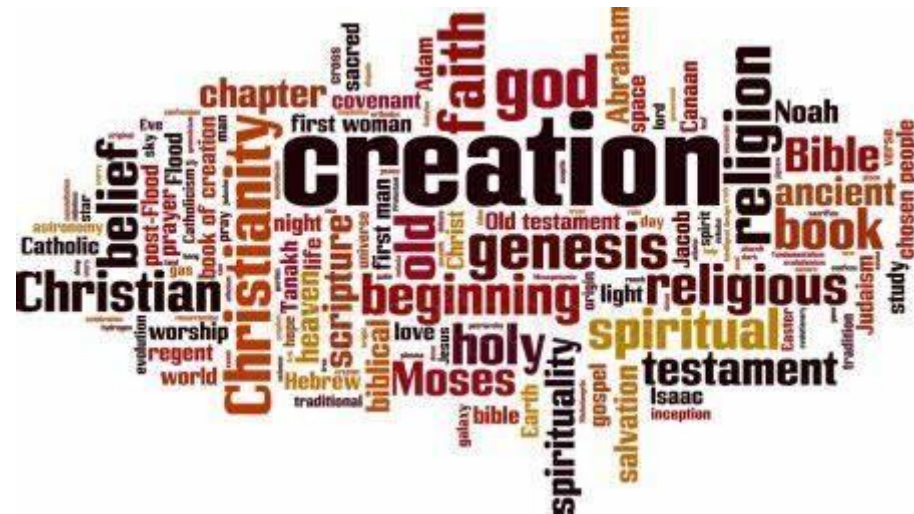
DOMESTIC CHURCH- FAMILY: PEOPLE

Key Vocabulary			
chosen people	Chosen by God for a special relationship with Him	genealogy	The study of families
siblings	brother or sister	nomad	A person that doesn't stay in one community
relations	Connected by blood or marriage	nomadic	Living as a nomad
ancestors	A person that we descended from	roots	Family, ethnic or cultural origin
generations	People born and living in the same time	Old Testament	The first part of the Christian Bible

Matthew 1:1-17 – A Family Tree

Matthew begins with a family tree. He wants his Jewish listeners to know that Jesus is a descendant of Abraham and of David the great king.

Jesus came from a long line of ancestors that we can trace right back to Abraham. From Abraham to King David the list includes: Abraham, the father of Isaac, Isaac, the father of Jacob, Jacob, the father of Judah and his brothers. Boaz was the father of Obed, Ruth being his mother, Obed was the father of Jesse, and Jesse was the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon. Finally we come to Mathan who was the father of Jacob and Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus who is called Christ.



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Genesis 23:1, 19 and 25:7-11	Genesis 12:1-8, 18	Genesis 21:1-7
<p>Sarah lived to be 125 years old. When she died, Abraham bought some land and buried her in a cave there. Abraham lived to be 175 years old. When he died his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave where Sarah his wife had been buried.</p> <p>After the death of Abraham, God's blessing was with his son Isaac.</p>	<p>God spoke to Abram. "Leave your country, your relatives and your family home and go to a land I will show you. I will bless you, and make you a great and famous nation. All the people on earth will be blessed through you." Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, his sheep and goats and all his possessions and set off for Canaan. When Abram arrived there he went as far as Shechem the holy place called the Oak of Mamre. It was there that God told Abram that he was going to give all this land to him and his family. Abram built an altar there and worshipped God.</p>	<p>When their son was born, Sarah and Abraham remembered God's promise. They named the baby 'Isaac' which means 'he laughs', so his name became a reminder of God's blessing and their baby brought them great joy. On the day that Isaac was weaned, Abraham and Sarah gave a great feast to celebrate having a son.</p>

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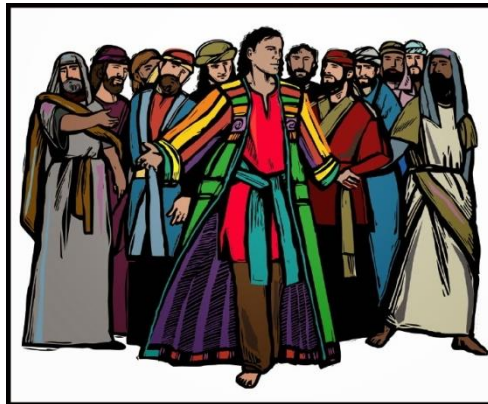
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Genesis 25:20-27

Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebecca. Isaac and Rebecca prayed to God that they would have children. Rebecca worried that she would not be able to have a child. God answered their prayers and Rebecca had twins. The first to be born they called Esau. When the second twin was born they called him Jacob. When Esau grew up he became a skilled hunter who loved the open countryside. Jacob was a quiet man who preferred to stay at home around the tents. Isaac loved Esau best, because he liked to eat whatever Esau caught. Rebecca loved Jacob most.

Genesis 35:9-15, 23-26

God blessed Jacob. God gave him the name Israel. Jacob had twelve sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad and Asher. These twelve sons are regarded as the fathers of the twelve tribes of Israel. In the Bible the People of God are often called 'children of Israel'.



Genesis 37:3, 4, 12, 13, 18-28, 31-33

Israel loved Joseph more than all his other sons. He had a beautiful coat made for him. It was long and had full sleeves. Joseph's brothers hated him because he was their father's favourite. They hardly ever spoke a friendly word to him. One day, when his brothers were out in Schechem looking after the sheep, Israel said to Joseph, "Go and see how your brothers are and how the sheep are doing, then come back and tell me." When his brothers saw Joseph coming they planned to kill him. Reuben tried to save him. "Let's not hurt him. Let's just throw him down this well." They ripped off his beautiful long robe with the full sleeves and threw him down the well, which was dry. Then they sat down to eat. While they were eating some merchants came by on their way to Egypt. Judah said, "Why don't we sell Joseph to these merchants instead of leaving him here in this well to die?" So they pulled Joseph out of the well and sold him for twenty pieces of silver. The merchants took Joseph to Egypt. Joseph's brothers took his beautiful robe, dipped it in the blood of a goat, which they had killed, and had it taken to their father. When Jacob saw the robe he knew that it was Joseph's and he wept for his son.

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Genesis 39:1-4 and 41:38-48, 57	Genesis 12:1-8, 18	Genesis 42-47
<p>When the merchants arrived in Egypt, they sold Joseph to Potiphar, the captain of the palace guard. Potiphar soon recognised that God was with Joseph. He was so pleased with everything that Joseph did that he put him in charge of his house. The Pharaoh got to know how clever and hard working Joseph was and made him governor of Egypt. Joseph was thirty years old. Pharaoh took a ring from his own finger and put it on Joseph's. He dressed him in fine robes made from linen and put a gold chain around Joseph's neck. He said, "I am Pharaoh and I say – no one in Egypt shall so much as move a hand or foot without your permission." Joseph arranged for the storage of food when the harvests were good. When a great famine came there was food in Egypt for everyone, and people began to come from all the countries around where the famine was terrible.</p>	<p>God spoke to Abram. "Leave your country, your relatives and your family home and go to a land I will show you. I will bless you, and make you a great and famous nation. All the people on earth will be blessed through you." Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, his sheep and goats and all his possessions and set off for Canaan. When Abram arrived there he went as far as Shechem the holy place called the Oak of Mamre. It was there that God told Abram that he was going to give all this land to him and his family. Abram built an altar there and worshipped God.</p>	<p>Jacob heard about the food supplies in Egypt and sent his sons to see what they could get, but he would not let Benjamin, his youngest son, leave him. When the brothers arrived in Egypt, Joseph knew them, but they did not recognise him. He acted as if he did not know them. He demanded that they go and fetch Benjamin and kept Simeon as a hostage. When they came back with Benjamin, Joseph set them another test. His servants planted a silver cup in Benjamin's sack of corn. Joseph ordered their sacks searched, and when the cup was found said they had stolen it. He threatened to keep Benjamin as his slave. His brothers begged him to keep any one of them and let Benjamin go free. Then Joseph said, "I am your brother, Joseph." The brothers were very happy to see Joseph alive and to know that he had forgiven them. Israel and all his family came to Egypt to live and the Pharaoh welcomed them. They settled down with their families and their flocks of sheep. The children of Israel and their descendants lived in Egypt for centuries, up until the time of Moses.</p>

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Ruth 1: 2-7, 16, 17

There was a famine in Bethlehem where Elimelech and his wife Naomi lived, so they and their two sons moved to another area of their land. Both her sons married local girls, Ruth and Orpah.

Naomi's husband and both sons died, so she decided to return to Bethlehem. She told her daughters-in-law Ruth and Orpah to go back to their families.

Orpah left and returned to her family, but Ruth told Naomi that she would stay with her and take care of her.

She said 'Wherever you go, I will go with you. Wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people and your God shall be my God'.

Naomi was grateful for Ruth's kindness and fidelity, so they both travelled to Bethlehem. When they got there, Ruth went out into the fields after the harvest to glean – that is to see if there was any corn left behind – to feed Naomi and herself.

One day whilst she was gleaning, she met Boaz who owned the field. Boaz was very impressed by Ruth's love and care for her mother-in-law, Naomi, so he purposely spilt more corn so Ruth would have plenty to take home for them to eat.

Boaz loved Ruth and asked her to marry him. They were married and had a son named Obed. Obed then had a son called Jesse, who was the father of David.



1 Kings 1, 2, 4

When King David was an old man he made his son Solomon king of Israel. Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon as king. They blew the trumpet and all the people rejoiced and cried out, "Long live King Solomon."

Just before he died king David said to his son Solomon, "My life is coming to an end. Be strong and always do what God wants you to do. Obey the commandments God gave to Moses. If you do this God will be with you always." David died and was buried in the City of David. He had been king for forty years. Solomon then sat on the throne of David and ruled with power and wisdom.

Solomon was the wisest of kings. His fame spread to all the neighbouring countries. He composed three hundred proverbs, and more than a thousand songs. His knowledge could not be measured. He knew all about the plants and trees, the animals and birds, the reptiles and fish. People from all the neighbouring countries came to listen to Solomon's wisdom.