**Matthew 19:4** And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female, **5** And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? **6** Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

**INTRODUCTION.** After the dispersion from Babel, the descendants of Noah and his sons became idolaters. Even Abraham’s father, Terah, was an idolater. Hence, God singled out one family and established a covenant. Abraham was chosen and he proved to be a man of faith, but his righteousness diminished in his descendants. The notable exception is Joseph.

1. **ABRAHAM. (Genesis 12:1-25:10)**
2. The Concepts of the Covenant.
3. A Great Nation. “Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars…So shall thy seed be. (15:5)
4. A Great Land. “...from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.” (15:18)
5. A Great Promise. “…and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”
6. The Confirmation of the Covenant is circumcision. (17:11)

**Genesis 17:11** And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

1. **ISAAC. (Genesis 21:3-36:29)**

**Genesis 17:21** But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year. **Genesis 25:28** And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of *his* venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

1. **JACOB. (Genesis 25:26-49:33)**
2. Jacob (supplanter) deceived his brother and his father.
3. Jacob married sisters, Rachel and Leah.
4. Jacob’s favorite son was Joseph.
5. Shechem the Hivite defiled Jacob’s daughter, Dinah. (34:2)
6. Simeon and Levi deceived and murdered Shechem and his entire family. (34:26)
7. Reuben fornicated with one of his father’s concubines, Bilhah. (35:22)
8. Jacob’s sons envied Joseph and sold him into slavery. (37:28)
9. Judah married a Canaanite woman. (38:2)
10. Judah judged Tamar as a harlot when he was guilty himself. (38:24)
11. Jacob (supplanter) became Israel (prince). (32:28)
12. **JOSEPH. (Genesis 30:24-50:26)**
13. Joseph was faithful even when tempted.
14. Joseph delivered his brethren during seven years of famine.
15. Joseph illustrates the Lord Jesus Christ in approximately 150 particular events.

**Genesis 50:26** So Joseph died, *being* an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

 **Exodus 1:8** Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

“The traditional concept of family has evolved over the years. Gone are the days when it was just a husband and wife and maybe some children. Now, whether it includes a single parent or maybe an LGBT couple, people are redefining what it means to be a family.” **CNN (02/07/2016)**

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Arizona Republican Congressman Andy Biggs said during a Monday radio interview produced by the conservative Christian group, the Family Research Council (FRC), that he voted against the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) on Saturday because it included provisions for domestic partnerships, including same-sex relationships.

"They've redefined family for the first time in a piece of federal legislation to include committed relationships," Biggs said. "The problem with that, of course, is it's really hard to define a committed relationship and it's really hard to define anything related to that and so they've tried to—they've put in, in my opinion—sort of an amorphous definition. But that leaves it wide open and then they expand it, expand on that."

**Genesis 15:18** In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

**Leviticus 26:42** Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

**Exodus 2:24** And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

**Judges 2:1** And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

**2 Kings 13:23** And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

**1 Chronicles 16:14** He *is* the LORD our God; his judgments *are* in all the earth.
**15** Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations;
**16** *Even of the covenant* which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac;
**17** And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant,
**18** Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;

**Romans 11:25** For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.
**26** And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

**Revelation 2:9** I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan.

**Revelation 3:9** Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.