

The Patriarchs

Highlights AND Lowlights

Genesis 12-50

Abraham



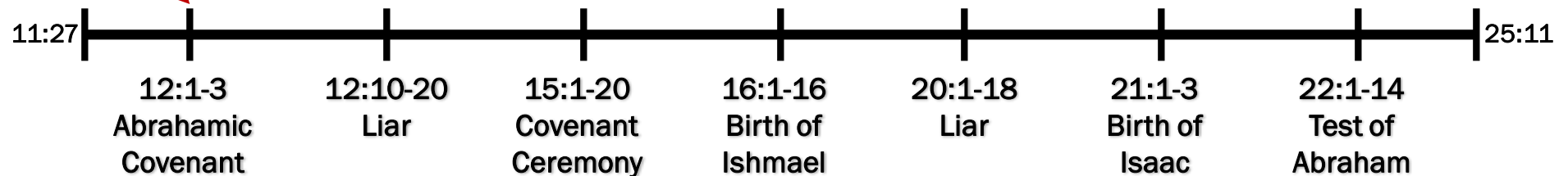
Caravaggio: *Sacrifice of Isaac* (1603)

**Man of Faith
(SEE 15:6)**

**“George Washington” of
Israel**

**TURNING
POINT**

Genesis



Abraham

FAITH

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

“Sacrificing his Past”

a. Land, b. Nation, c. Name

Unconditional

COVENANT CEREMONY

“To cut” is to formalize a covenant.

TEST OF ABRAHAM

“Sacrificing his Future”

NO FAITH

LIE: “SARAH IS MY SISTER”

Response of Fear

BIRTH OF ISHMAEL

“Lack of Patience” / “Helping God”

Conflict

ISHMAEL vs. ISAAC

Isaac



Flinck, *Isaac Blessing Jacob* (1638)

“The Compliant Child”

Longest Living Patriarch

Genesis



Jacob



Rubens, *Jacob Wrestling with the Angel* (1601)

“You reap what you sow.”

“What goes around comes around.”

Jacob

“Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declared the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob; but I have hated Esau.”
MALACHI 1:2-3

ESAU

OLDER Fraternal Twin

- a. Birthright
- b. Blessing

nicknamed “Edom,” meaning “red”

EDOMITES

“skillful hunter, a man of the fields”

dad’s favorite son

JACOB

YOUNGER Fraternal Twin

“Jacob” means “heel-grabber,
one closely following, supplanter.”
(SEE 27:36)

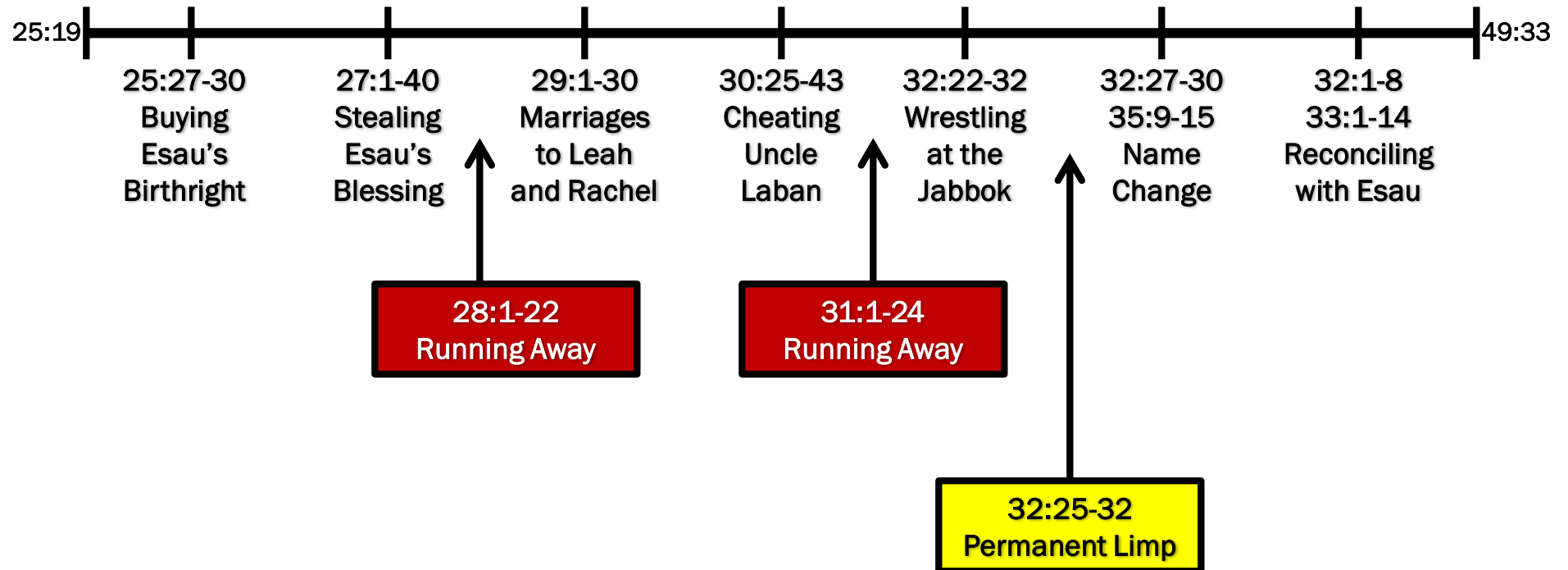
“peaceful man, living in tents”

mama’s boy

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Jacob

Genesis



Joseph



Amigoni, *Joseph in Pharaoh's Palace* (1749)

Righteous Regardless

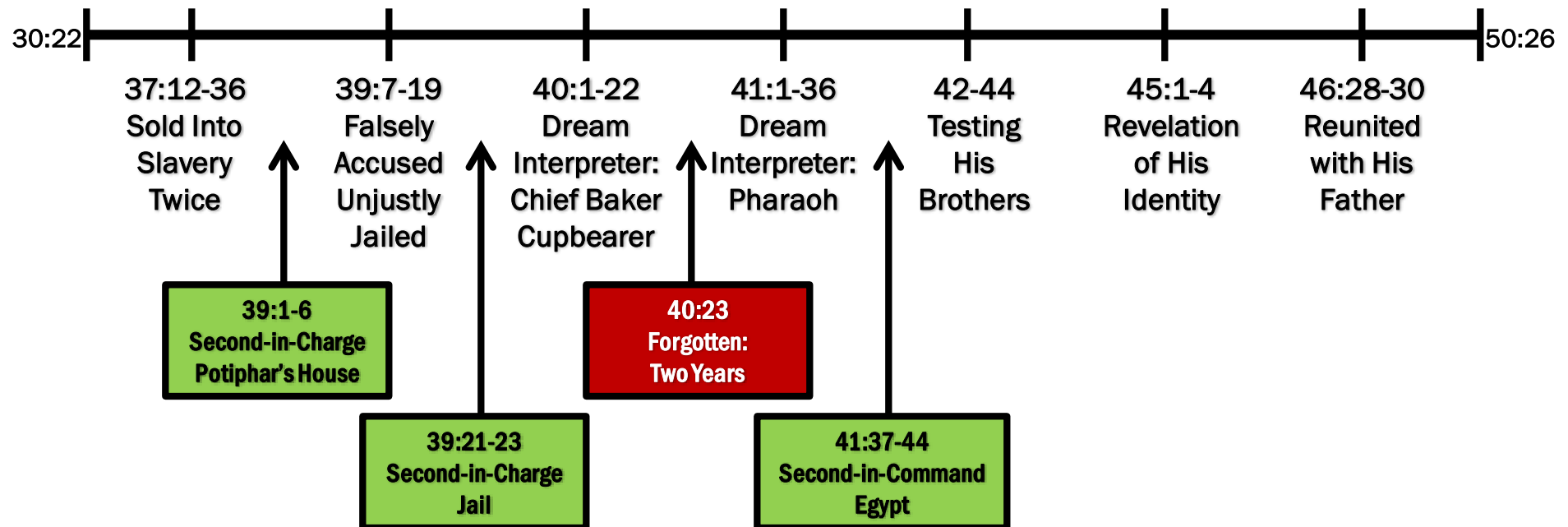
God's Providence

LATIN: "pro" (preposition) + "videre" (verb)
MEANING: "to see before"

Joseph

- ♦ favorite son
- ♦ hated brother
- ♦ dream interpreter

Genesis



"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive." (GENESIS 50:20)

Joseph

Is Joseph a patriarch?

YES He appears in Genesis 12-50.

NO He is NOT a part of the “Triadic Formula.”

WHY The Messianic Line runs through Judah.

|| SEE Genesis 49:8-12, the reason why Genesis 38
disrupts the story of Joseph.

|| SEE also Matthew 1:2-3 and Luke 3:33.

