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Resources <http://www.soteriology101.com>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.soteriology101.com. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The website's header includes the title "SOTERIOLOGY 101", a search bar, and a navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT, CLASS, PODCAST, RESOURCES/BELIEFS, and SUPPORT. The main content area features a large image of a signpost with two arrows: one pointing right labeled "HEAVEN" and one pointing left labeled "HELL". Overlaid on the left side of this image is the text of a blog post titled "THE 5 POINTS THAT LED ME OUT OF CALVINISM". The text reads: "Many have asked what specific points led me away from Calvinism. Being a Professor of Theology that once affirmed TULIP gives me a unique perspective on this subject. However, I do not claim to be an expert in the field nor do I begrudge those who disagree with my perspective. I simply desire to interpret [...]"

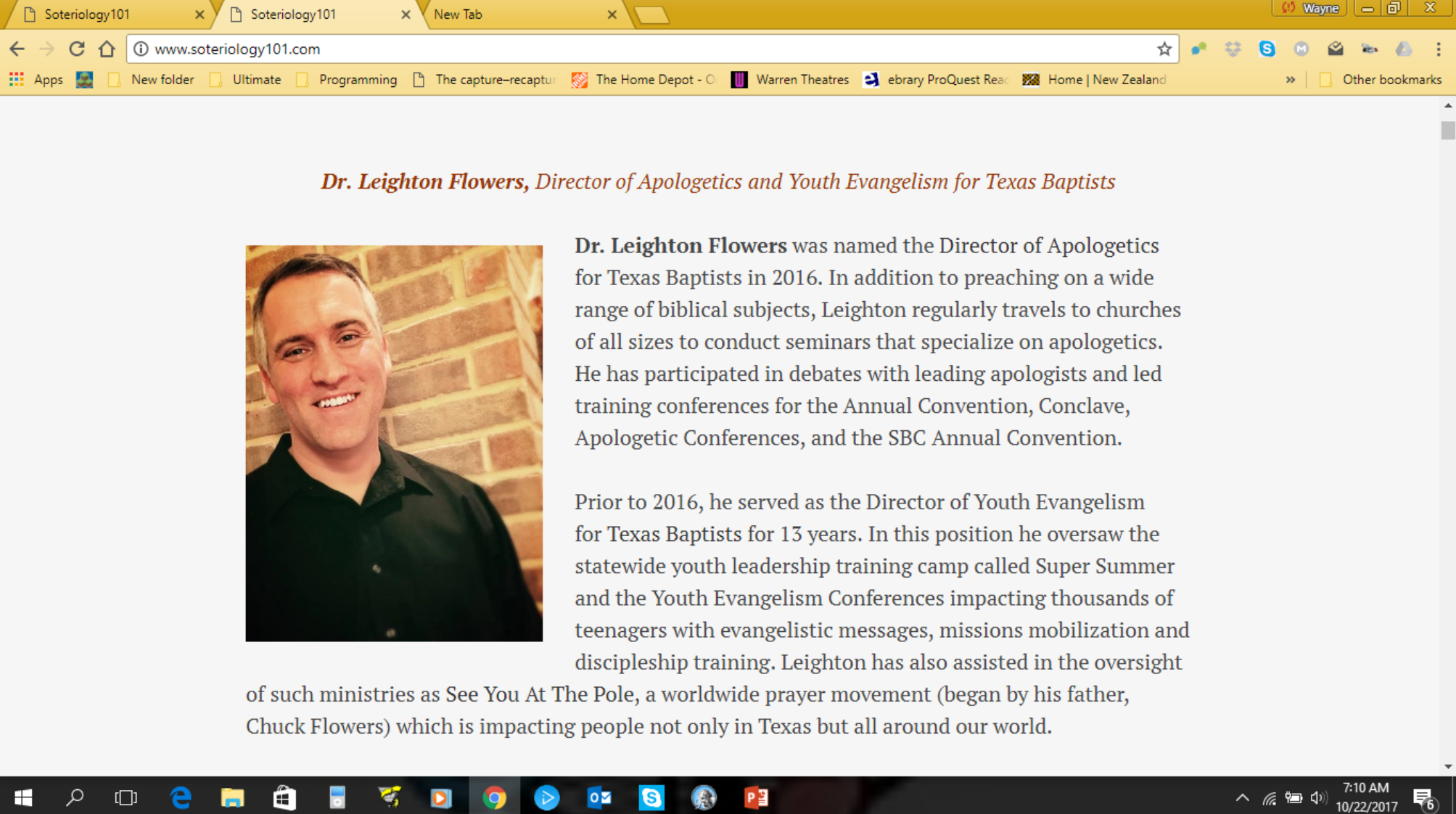
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At the bottom of the browser window, a Windows taskbar is visible with various application icons and a system clock showing 6:58 AM on 10/22/2017.

Adjunct Professor of Theology for Trinity Seminary



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying www.soteriology101.com. The browser has several tabs open, including 'Soteriology101' and 'New Tab'. The page content features a header for **Dr. Leighton Flowers, Director of Apologetics and Youth Evangelism for Texas Baptists**. Below the header is a portrait of Dr. Flowers, a man with short brown hair, smiling, wearing a black shirt, standing in front of a brick wall. To the right of the portrait is a paragraph of text describing his role and background. At the bottom of the page, there is a paragraph of text about his previous work and ministries. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screen, showing various application icons and the system clock indicating 7:10 AM on 10/22/2017.

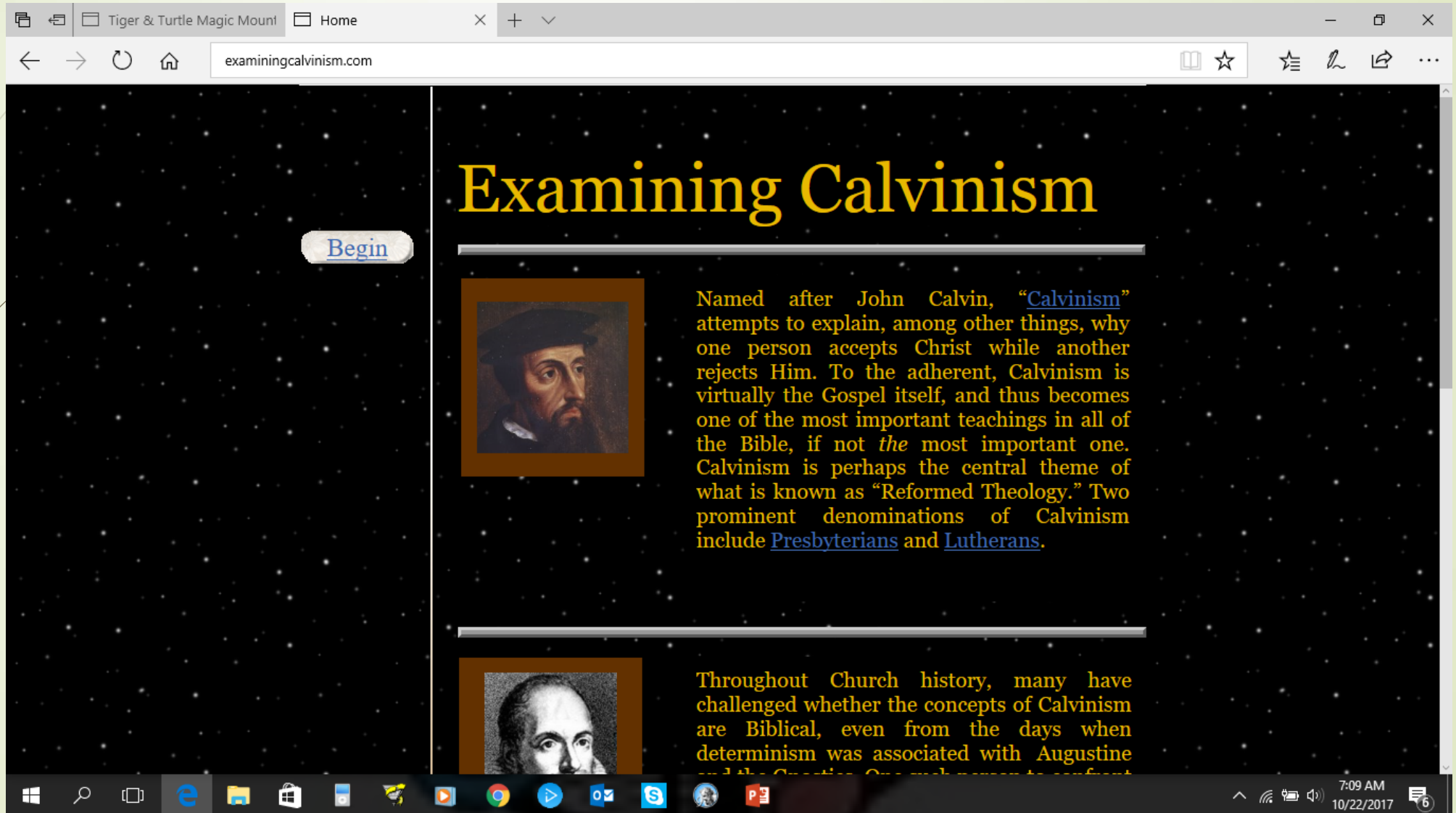
Dr. Leighton Flowers, Director of Apologetics and Youth Evangelism for Texas Baptists



Dr. Leighton Flowers was named the Director of Apologetics for Texas Baptists in 2016. In addition to preaching on a wide range of biblical subjects, Leighton regularly travels to churches of all sizes to conduct seminars that specialize on apologetics. He has participated in debates with leading apologists and led training conferences for the Annual Convention, Conclave, Apologetic Conferences, and the SBC Annual Convention.


Prior to 2016, he served as the Director of Youth Evangelism for Texas Baptists for 13 years. In this position he oversaw the statewide youth leadership training camp called Super Summer and the Youth Evangelism Conferences impacting thousands of teenagers with evangelistic messages, missions mobilization and discipleship training. Leighton has also assisted in the oversight of such ministries as See You At The Pole, a worldwide prayer movement (began by his father, Chuck Flowers) which is impacting people not only in Texas but all around our world.

<http://www.examiningcalvinism.com/>




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Examining Calvinism



Named after John Calvin, “[Calvinism](#)” attempts to explain, among other things, why one person accepts Christ while another rejects Him. To the adherent, Calvinism is virtually the Gospel itself, and thus becomes one of the most important teachings in all of the Bible, if not *the* most important one. Calvinism is perhaps the central theme of what is known as “Reformed Theology.” Two prominent denominations of Calvinism include [Presbyterians](#) and [Lutherans](#).



Throughout Church history, many have challenged whether the concepts of Calvinism are Biblical, even from the days when determinism was associated with Augustine and the Gnostics. One must never to confront




Part 34: Covenant Theology

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Last time





Paul loves his brethren more than the Calvinistic Christ? Limited atonement.

- KJV Romans 9:3 For I could wish that myself were **accursed** from Christ **for my brethren**, my kinsmen according to the flesh:1
- TBT Romans 9:3 ηὐχόμεν γὰρ αὐτὸς ἐγὼ **ἀνάθεμα** εἶναι ἀπὸ τοῦ Χριστοῦ **ὑπὲρ τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου**, τῶν συγγενῶν μου κατὰ σάρκα·

The promises -- plural

- KJV Romans 9:4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, **and the promises**;1
- TBT Romans 9:4 οἵτινές εἰσιν Ἰσραηλῖται, ὧν ἡ υἰοθεσία καὶ ἡ δόξα καὶ αἱ διαθήκαι καὶ ἡ νομοθεσία καὶ ἡ λατρεία **καὶ αἱ ἐπαγγελίαι**,



ἐπαγγελία, ἐπαγγελίας, ἡ (ἐπαγγέλλω)

- ➡ Rom. 4:13-14, 16*0, 20
- ➡ Rom. 9:4, 8-9
- ➡ Rom. 15:8

- KJV Romans 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.
- KJV Romans 4:14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:
- KJV Romans 4:16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,
- KJV Romans 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

➤ **KJV Romans 9:4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;**

- KJV Romans 9:8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.
- KJV Romans 9:9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son.
- KJV Romans 15:8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:



The **faith** of Abraham – **ALL seed** –
inheritance possible


Seed elected – chosen as a special nation with
promises – but not all of **the PROMISE**

Seed of **the PROMISE**



of whom – here the emphasis is “origin”
according to the flesh

- ➡ ^{KJV} **Romans 9:5** Whose *are* the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ *came*, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.
- ➡ ^{TBT} **Romans 9:5** ὧν οἱ πατέρες, καὶ ἐξ ὧν ὁ Χριστὸς τὸ κατὰ σάρκα, ὁ ὢν ἐπὶ πάντων, Θεὸς εὐλογητὸς εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. ἀμήν.



In the face of the defection of Israel –
the word of God is still effectual – how?



➡ ^{KJV} **Romans 9:6** Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

➡ ^{TBT} **Romans 9:6** οὐχ οἶον δὲ ὅτι ἐκπέπτωκεν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ. οὐ γὰρ πάντες οἱ ἐξ Ἰσραήλ, οὗτοι Ἰσραήλ·



Not all Israel which come from Israel (according to the flesh)

- Some are NOT chosen to be vessels to implement the purpose of God in relation to Israel.
- Not every descendent of Israel was chosen to be in the lineage of Christ.
- Not every descendent of Israel was chosen to be a prophet or messenger.




➡^{KJV} **Romans 9:7** Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

➡^{TBT} **Romans 9:7** οὐδ' ὅτι εἰσὶ σπέρμα Ἀβραάμ, πάντες τέκνα · ἀλλ' Ἐν Ἰσαὰκ κληθήσεταιί σοι σπέρμα.



Allegory – Two Covenants

- KJV **Galatians 4:21** Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? ²² For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. ²³ But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. ²⁴ Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.¹ ²⁵ For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.¹ (Gal 4:21 KJV)



➤ ^{KJV} **Romans 9:8** That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

➤ ^{TBT} **Romans 9:8** τοῦτ' ἔστιν, οὐ τὰ τέκνα τῆς σαρκός, ταῦτα τέκνα τοῦ Θεοῦ · ἀλλὰ τὰ τέκνα τῆς ἐπαγγελίας λογίζεται εἰς σπέρμα.



Today!

Romans 9 continued

Seed in Romans

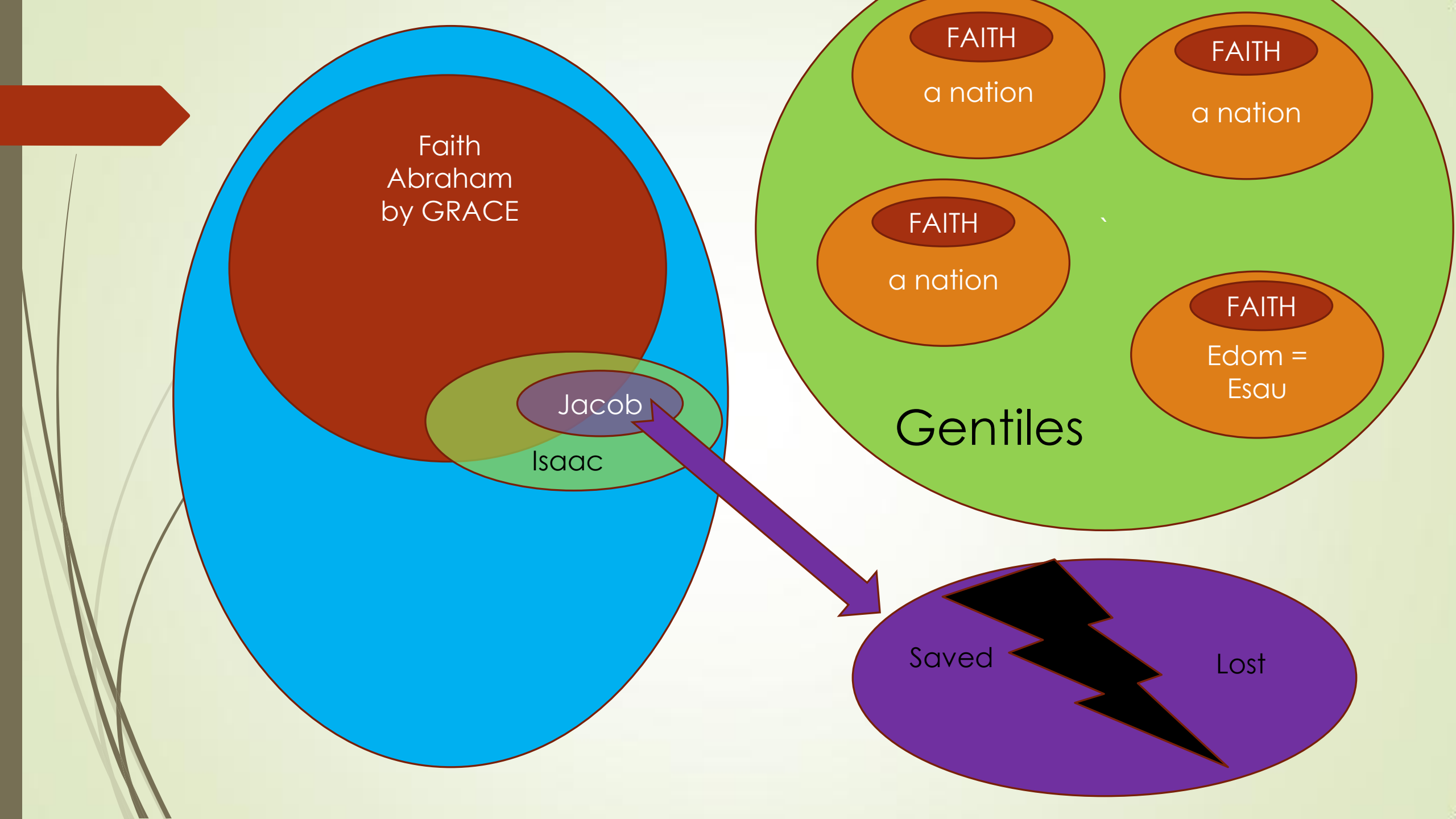
- KJV Romans 1:3 Concerning his Son **Jesus Christ our Lord**, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
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- KJV Romans 4:18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become **the father of many nations**, according to that which was spoken, **So shall thy seed be**.
- KJV Romans 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they **all** children: **but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called**.
- KJV Romans 9:8 That is, They which are the **children of the flesh**, these are not the children of **God**: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.
- KJV Romans 9:29 And as Esaias said before, **Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed**, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.
- KJV Romans 11:1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the **seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin**.

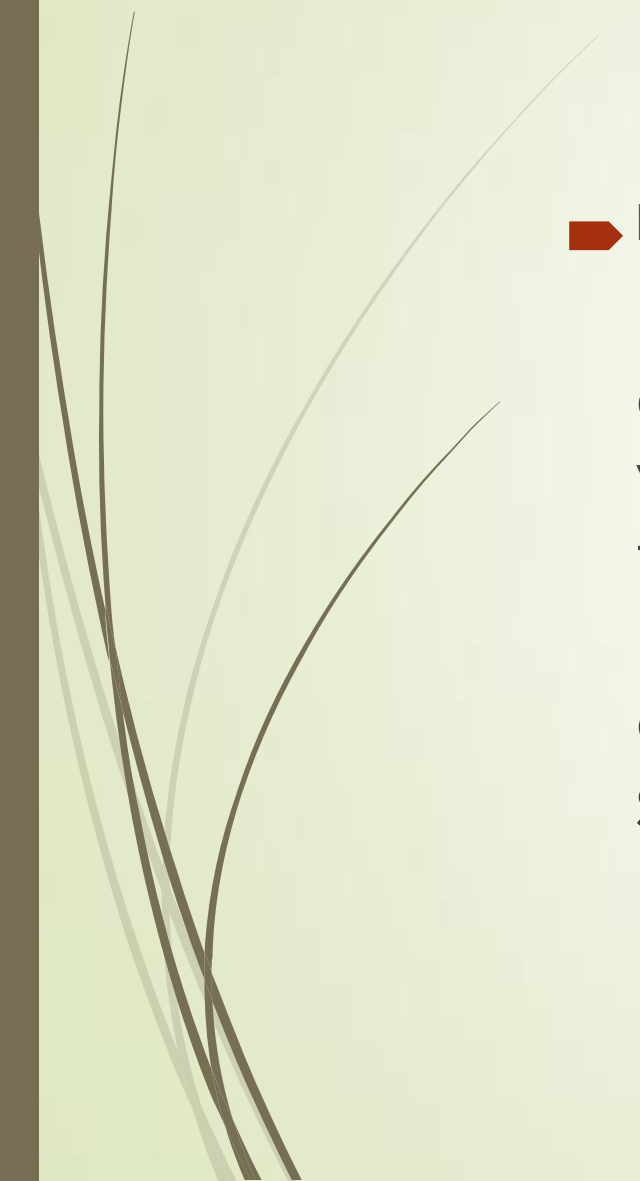

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“The seed” and “THE promise” are connected

KJV Romans 9:9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son.

TBT Romans 9:9 ἐπαγγελίας γὰρ ὁ λόγος οὗτος, Κατὰ τὸν καιρὸν τοῦτον ἐλεύσομαι, καὶ ἔσται τῇ Σάρρᾳ υἱός.





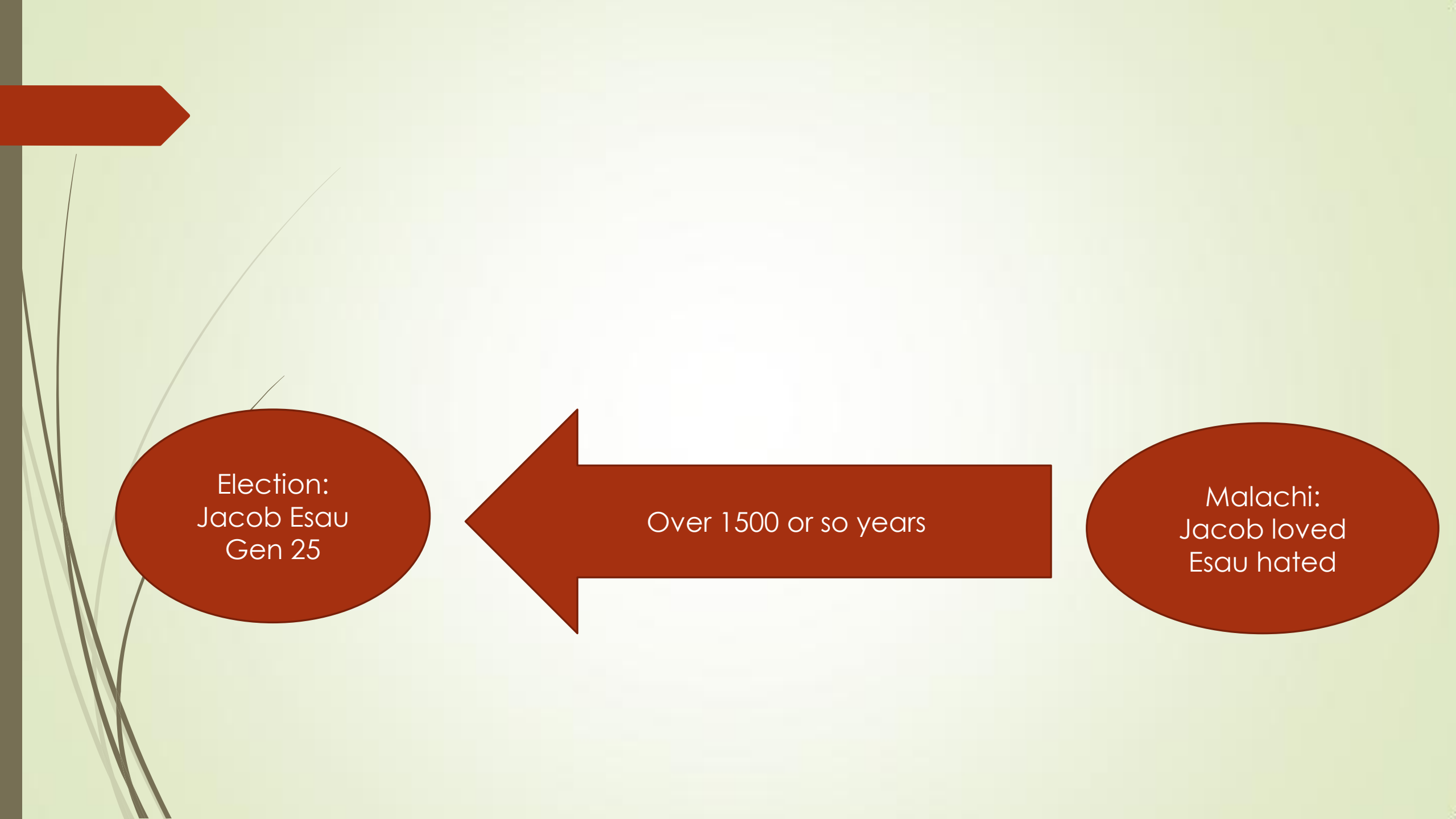
➤ ^{KJV} **Romans 9:10** And not only *this*; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; ¹¹ (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) ¹² It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.¹ ¹³ As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. (Rom 9:10 KJV)

When was the “hate”?

- Gen. 25:30
- Gen. 32:3
- Gen. 36:1, 8*2, 19, 43
- Obad. 1:8

➤ KJV Malachi 1:2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

➤ LXT Malachi 1:2 ἠγάπησα ὑμᾶς λέγει κύριος καὶ εἶπατε ἐν τίνι ἠγάπησας ἡμᾶς οὐκ ἀδελφὸς ἦν Ἡσαυ τοῦ Ἰακωβ λέγει κύριος καὶ ἠγάπησα τὸν Ἰακωβ



Election:
Jacob Esau
Gen 25

Over 1500 or so years

Malachi:
Jacob loved
Esau hated



“Hate”

- ^{KJV} **Luke 14:26** If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.
- ^{TBT} **Luke 14:26** Εἴ τις ἔρχεται πρὸς με, καὶ οὐ μισεῖ τὸν πατέρα ἑαυτοῦ, καὶ τὴν μητέρα, καὶ τὴν γυναῖκα, καὶ τὰ τέκνα, καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφούς, καὶ τὰς ἀδελφάς, ἔτι δὲ καὶ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν, οὐ δύναταί μου μαθητὴς εἶναι.



“Hate”

- ^{KJV} **Matthew 6:24** No man can serve two masters: for either **he will hate the one**, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
- ^{TBT} **Matthew 6:24** οὐδεὶς δύναται δυσὶ κυρίοις δουλεύειν· ἢ γὰρ **τὸν ἓνα μισήσει**, καὶ τὸν ἕτερον ἀγαπήσει· ἢ ἐνὸς ἀνθέξεται, καὶ τοῦ ἑτέρου καταφρονήσει. οὐ δύνασθε Θεῷ δουλεύειν καὶ μαμμωνᾷ.