

G.R.A.C.E.

*Topic for November:
Understanding Oral Tradition through the
stories of the Old Testament*

Who's Who in the Old Testament



Aaron: brother of Moses and Miriam. God used him during the exodus as Moses' spokesperson.

Abel: second son of Adam and Eve, murdered by his brother

Abraham: "father of a multitude", important figure in three living religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. He was earlier known as Abram.

Adam: "from the earth", God created Adam and Eve and set them in the Garden of Eden.

Bathsheba: wife of Uriah the Hittite, she was coveted, seduced, and impregnated by David while her husband was at war.

Cain: Adam and Eve's first son, killed his brother.

Daniel: Jewish captive in Babylon who is skilled in the interpretation of dreams and is miraculously preserved in the lion's den.

David: The most powerful king of Israel, Jesus was his direct descendant. Father of Solomon.

Esau: Older twin son of Isaac and Rebekah, sold his birthright for a bowl of lentil stew.

Esther: Heroine who saved the Jewish people from Haman.

Goliath: Philistine giant who is slain by David.

Hagar: Egyptian maidservant of Sarah, mother of Ishmael

Isaac: Son of Abraham and Sarah, his name means "laughter"

Isaiah: prophet of Judah from roughly 740-700 B.C., the Book of Isaiah is the largest work of prophecy in the Bible.

Ishmael: Son of Abraham by Hagar, dwelt in the wilderness and became an expert bowman.

Jacob: "heel grabber", younger twin of Isaac and Rebekah, God changed his name to "Israel", had 12 sons and 1 daughter.

Jesse: Father of David, Jesse is mentioned in the prophecy of Isaiah, which refers to house of David, and also in genealogies of Jesus.

Jethro: Moses' father-in-law, priest of Midian

Jonah: Prophet who spent three days in a fish.

Joseph: Jacob's favorite son, his brothers were jealous of him, became powerful in Egypt.

Joshua: Moses' successor, led Israel into the Promised Land.

Judith: A beautiful and pious widow who kills an Assyrian general to save her people.

Laban: Jacob's uncle, Leah and Rachel's father, takes advantage of Jacob's service.

Leah: one of the two wives of Jacob, sister of Rachel, her father tricked Jacob into marrying her, bore Jacob six sons.

Lot: Abraham's nephew, his wife turned into a pillar of salt.

Miriam: Sister of Moses and Aaron, prophetess who held prominent position among the women, led them in song after the exodus.

Moses: First and preeminent leader of the Israelites, liberated them from slavery in Egypt and led them to the threshold of the promised land. He is also the lawgiver and a prophet..

Nathan: Prophet in David's court.

Noah: he and his household are the sole human survivors of the flood, which God brought upon the world to punish human sin. He had to share his boat with pairs of every animal.

Rachel: Jacob's favorite wife, sister of Leah, mother of Joseph and one other son.

Ruth: Righteous Moabite woman who married Boaz, the grandfather of David.

Samuel: Last and greatest Judge of Israel, anointed kings Saul and David.

Sarah: wife of Abraham, used to be called "Sara" until God changed her name, she eavesdropped on her husband's visitors and was caught laughing when she heard them tell Abraham that she would become pregnant.

SSJP Reading Materials

- *Catholic Update: "Finding Your Way Through the Old Testament"*
 - *Catholic Update: "A Popular Guide to Reading the Bible"*
 - *Growing Faith Project: "Where Do You Meet God?"*
 - *Catholic Parent: "Scripture, Forming Your Child's Faith"*
 - *The Good News About: "Advent and the Jesse Tree"*
- *Scripture from Scratch: "Moses—The Man the Lord Knew Face to Face"*
 - *Scripture from Scratch: "Abraham—God's Chosen Person"*
- *Scripture From Scratch: "Covenant—The Tie That Binds...and Frees"*
 - *Scripture From Scratch: "The Bible's Human Bridges"*

These materials may be found in the back racks in church as well as in the library

Also available in the library:

"In The Beginning, There Were Stories"

William J. Bausch

**The first book to be reviewed in the
new SSJP Parish Book Club**

First informational meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 1st, 6:30pm

More details to follow—check the bulletin and website