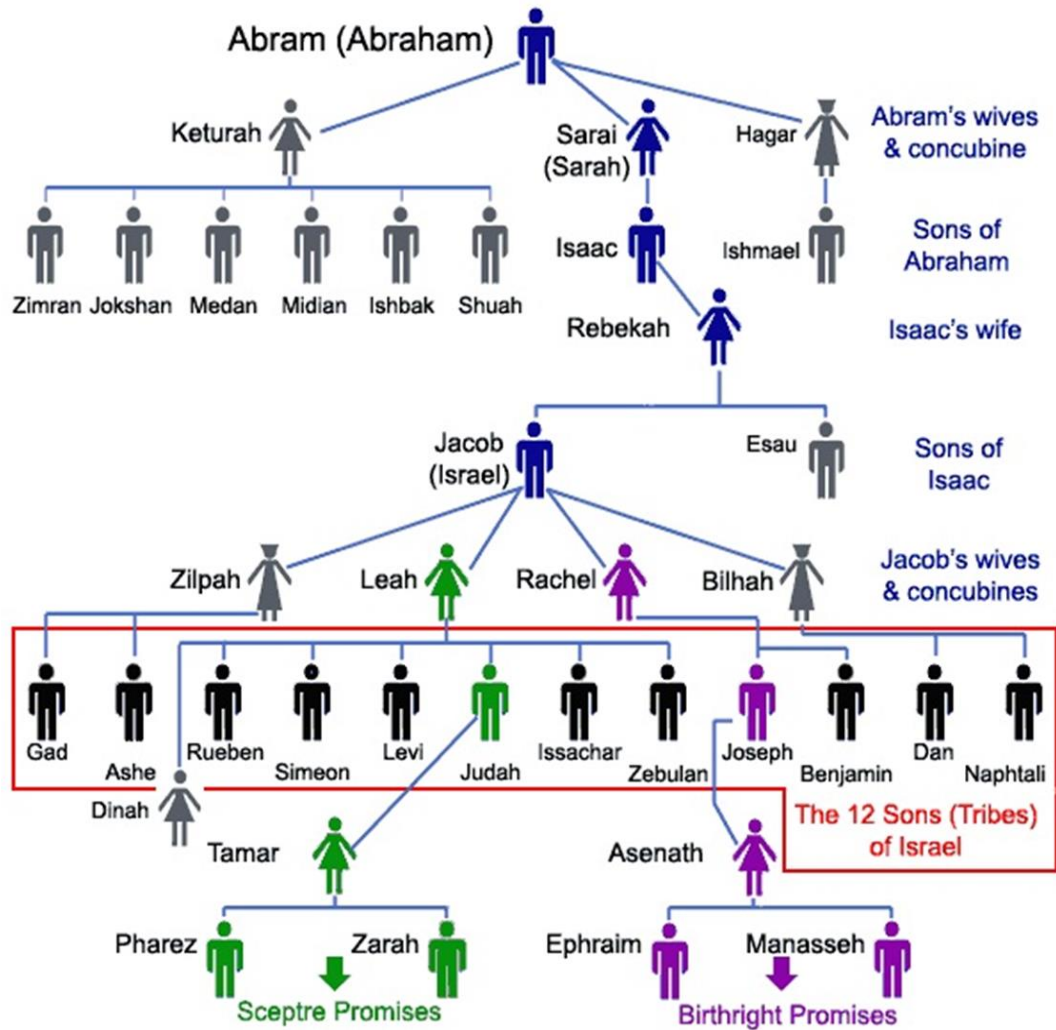


# Patriarchs of the Jewish Bible.



## Key Vocabulary

**Circumcision** – The removal of a baby boy's foreskin at the age of 8 days in Judaism.

**Covenant** – An agreement between God and people

**Patriarch** – key biblical figures who are

regarded as being fathers/founders.

**Pharaoh** – An Egyptian King.

**Twelve tribes of Israel** – The families of the sons of Jacob.

## Key Facts

- God tested Abraham's faith by asking him to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham was willing to do so and God spared Isaac.
- Jews view Abraham as the first patriarch. Isaac was the second patriarch and his son Jacob was the third.
- Abraham made a covenant with God so that his descendants would become a great nation.
  - Isaac had twin sons, Esau and Jacob.
- Jacob tricked Isaac into giving him Esau's birth right as the oldest twin. Jacob then ran away to escape the wrath of his brother.
- Jacob fell in love with Rachel and promised to work for his uncle Laban for seven years in return for her hand in marriage.
  - Laban tricked Jacob into marrying his older daughter Leah.
- Jacob's favourite son, Joseph was sold by his brothers and ended up in the hands of the Egyptian Pharaoh.

## Key people

**Abraham** – A man who is held up as a good example because of his obedience to God. The first patriarch.

**Isaac** – The son of Abraham and second patriarch

**Jacob** – The son of Isaac and the third patriarch

**Esau** – Jacobs twin brother

**Joseph** – 11<sup>th</sup> son of Jacob