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Genesis is a Rescue Story

The Genesis of God's People



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God uses Abraham and
his family to rescue our
broken relationship.

Genesis 12-50

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your **offspring** and hers; **he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.**” (NIV®)

proto-euangelion = first gospel

Genesis 12:1–3

1 The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. **2** “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. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and **all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.**” (NIV[®])

promised blessing = place, people, presence

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Genesis 15:6 Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness. (NIV[®])



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Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah and the Lamb who was slain for us (Rev 5:5-6)

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