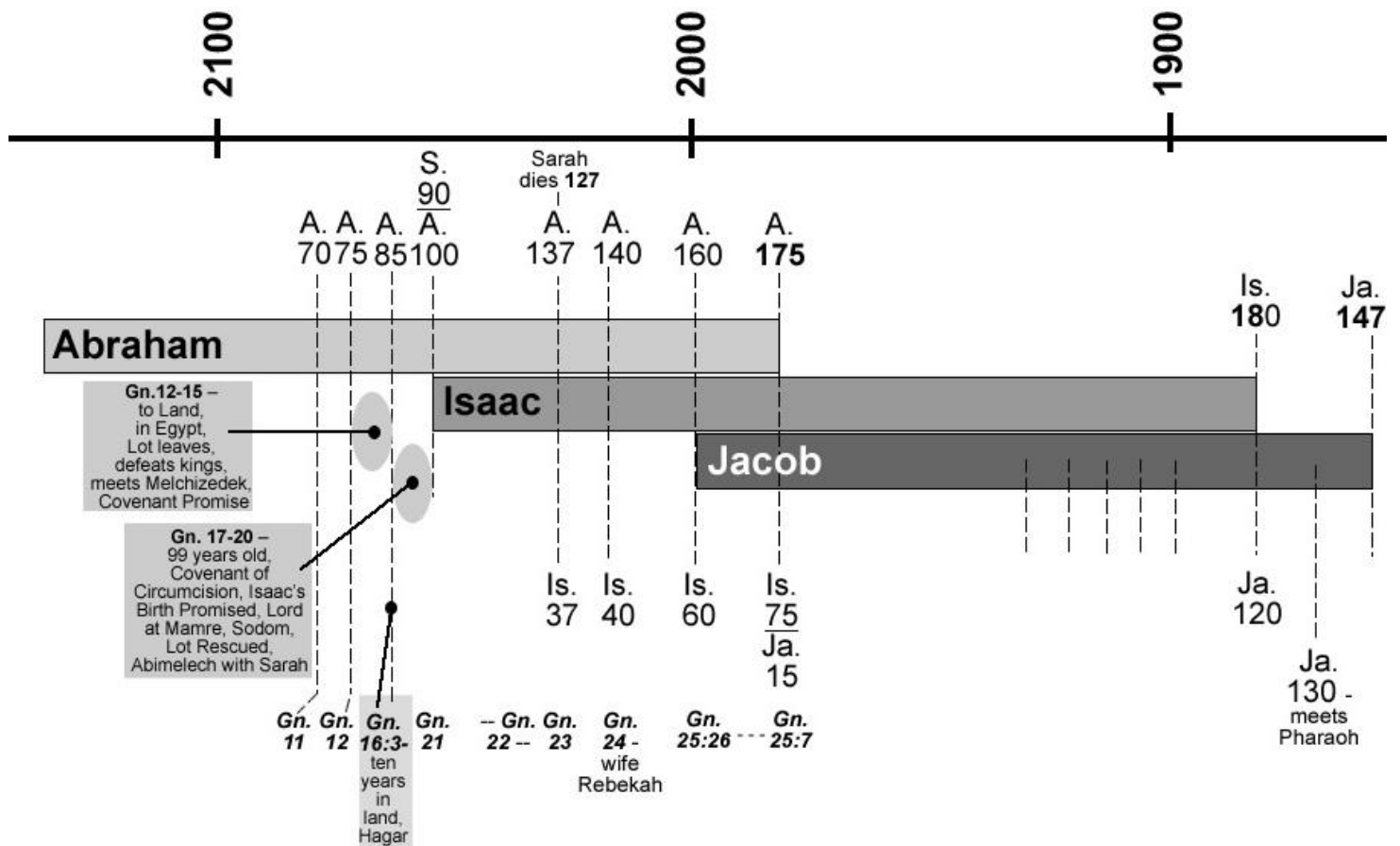


Genesis 25:1-20

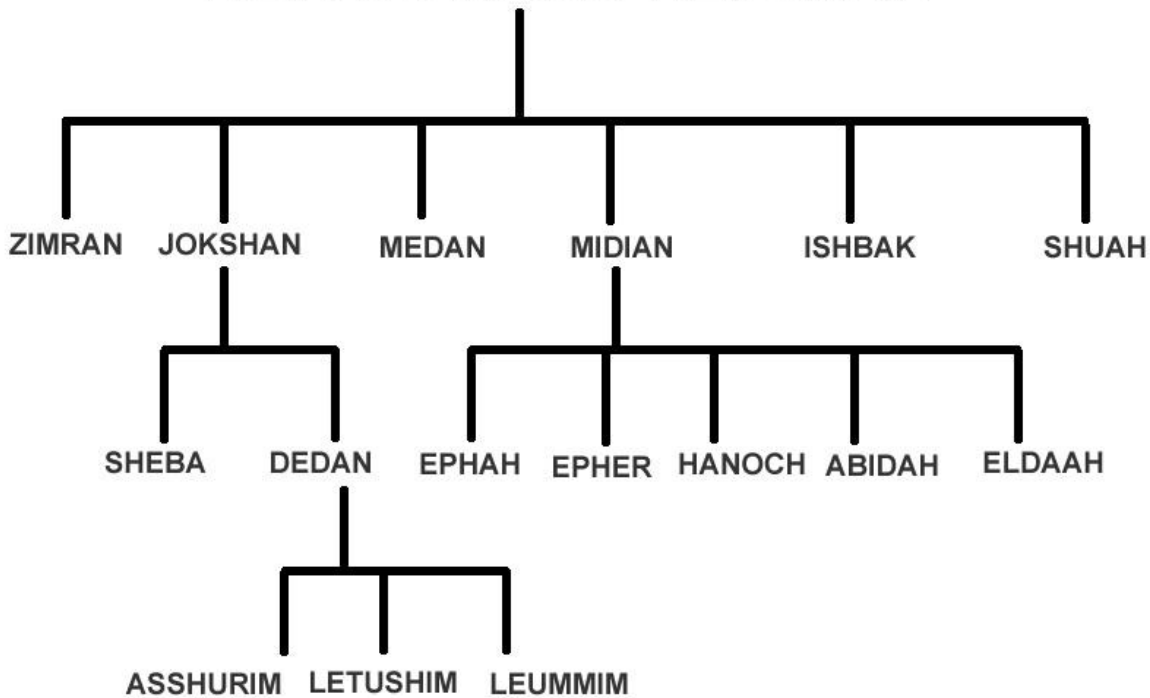


Genesis 25:1 – **Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah.**

1. Keturah is called a wife here, but 1 Chronicles 1:32 she is called “concubine”

25:2 – She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

ABRAHAM and KETURAH



1. Keturah gave Abraham six sons

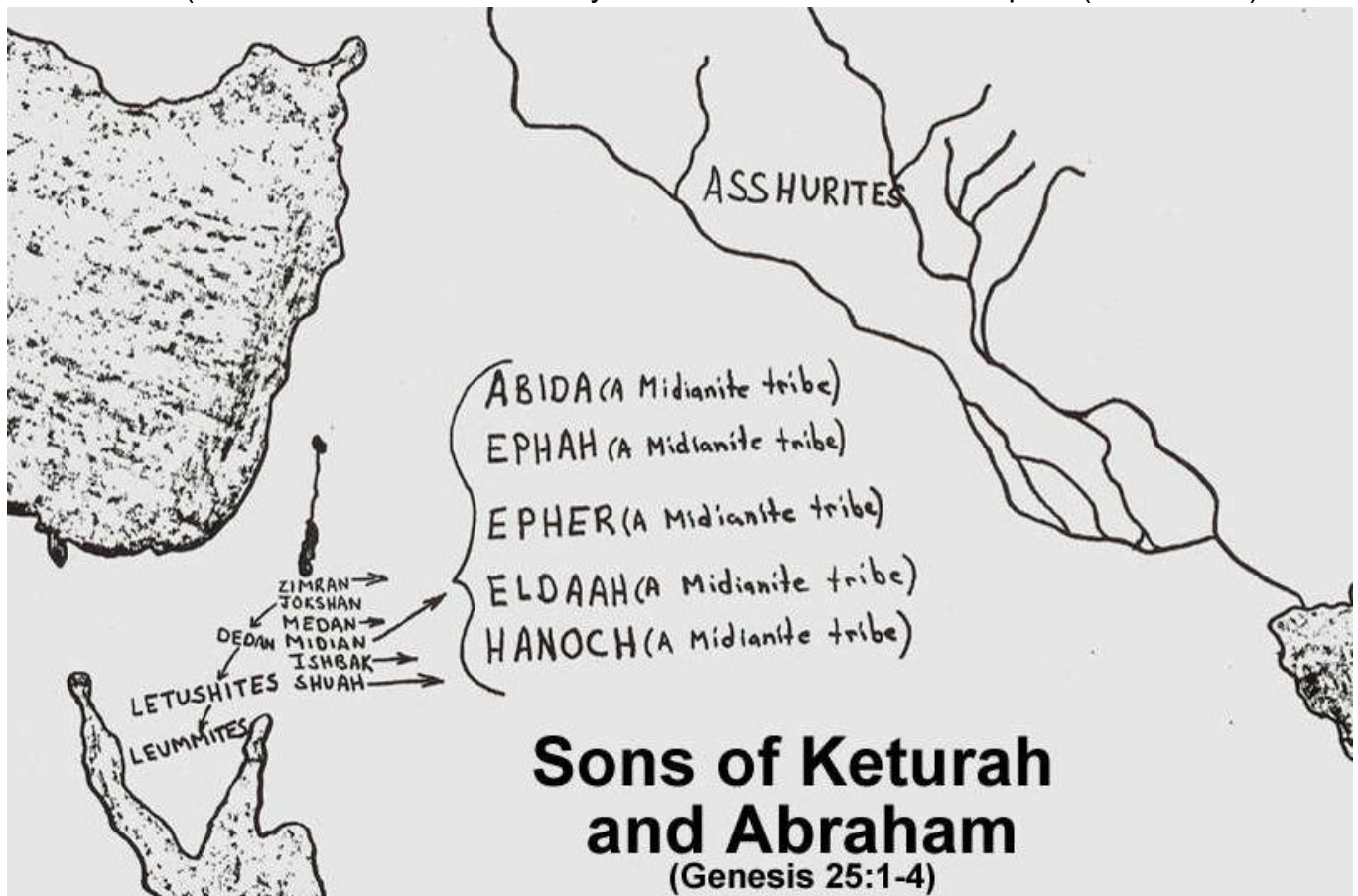
a. Zimran

- i. Became an Arabian tribe west of Mecca on the Red Sea or based on Jeremiah 25 in today's western Iran
- ii. Jer. 25:25 mentions "all the kings of Zimri" -
"So I took the cup from the Lord's hand and made all the nations to whom he sent me drink it: 18 Jerusalem and the towns of Judah, its kings and officials, to make them a ruin and an object of horror and scorn, a curse[c]—as they are today; 19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, his attendants, his officials and all his people, 20 and all the foreign people there; all the kings of Uz; all the kings of the Philistines (those of Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the people left at Ashdod); 21 Edom, Moab and Ammon; 22 all the kings of Tyre and Sidon; the kings of the coastlands across the sea; 23 Dedan, Tema, Buz and all who are in distant places[d]; 24 all the kings of Arabia and all the kings of the foreign people who live in the wilderness; 25 all the kings of Zimri, Elam and Media; 26 and all the kings of the north, near and far, one after the other—all the kingdoms on the face of the earth. And after all of them, the king of Sheshak will drink it too." – Jeremiah 25:17-26

b. Jokshan

- i. In Genesis 10:26-27 Jokshan is also listed and is also the father of a Sheba as here. They were descendants of Shem, also

- ii. Jokshan's sons **SHEBA** and **DEDAN** (Great Grandsons of Abraham) are mentioned in Isaiah 21:13; Jer. 49:8; Ezek. 27:20; Ez. 38:13.
 - 1. Dedan's descendants are three sons who have names written in Gentile form. Asshurim could be the name that became the Assyrians.
- c. **Medan** – is unknown
- d. **Midian** is well known
 - i. Located east of the Gulf of Aqaba
 - ii. Moved into Moab and Edom in:
 - 1. Gen. 36:35 – “When Husham died, Hadad son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the country of Moab, succeeded him as king. His city was named Avith.”
 - 2. Numbers 22:4, 7 – *“The Moabites said to the elders of Midian, “This horde is going to lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field.” So Balak son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time, sent messengers to summon Balaam son of Beor, who was at Pethor, near the Euphrates River, in his native land. ...The elders of Moab and Midian left, taking with them the fee for divination. When they came to Balaam, they told him what Balak had said.”*
 - iii. Gideon faced them in Judges 6-8
 - iv. In the account of Joseph traders called Midianites drew Joseph out of the pit (Gen. 37:28. Later in the story “Medanites” sold him to Potiphar (Gen. 37:36)



e. **Ishbak** – is unknown

f. **Shuah** is a tribe that Job's friend "Bildad the Shuhite" came from (Job 2:11)

25:3 – Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan.

The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim.

25:4 – The sons of Midian were Ephah, Ephher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.

25:5 – Abraham gave all he had to Isaac.

25:6 – But to the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts, and while he was still living he sent them away from his son Isaac, eastward to the east country.

25:7 – These are the days of the years of Abraham's life, 175 years.

25:8 – Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people.

1. Abraham's death is recorded as a four-step process:

a. Breathed his last

b. Dies

c. Gathered to his people (this is either redundant for "buried" or it means Abraham went to be with his believing ancestors in Sheol.

i. Either his bones were gathered to his people in the family grave (which only has Sarah's bones at this time)

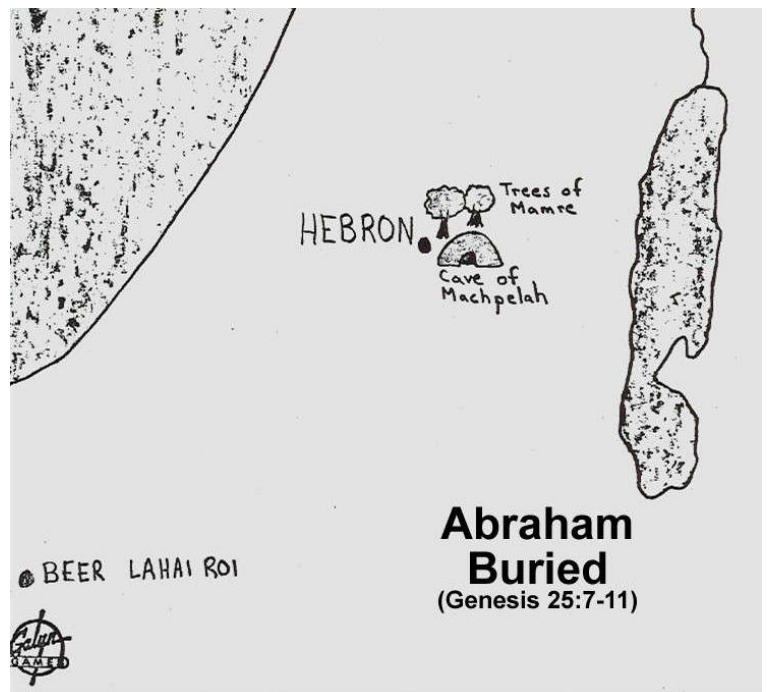
ii. Or, his soul is gathered to his believing ancestors that died before him

d. Buried (25:9)

25:9 – Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre,

25:10 – the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with Sarah his wife.

25:11 – After the death of Abraham, God blessed Isaac his son. And Isaac settled at Beer-lahai-roi.



25:12 – These are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's servant, bore to Abraham.

25:13 – These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, named in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael; and Kedar,

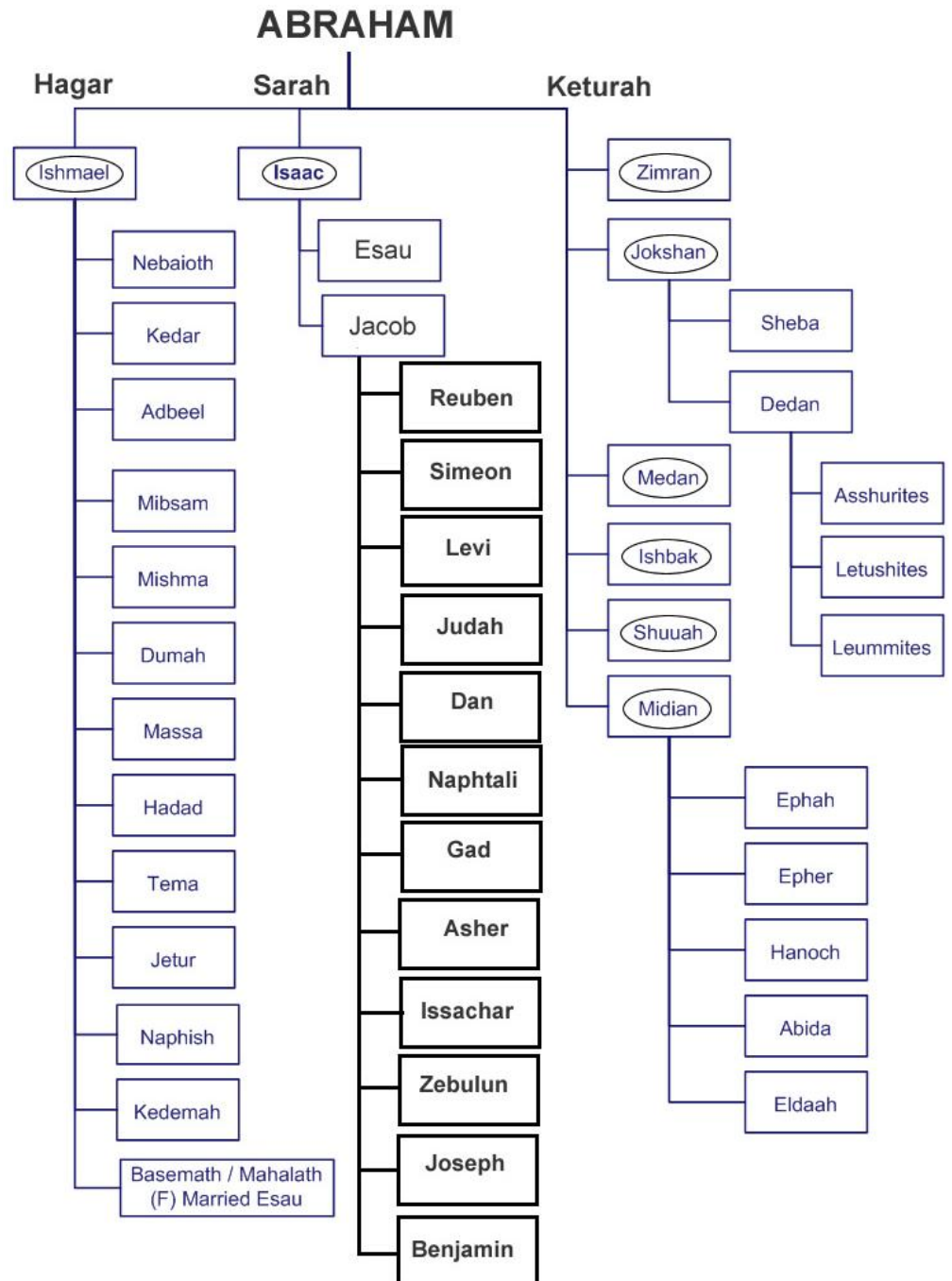
Adbeel, Mibsam,
25:14 – Mishma, Dumah,

Massa,
25:15 – Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.

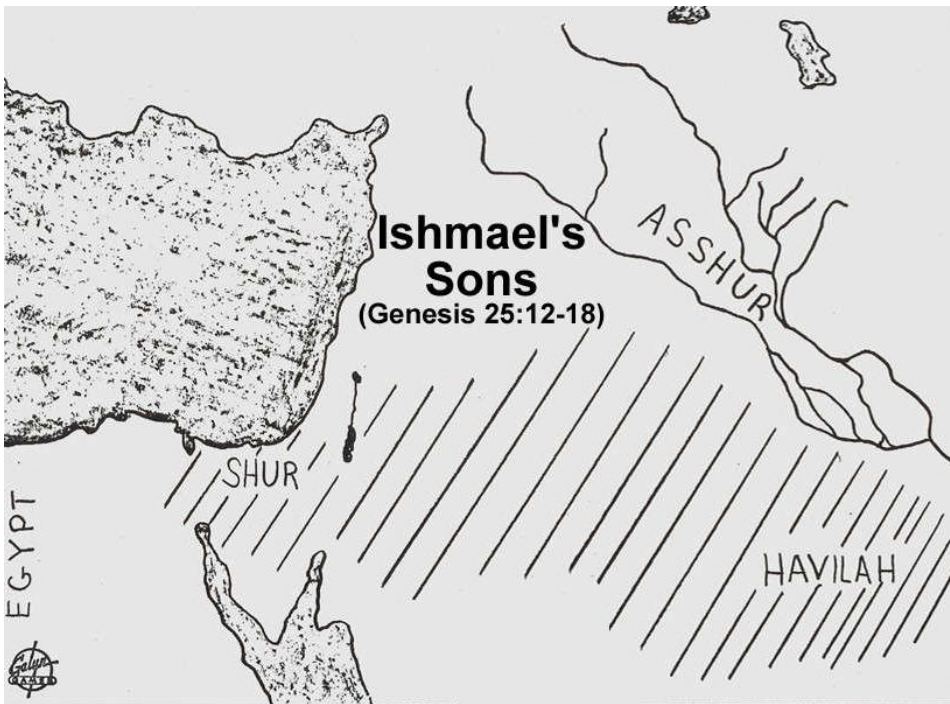
25:16 – These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages and by their encampments, twelve princes according to their tribes.

25:17 – (These are the years of the life of Ishmael: 137 years. He breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.)

1. Ishmael outlived his father by 48 years (16:16 and 25:17)
2. Ishmael lived 8 years after his half-brother's marriage to Rebekah (25:20)



25:18 – They settled from Havilah to Shur, which is opposite Egypt in the direction of Assyria. He settled[a] over against all his kinsmen.



1. The names of Ishmael's sons appear in Assyrian inscriptions, North Arabian inscriptions, lists of places King Ashurbanipal conquered, Sennacherib's lists, are spoken of by Tiglath-pileser III and are on a stela of Babylonian king Nabonidus.

25:19 – **These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac,**

25:20 – **and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.**

25:21-25 - And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren. And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22 The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. 23 And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you[c] shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the older shall serve the younger."

24 When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. 25 The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau.

Genesis 25:26 – **Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.**

