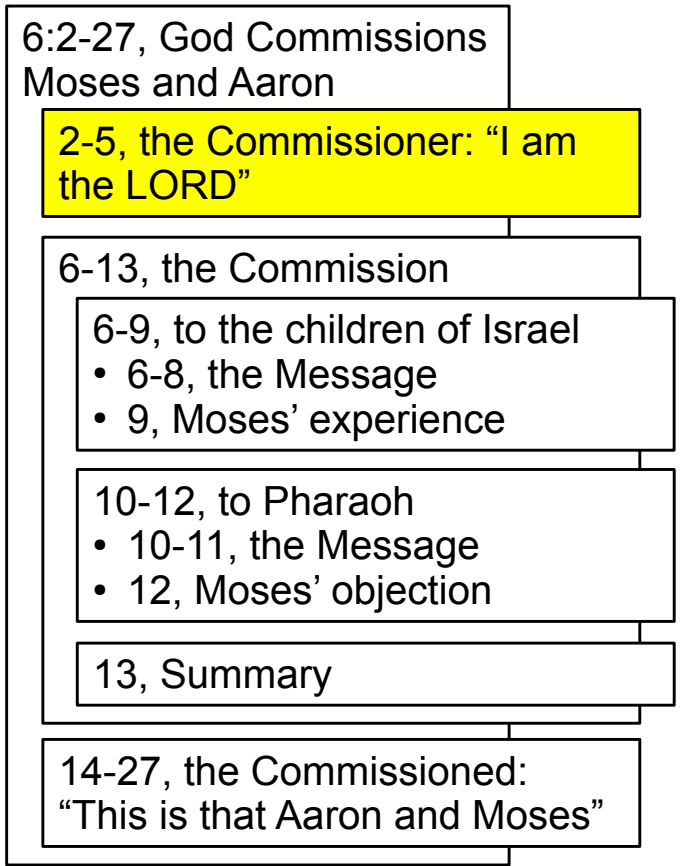


For Discussion

Theme	First Panel 1:1-4:18	Second Panel 4:19-40:38
Entering Egypt	1:1-7, Eleven tribes go to Egypt & multiply	4:19-31, Moses returns to Egypt with his family
Oppression	1:8-22, Pharaoh oppresses Israel	5:1-6:1, Oppression increases
Leaders raised up	2:1-4, Moses born	6:2-27, Moses & Aaron appointed
Moses &	2:5-10, Moses	6:28-13:16, Moses



- What is the significance of the shift in tense of the verb “establish [my covenant]” between Genesis and Exodus?
- Why does an omniscient God need to hear, and how can an eternal God remember or forget?
- What three promises does God tell Moses to declare to Israel?
- What ancient near eastern institution do these promises reflect?
- What happens for the first time in 6:7?
- How does the wording of the commission to Pharaoh differ from the commission to the children of Israel, and why?
- Why does the genealogy in 6:14-25 leave out nine of Jacob’s twelve sons?
- What is distinctive about the family line of Aaron and Moses?
- Why does the genealogy record the ages of Levi, Kohath, and Amram?
- What clue to the structure of this chapter does the repetition of “These are ...” in 6:26-27 provide?

God's Actions Reveal his Name

6:4 established my covenant (קום *hifil, qoom* H6965)

1. God “made” (כרת *karat* H3772) only one covenant with the Patriarchs

Gen. 15:18 In the same day the LORD **made** a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

2. The Covenant Focuses on the Land → Extends beyond Sinai

Gen.	12	13	15	17	18	22
Land	x	x	x	x		x
Seed	x	x	x	x	x	x
Blessing	x		x	x		x
Nations	x			x		x

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. 17 And this I say, that the covenant [to Abraham], that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law [Sinai], which was four hundred and thirty years after, **cannot disannul**, that it should make the promise of none effect.

3. “will establish” vs. “have established”

Gen 17:7 And I **will establish** my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, ...

Gen 17:19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and **I will establish** my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. ...21 But my covenant **will I establish** with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

Paradoxes in 6:5

When God appeared ...

Exo 2:23 ... the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. 24 And God **heard their groaning**, and God **remembered his covenant** with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

6:5a I have ... heard ...

Psa 139:7 **Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?** 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

Jer 23:24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. **Do not I fill heaven and earth?** saith the LORD.

6:5b I have remembered ...

Gen. 21:33 And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the **everlasting** God.

Is. 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the **everlasting** God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Isa 46:10 **Declaring the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Is. 43:25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and **will not remember** thy sins.

Jer. 31:34 ... I will forgive their iniquity, and I **will remember their sin no more.**

In the limit ...

Jhn 1:14 ... the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ...

The Commission:

6:6-9, To Israel

6:2-27, God Commissions
Moses and Aaron

2-5, the Commissioner: "I am
the LORD"

6-13, the Commission

6-9, to the children of Israel

- 6-8, the Message
- 9, Moses' experience

10-12, to Pharaoh

- 10-11, the Message
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"This is that Aaron and Moses"

6:6, First Promise: Release from Pharaoh

Mursilis and Dubbi-Tessub: When I, the Sun, sought after you in accordance with your father's word and put you in your father's place, I took you in oath for the king of the Hatti land, the Hatti land, and for my sons and grandsons. So **honour the oath (of loyalty) to the king and the king's king.** ... But you, Duppi-Tessub, **remain loyal** toward the king of the Hatti land, the Hatti land, my sons (and) my grandsons forever! ... **Do not turn your eyes to anyone else!**

Muwattalli II and Alaksandu: If some enemy arises for you, **I will not abandon you**, just as I have not now abandoned you, I will kill your enemy for you.

6:7, Second Promise: Covenant Relation

Gen 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, **to be a God unto thee**, and to thy seed after thee.

Exo 3:7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of **my people** which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

1Jn 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

6:8, Third Promise: Gift of Land

Mursilis and Dubbi-Tessub: I, the Sun, put you in the place of your father and took your brothers (and) sisters and **the Amurru land** in oath for you. ... When you take a wife, and when you beget an heir, he shall be **king in the Amurru land** likewise.

6:9, The People's Response

Exo 4:30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. 31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then **they bowed their heads and worshipped.**

Exo 3:19 And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.

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6:10-12, To Pharaoh No "I am the LORD"

Exo 5:1 ... Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, ... 2 And Pharaoh said, **Who is the LORD**, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? **I know not the LORD**, neither will I let Israel go.

Exo 4:10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but **I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.**

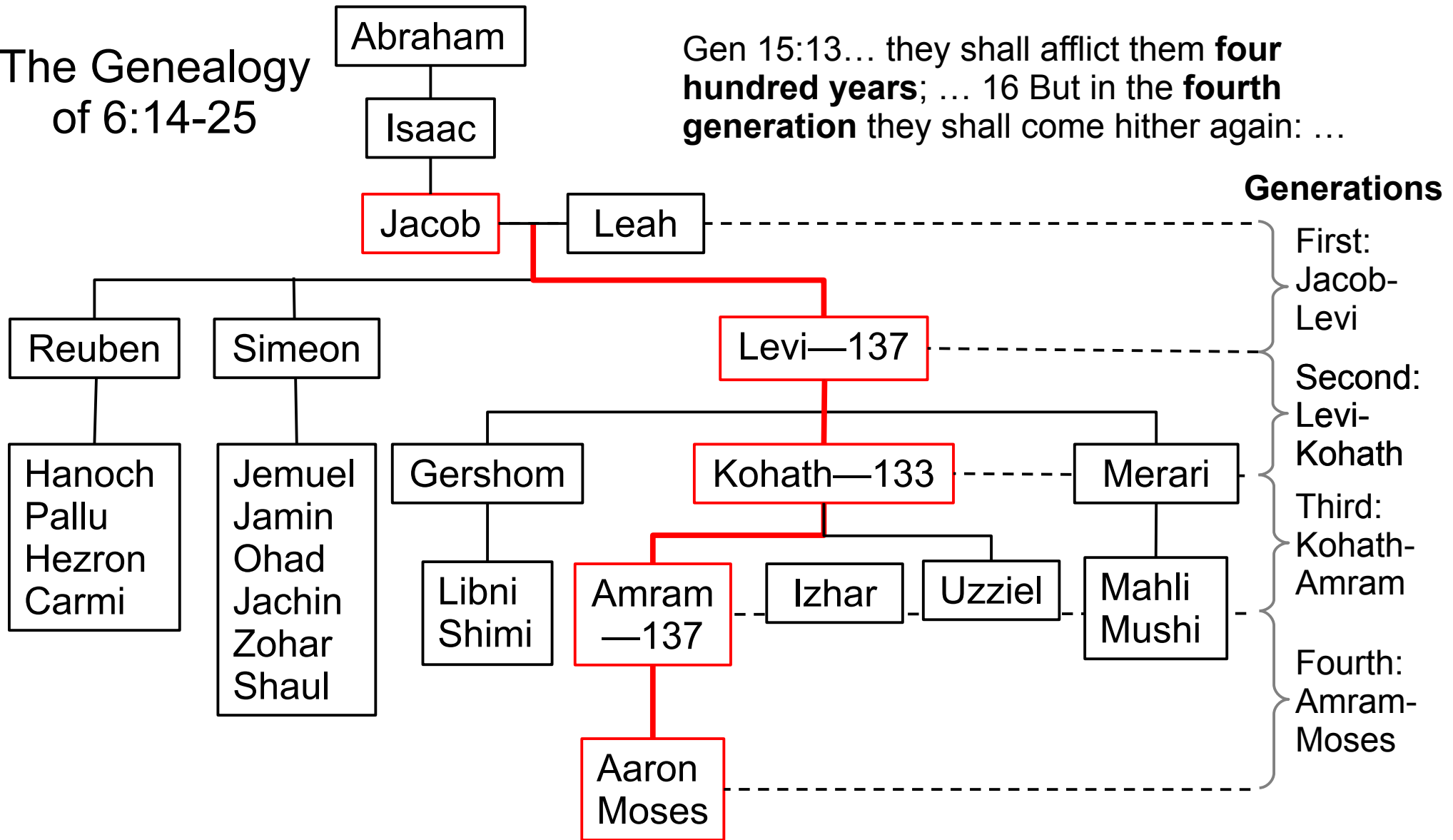
6:13, To Whom did the LORD Speak?

Exo 4:15 And **thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth:** ... 16 ... **he shall be to thee instead of a mouth,** ...

Exo 7:2 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.

The Genealogy of 6:14-25

Gen 15:13... they shall afflict them **four hundred years**; ... 16 But in the **fourth generation** they shall come hither again: ...



NB: Not all families have the same number of generations in these 400 years.

Judah: 1 Chr 2:3-11, **Jacob** – Judah - Perez - Hezron - Ram - Aminadab – Nahshon – **Salmon**/(Rahab, Matt 1:5).

Ephraim: 1 Chr 7:20-27, **Jacob** - Joseph - Ephraim - Beriah - Repham - Resheph - Telah – Tahan - Laadan - Ammihud - Elishama - Nun - **Hoshea/Joshua**