



*Adam*

Created in God's image along with his wife, Eve. Adam's sin of disobedience in the garden of Eden caused the fall of humanity into sin and the curse upon creation. Adam's sin brought death. (Genesis 1-3)



*Joseph*

First son born to Rachel, Jacob's beloved wife. Given dreams of authority over his family, which eventually came true in Egypt, though after he was sold into slavery by his brothers and even unjustly imprisoned by his master. Oversaw all of Egypt during seven years of abundance and then seven years of famine. Preserved life for all nations, including his family, with whom he reconciled. Established his family as a remnant in the land of Egypt and provided for their survival and prosperity. (Genesis 30-50)



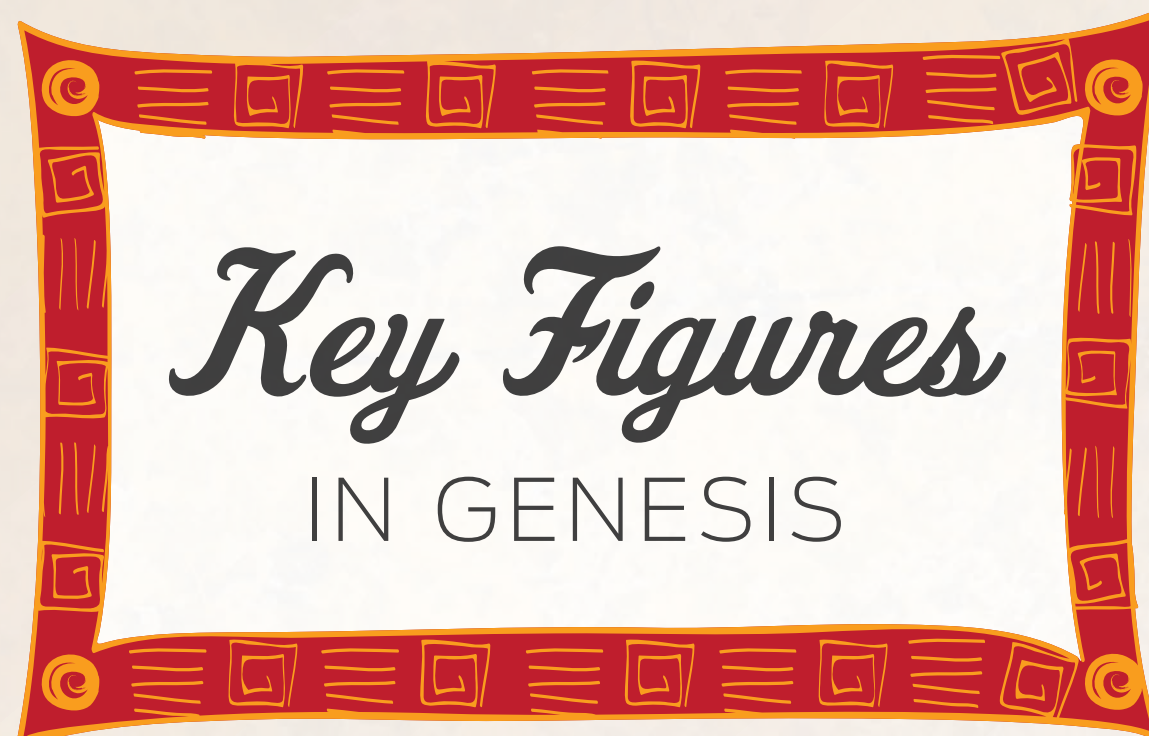
*Isaac*

The son of promise through whom God would carry on His covenant with Abraham. Miraculously born to Abraham and Sarah in their old age. Abraham's only son, whom God asked to be sacrificed but was then spared by a substitute. (Genesis 21-35)



*Noah*

A righteous and blameless man who walked with God. Obeyed God and built the ark, which saved his family and animalkind from the flood. (Genesis 6-9)



*Cain & Abel*

First sons of Adam and Eve. Both gave an offering to God; God had regard for Abel's offering but not for Cain's. So Cain killed Abel.



*Judah*

Fourth son born to Leah, Jacob's unloved wife. Led his brothers to sell Joseph into slavery for the profit. Married a Canaanite woman contrary to his family tradition and abandoned his widowed daughter-in-law, Tamar. She seduced him while disguised as a prostitute, and the resulting pregnancy carried forward the promised seed of Eve. Later, Judah offered himself as a substitute slave to gain the freedom of his brother Benjamin. (Genesis 29-50)



*Abraham*

The father of all who believe in God's promises—in Jesus Christ (Romans 4:11). Obeyed God when called him to leave his family and land and go to a land God would show him. Believed God's promise of offspring, though his wife, Sarai, was barren. Obeyed God's command to sacrifice his son Isaac until God provided a substitute. (Genesis 12-25)



*Jacob/Israel*

The father of the 12 tribes of Israel. Born, along with his brother Esau, in answer to Isaac's prayer on behalf of his wife, who was barren. Deceived his father to receive blessing of the firstborn, which belonged to Esau. Dreamed about a stairway connecting heaven to earth, and later wrestled with God, receiving a new name. Died in Egypt but buried by request in the promised land. (Genesis 25-50)