

The Big Story – Part IV

God & Sons: World Beaters

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A partnership between God and Man

Make or Break – pre-history
Boom and Bust – from Abraham to Exile
A Winning Formula – Jesus Christ
World Beaters – the Church



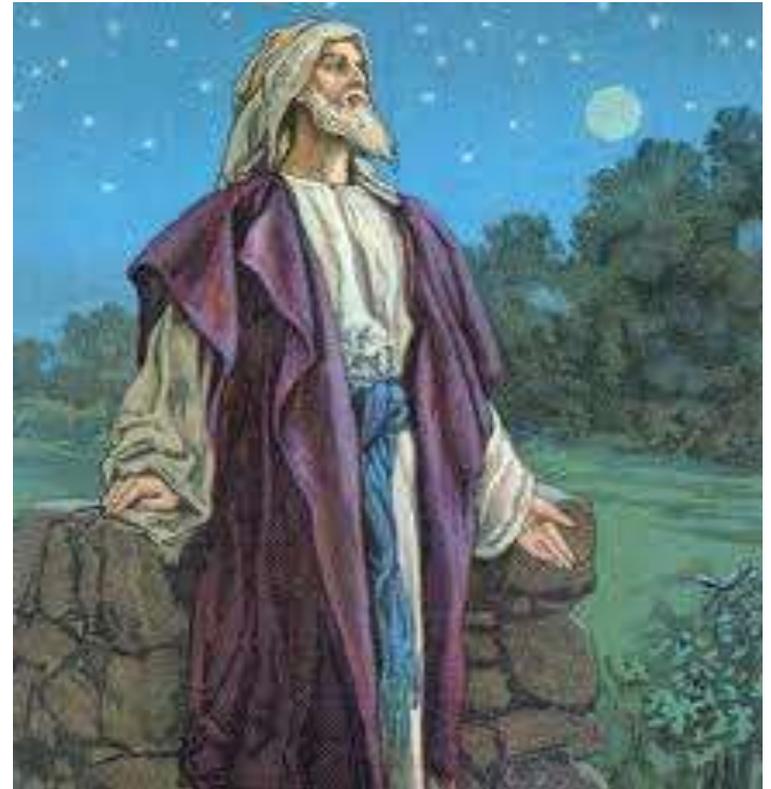
Recap

- ◆ God intended a world filled with love
- ◆ God gave the earth to men
- ◆ God's will is to bless all men
- ◆ But man chose to go it alone

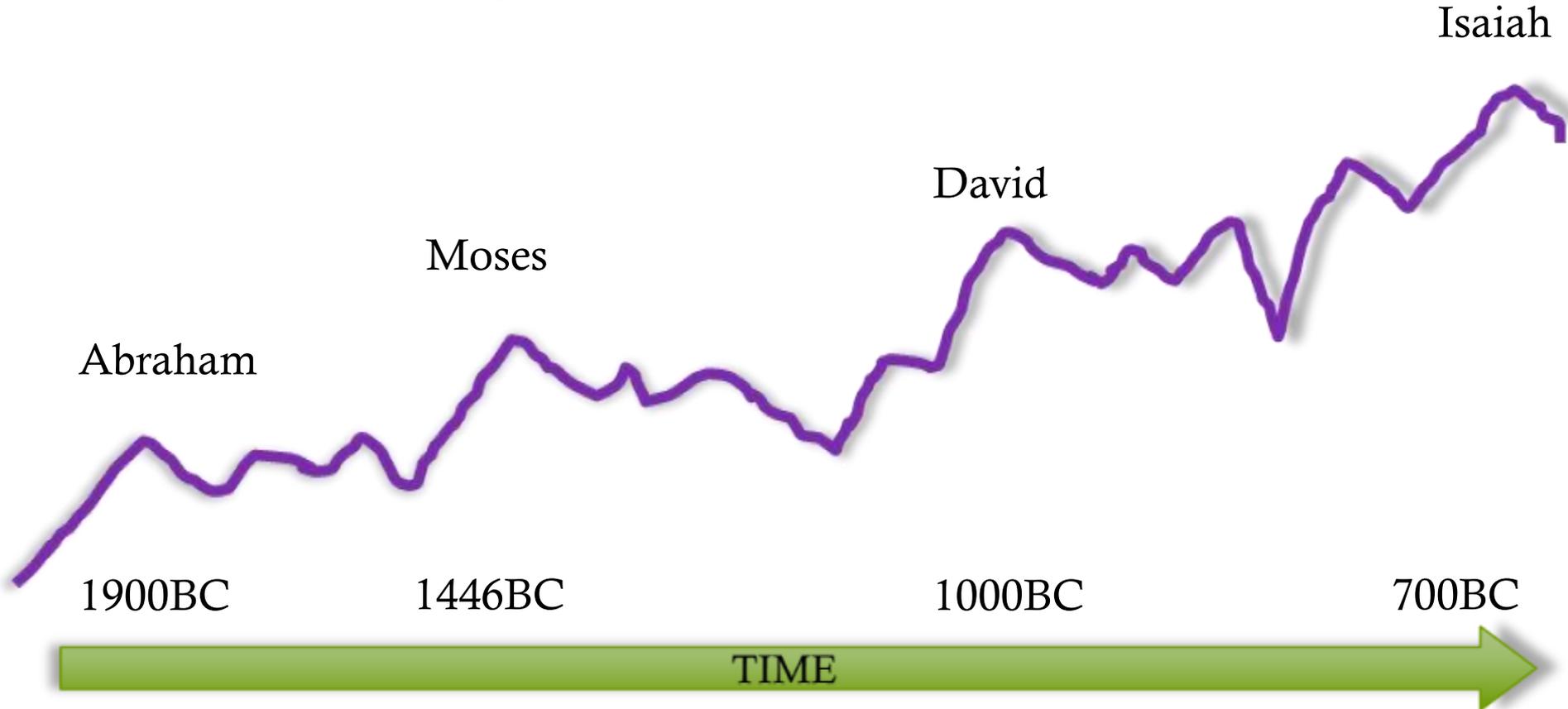


Recap

- ◆ God began His rescue with one man
- ◆ Always intending to reach every family
- ◆ God revealed Himself over 1500 years
- ◆ Showing Himself faithful, patient, gracious and open

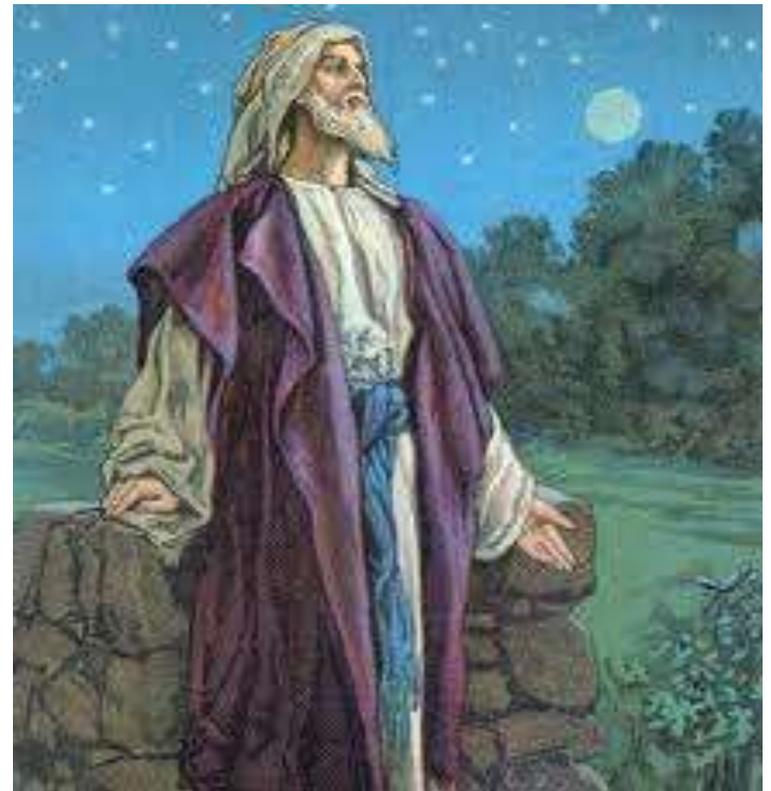


Progressive Revelation...



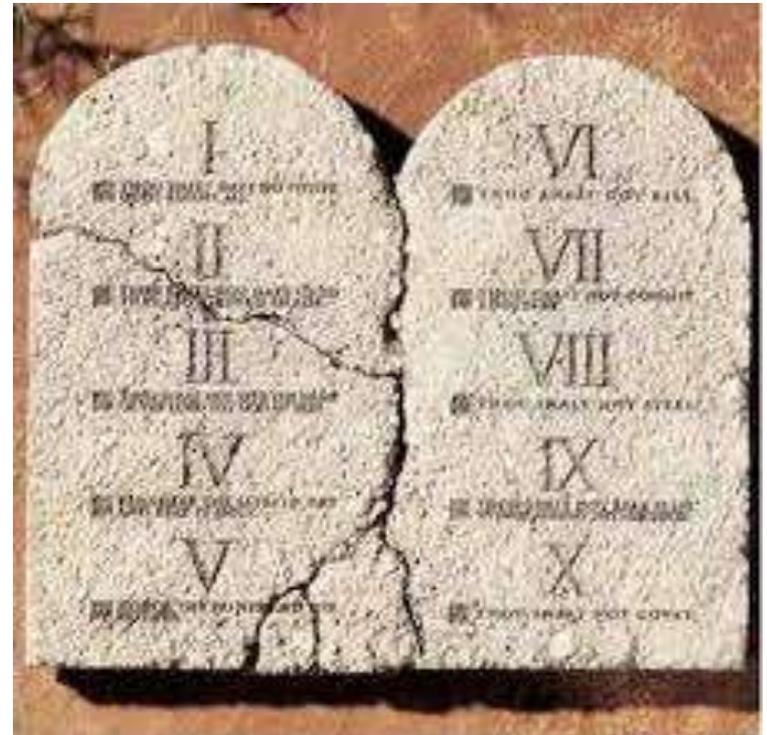
Recap

- Some good men & women trusted God
- They weren't perfect!
- But most were selfish & stiff-necked (self willed)
- Slowing God's plans or spoiling them



Recap

- 🔹 Our enemy revealed as an evil spirit – The Slanderer
- 🔹 God gave us ‘vessels’ to hold His revelations
- 🔹 Circumcision, Tent of Meeting, Law, etc
- 🔹 Until a better revelation would come!



Recap

- ◆ God is relational
- ◆ So sent prophets to warn us
- ◆ They declare something better is coming



Recap

- ◆ Exile! God's patience does eventually run out



Recap



- ◆ Heaven invades earth
- ◆ In answer to Isaiah's cry in 64:1
- ◆ Jesus delivered all who were oppressed
- ◆ Ultimate victory gained by dying & rising again



Recap

- ◆ Jesus came to show us:
 - ◆ What God is like
 - ◆ What love looks like
 - ◆ What man could be
- ◆ As a consequence the enemy is defeated and creation starts to be liberated

Pentecost

- ◆ The Church is born
- ◆ Man is re-born!
 - ◆ God's presence with us
 - ◆ Unity restored through language
- ◆ Eden & Babel undone
- ◆ Spirit poured out



The Church is...

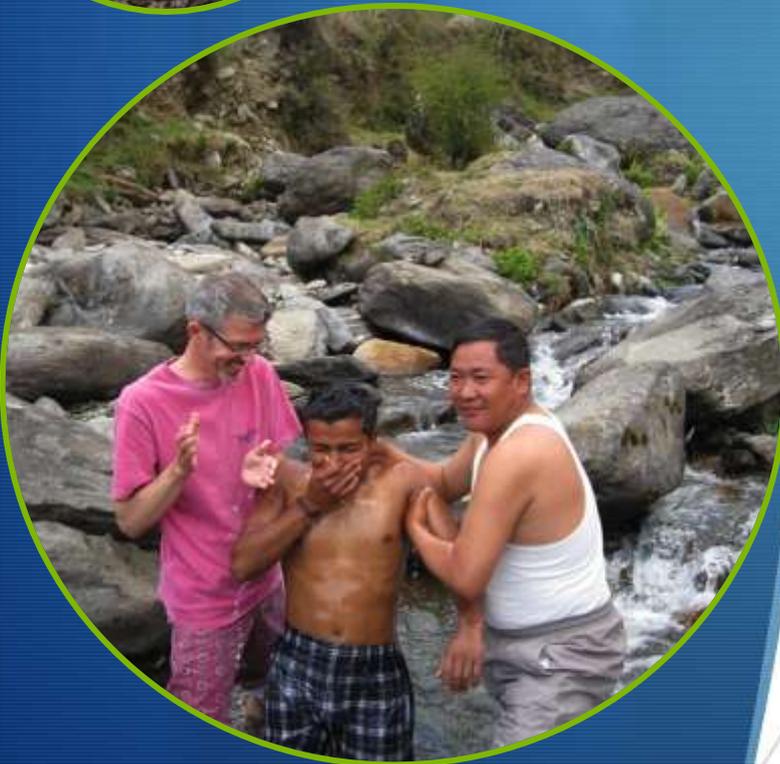


- ◆ Grafted in to the True Vine
- ◆ Full of little Christs...
anointed ones
- ◆ The Light of the World
- ◆ The Temple of God
- ◆ The Body of Christ
- ◆ Making known the
wisdom & love of God



Our Mission

- Our authority re-established
- To make disciples in all the world, fulfilling
 - Adam & Eve's work
 - Abraham's promise
- Co-working with Jesus
- To bring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth



Remember the Message



- ◆ “The time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” – Mark 1:15
- ◆ Re-think
- ◆ It’s good news!
- ◆ God is with us
- ◆ Heaven is near

We're Still at War

- 💧 Fighting the heavenly forces of darkness
- 💧 A war of ideas
- 💧 The rebellion continues
- 💧 But we have the greater power!
- 💧 Love never fails



The Kingdom is Coming!

- 🟢 Not a decline till He comes
- 🟢 A continual increase in peace – Isaiah 9:7
- 🟢 The rock will fill the earth – Daniel 2:44
- 🟢 Knowledge of His glory will cover the earth – Habakkuk 2:14



Revelation

- ◆ Anti-Christ's have and will appear
- ◆ The Beast will be bound
- ◆ False Prophet will be bound
- ◆ Babylon will fall
- ◆ Jesus comes again in power
- ◆ For a prepared bride!



Judgment Day



- ◆ Teachers judged strictly
- ◆ Sodom & Gomorrah have it easy
- ◆ All who trust God will be saved
- ◆ Some will be saved by their actions
- ◆ All with mercy
- ◆ All who choose love!

Creation Fulfilled!



- ◆ Love is completed
- ◆ Glory covers the earth
- ◆ Heaven is on earth
- ◆ Darkness is ended
- ◆ God & man live happily ever after!

The End