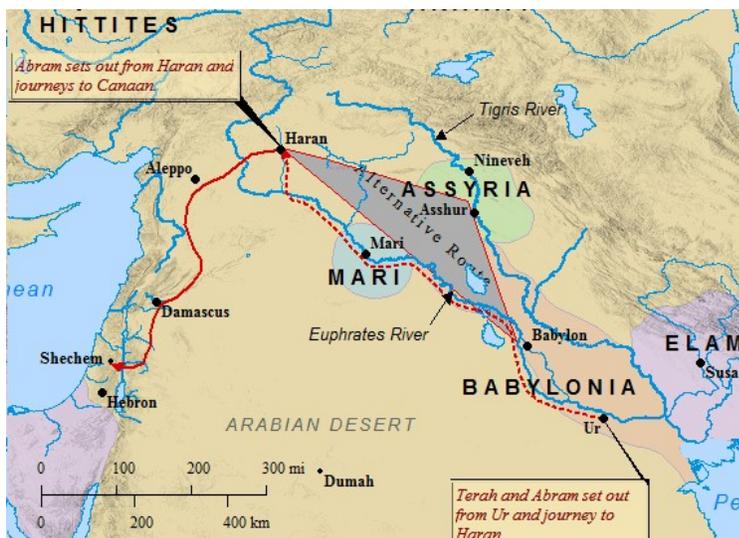
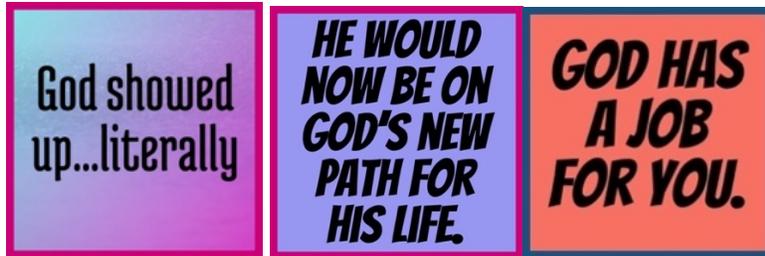


## Genesis 36 Handout



**Genesis 17: 20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.**

**21 But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year."**



*The goat skin tents of nomadic people were designed to hold in heat at night with the flaps down and to allow a breeze to pass through during the day when the flaps were up.*

**Hebrews 13:2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.**



**Genesis 18 (NKJV) 1 Then the LORD appeared to him**

**Jehovah = "the existing One"**

- 1. the proper name of the one true God**
- 2. proper name, of deity Yahweh,**

**Genesis 18 (NKJV) 1 Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre,**



**Genesis 18 (NKJV) 1 Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day.**

**2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground,**

**3 and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant.**

***The word 'bowed,' very important word, you're going to find it 100 times in the Old Testament. The Hebrew word 'to bow down, to do homage, to give reverence to.' And it is the most frequently used word in the Old Testament for the translation in our English 'worship.' To bow down; to worship. In the Orient, in the Middle East, especially back then, it was very typical to greet somebody who was more esteemed than you are, like royalty, if you were in the presence of a king or a queen, you would get on your knees and you would gently and slowly incline your head until your forehead would touch the ground. And that was a sign of respect. 'I acknowledge that you are greater, higher, and to be revered.'***

***Abraham is 99 years old. Abraham has 318 paid, trained servants. He has lots of flocks, lots of herds. He has made an impact already in his culture. He would be called, in the Middle East today, if he were alive, a sheikh. Somebody who has and exerts great influence on large numbers of people.***

- when God first called him ([Genesis 12:1-3](#))
- when Abraham parted ways with Lot ([Genesis 13:14-17](#))
- possibly when he met [Melchizedek](#) ([Genesis 14:18-20](#))
- when God made a [covenant](#) with him ([Genesis 15](#))
- when God restated His covenant ([Genesis 17](#))

**Max Lucado said 'You don't boast about your paper airplane when you're dealing with NASA. You don't brag about your crayon sketches in the presence of Picasso. You**

**don't claim equality with Albert Einstein because you can write H2O.**

**4 Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.**

**5 And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant." They said, "Do as you have said."**

**6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes."**

**7 And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it.**

**8 So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.**

**9 Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent."**

**10 And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)**

**11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.**

**12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"**

**Genesis 17:17 (NKJV)**

**17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"**

**13 And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?'**

**12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself,**

**14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."**

**15 But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh!"**

**Jeremiah 32:17 (NKJV)**

**17 'Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.**

**Jeremiah 32:27 (NKJV)**

**27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"**

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**He can  
but He  
doesn't  
always.**

**It's time for  
God to  
move past  
the natural  
and do  
something  
miraculous.**

**GOD  
USUALLY  
WAITS  
UNTIL  
THE  
LAST  
MINUTE**

**God does  
something  
when there is  
no hope left.**

***It's easy to sing  
When there's nothing to bring me down  
But what will I say  
When I'm held to the flame  
Like I am right now  
I know You're able and I know You can  
Save through the fire with Your mighty hand  
But even if You don't  
My hope is You alone***

**God wants to teach us to trust HIM and rely on Him alone for what we know is impossible.**

**It grows our faith.**

**We would have never been given the opportunity to trust God and see that He was faithful to come through.**

**It gives us stories to tell others about God.**

**They had to recognize that only a miracle from God could have saved them that day.**

### **Exodus 14:13–14 (NKJV)**

**13 And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.**

**14 The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."**

*God wants to remind us who He is and what He really can do.*

**The only way to build that trust is to withhold what we need until the last minute.**