

## Joel Rosenberg's structural analysis of the Abraham/Sarah cycle/story

from *King and Kin: Political Allegory in the Hebrew Bible* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1986), pp. 84-85.

A: 11.10-32: genealogical framework

B: 12.4-5: Migration from Haran: separation from Nahor

C: 12.4-9 [13.14-18]: building of altars: land promised

D: 12.10-20: wife-sister episode

E: 12.1-13: border dispute with Lot

F: 14.1-24: Sodom episode and rescue of Lot

G: 15:1-20: covenant of sacrifice

X: 16.1-16: expulsion and rescue of Hagar

G': 17.1-27: covenant of circumcision

F': 18.1-19.38: Sodom episode and rescue of Lot

[E': 21.22-34: border agreement with Abimelech]

D': 20.1-18: wife-sister episode

C': 22.6; 23.1-20: building of altar; land promised/acquired

B': 24.1-67: migration to Haran: reunification with Nahor

A': [22.20-24] 25.1-18: genealogical framework

**Outside the pattern** [two parallel stories of a parent facing the death of an only child, rescued by YHWH's angel]

21.1-21: second Hagar episode

22.1-19: binding of Isaac