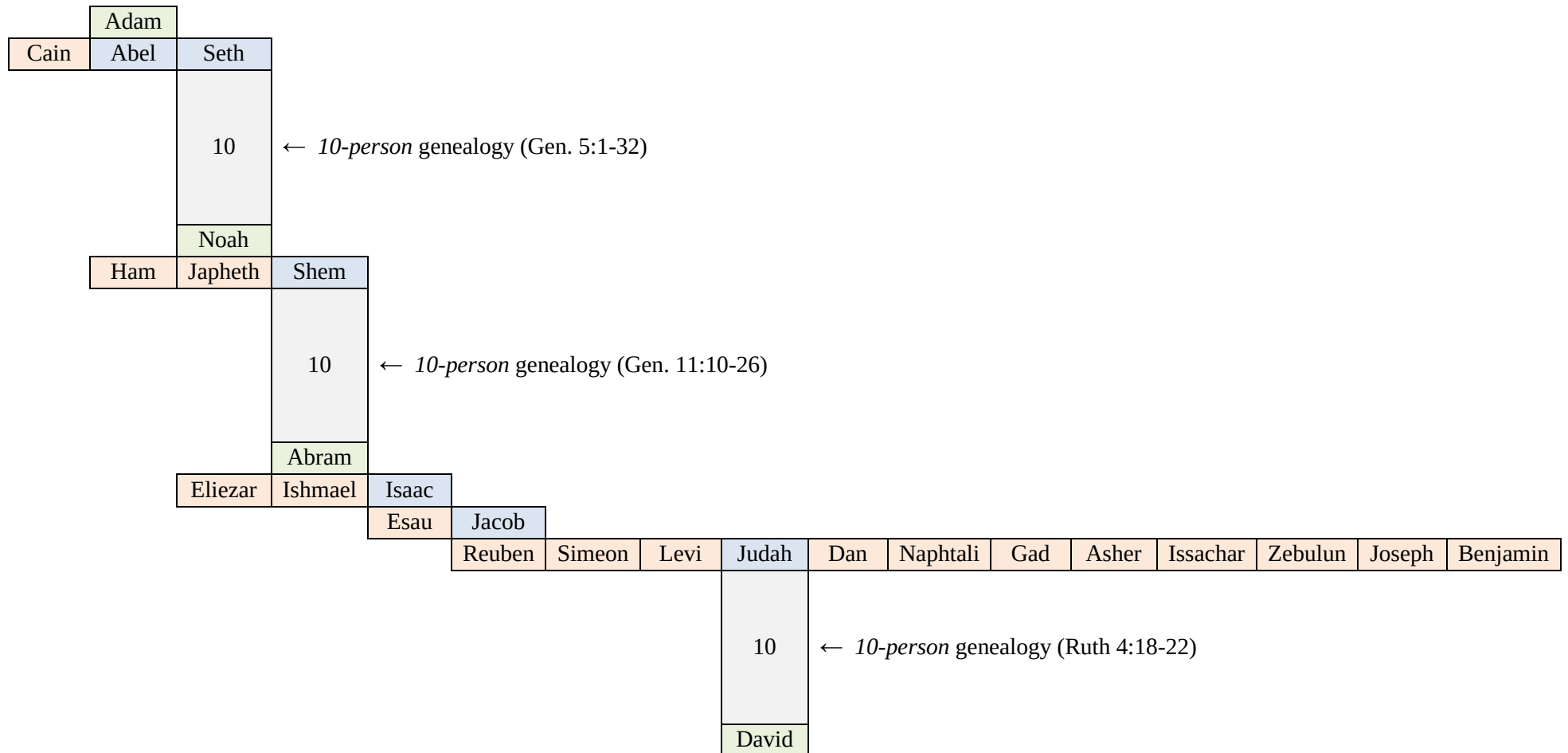


Search for the Seed

Genesis → Ruth

“I will put enmity between you [the snake] and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring [זרע];
he [the woman’s offspring] shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.” (Gen. 3:15)



Not *This Son...* But *That Son...*
Genesis

Adam		
Cain	Abel	Seth
And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. (4:8)		

Noah		
Ham	Japheth	Shem
And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. (9:22)		Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant. (9:26)

Abram		
Eliezar	Ishmael	Isaac
² But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ... the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” (15:2, 4)	¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!” ¹⁹ God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. (17:18-19)	

Isaac	
Esau	Jacob
²³ And the Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger.” (25:23)	

Jacob				
Reuben	Simeon	Levi	Judah	Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin
³ Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the firstfruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power. ⁴ Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it (49:3-4; cf. 35:22)	⁵ Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords ... For in their anger they killed men, and in their willfulness they hamstrung oxen. ⁷ Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel. (49:5-7; cf. 34:25, 30)		⁸ Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. ⁹ Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? ¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. (49:8-10)	