



## 1. Authorship of Genesis

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- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

B.

C.

- 1)
- 2)

## 2. General Data on Genesis

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- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

B.

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- (1–5)
- (6–9)
- (10–11)

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- (12–23)
- (24–26)
- (27–36)
- (37–50)

C.

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### 3. Creation

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### 4. The Fall

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### 5. The Flood

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### 6. Babel & the Nations

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# 1. Authorship of Genesis

## A. Part of Five Books

- 1) “Pentateuch” = (Latin) “Five Scrolls”
- 2) “Torah” = (Hebrew) “Law”
- 3) “Books of Moses” “Law of Moses”

**Joshua 8:31**

*just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, “...*



# 1. Authorship of Genesis

## B. Biblical Claim

**Luke 24:44**

***everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”***



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## B. Biblical Claim

**Mark 7:10**

*For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'*



# 1. Authorship of Genesis

## C. What About...

### 1) Deuteronomy 34 ?

#### Deuteronomy 34:5–6

*So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day.*



# 1. Authorship of Genesis

## C. What About...

### 2) The “Documentary Hypothesis”?

- Moses (“no writing in 15<sup>th</sup> century BC)
- Julius Wellhausen theorized:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> century BC compilation
    - > **J** = preferred “Yahweh”
    - > **E** = preferred “Elohim”
    - > **D** = author of Deuteronomy
    - > **P** = author of priestly sections



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### 2) The “Documentary Hypothesis”

- Plenty of Writing prior to 15<sup>th</sup> century BC
- All Scripture Attests to Mosaic authorship
- Jewish History Attests to Mosaic authorship
- Moses = Prophet (Revelation + Inspiration)



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### 2) The “Documentary Hypothesis”

#### 2 Peter 1:20–21

*no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*



## 2. General Data on Genesis

### A. Purpose

- 1) Explain Beginning of the Physical Universe
- 2) Explain Beginning of Marriage / Family
- 3) Explain Beginning of Sin / Suffering
- 4) Explain Beginning of Languages / Nations
- 5) Explain Beginning of God's Plan for Israel



# 2. General Data on Genesis

## B. Basic Breakdown

### 1) Human Beginnings (1 – 11)

(1–5) Creation & Fall

(6–9) Corruption & Flood

(10–11) Babel & Nations



# 2. General Data on Genesis

## B. Basic Breakdown

### 2) Israel's Beginnings (12 – 50)

(12–23) Abraham

(24–26) Isaac

(27–36) Jacob

(37–50) Joseph



## 2. General Data on Genesis

### C. Time Frame

1) Human Beginnings

???? – 2165 BC

2) Israel's Beginnings

2090– 1804 BC

• 286 Years



## 2. General Data on Genesis

### D. Genre

#### 1) Historical / Narrative

- Presented as History
- Quoted as History (in NT = 60 times)

#### 2) Not a Technical Textbook

- Language of Appearance

#### 3) Presupposes Theism / Describes Supernatural



# 3. Creation

## A. Importance of the Controversy

1) Modern Secularists:

“Naturalism Must Destroy Theism”

2) Modern Religionists:

“Christians Must Concede or be Obsolete”



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## B. Consistent Biblical Assertions

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## C. Way People Have Read Genesis 1-2

- 1) 24-Hour Day / 168-Hours Week
- 2) Theistic Evolution
- 3) Progressive Creationism
- 4) Day-Age Theory
- 5) Framework Hypothesis
- 6) Gap-Theory
- 7) Intelligent Design



## 4. The Fall

### A. The Tree was a Call to Fidelity

- Not Poisonous / Magical

### B. The Tempter Had Already Rebelled

- Ezekiel 28 & Isaiah 14

### C. Sentence of Human Death

- Relational & Biological

### D. Sentence of Natural Evil

- “Cursed is the Ground Because of You” (3:17)



# 5. The Flood

## A. Societal Corruption

### Genesis 6:5

*The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*



# 5. The Flood

## A. Societal Corruption

**Genesis 6:11–12**

*Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.*



# 5. The Flood

## B. Picture of Redemption/Salvation

**Genesis 6:8–9**

*But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. ...*

*Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.*



# 5. The Flood

## C. Ark = Box / Barge

- 100 Years to Build
- Ideal Dimensions for Stability
  - 450+ Feet Long (13+ buses long)
  - 45+ Feet Tall with 3 decks (4 stories high)
  - 75+ Feet Wide (100,000 square feet of space)
- Large: 522+ *Railroad Boxcars*



# 5. The Flood

## D. A Major Universal Catastrophe

- Textual Depiction

**Genesis 7:19–20**

*And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep.*



# 5. The Flood

## D. A Major Universal Catastrophe

- Textual Depiction
- Rainbow = Promise against a M.U.C. Flood
- Geologic Evidence
- Universal Flood Stories
- Lifespans After the Flood



# 6. Babel & The Nations

## A. Literary Recapitulation

- E.g.: Gen.1 & 2 (Creation & Creation of A & E)
- Genesis 10 = Table of Nations
- Genesis 11 = Dividing of Nations



## 6. Babel & The Nations

### B. Disobeying Genesis 9:1-7

*...“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.*

*...increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.”*

Genesis 11:4

*Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”*



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## C. A Tower

- Extra-Biblical Info Re: Ziggurats
- “Stairway to Heaven”
- Ancient Temple
- Tower Babel = Ziggurat Prototype?















# 7. Abraham & Sarah

## A. “Abram” (“Great Father”)

- To be “Abraham” (“Father of a Great many”)

## B. Abrahamic Covenant (12:1-3)

- Promise of Land & People
- Promise of Blessing & Greatness
- Promise of Personal / National Protection

## C. Called to Leave “Ur” for Canaan



1. Leaves Ur
2. Terah Dies
3. Goes to Canaan
4. Famine Sends Him to Egypt
5. Ab Returns with Lot





# 7. Abraham & Sarah

## D. Faltering Faith

- Deception re: Sarah in Egypt
- Having Son by Hagar (10 yrs after the promise)

## E. Birth of Isaac

- Made to Wait 25 years
- Prompted to Trust



By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

**Hebrews 11:11–12**



Hebrews 11:17–19

*By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall*

Genesis 22





Hebrews 11:17–19

*your offspring be named.”  
He considered that God  
was able even to raise him  
from the dead, from which,  
figuratively speaking, he  
did receive him back.*

Genesis 22





## 8. Isaac & Rebekah

### A. An Arranged Marriage

- 450 Mile Trip to Find a Wife

### B. An Infertile Couple

- 20 Childless Years

### C. Parents of Twins

- Esau & Jacob





## 9. Jacob & Rachel

### A. Jacob, the Younger Twin

- Custom: Older Receives the Birthright (Blessing)

### B. Jacob Bribes Esau Out of the Birthright

- For a Meal / Stew / Soup / “Something Boiled”

### C. Jacob/Rebekah Scheme to Get Blessing

- Creates Family Discord (Banished to Haran)

### D. Tricked by Laban to Marry Leah

- Ends Up with Rival Wife: Leah



# 10. Joseph & His Brothers

## A. Jacob Favors Joseph to His Hurt

- Envy Leads to “Human Trafficking”

## B. Joseph Used by God to Save Family

- Famine & Revelation lead to Promotion in Egypt

## C. Pharaoh has Joseph Marry Asenath

- She was the Daughter of an Egyptian Priest

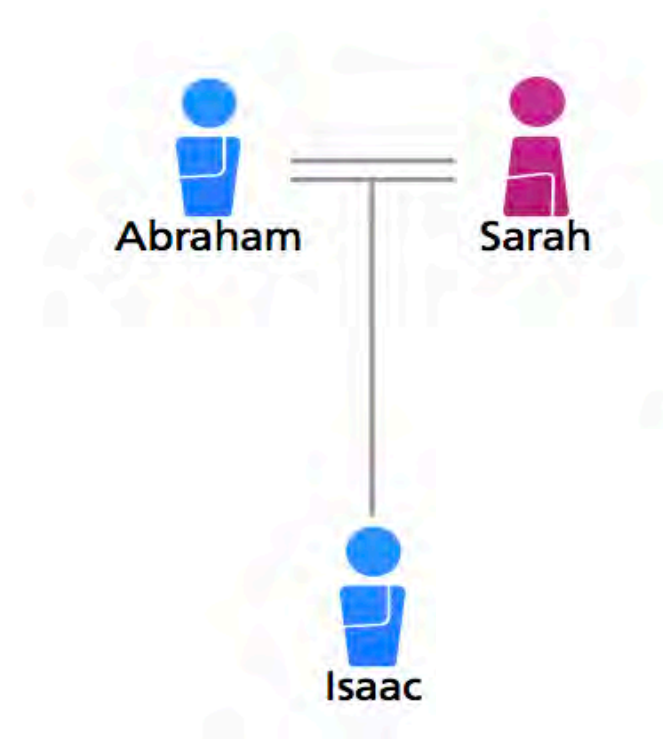
## D. Joseph & Brothers “Children of ‘Israel’”

- Descendants = 12 Tribes of Israel (Jacob)

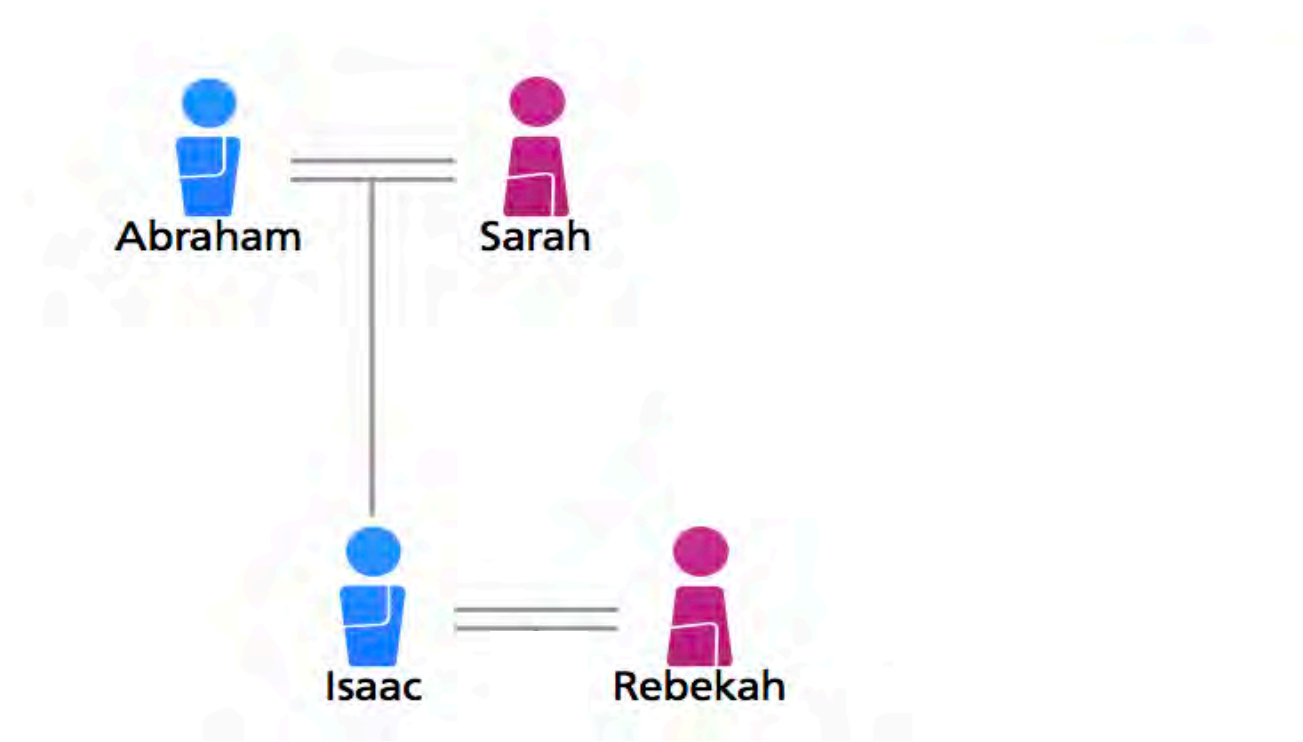




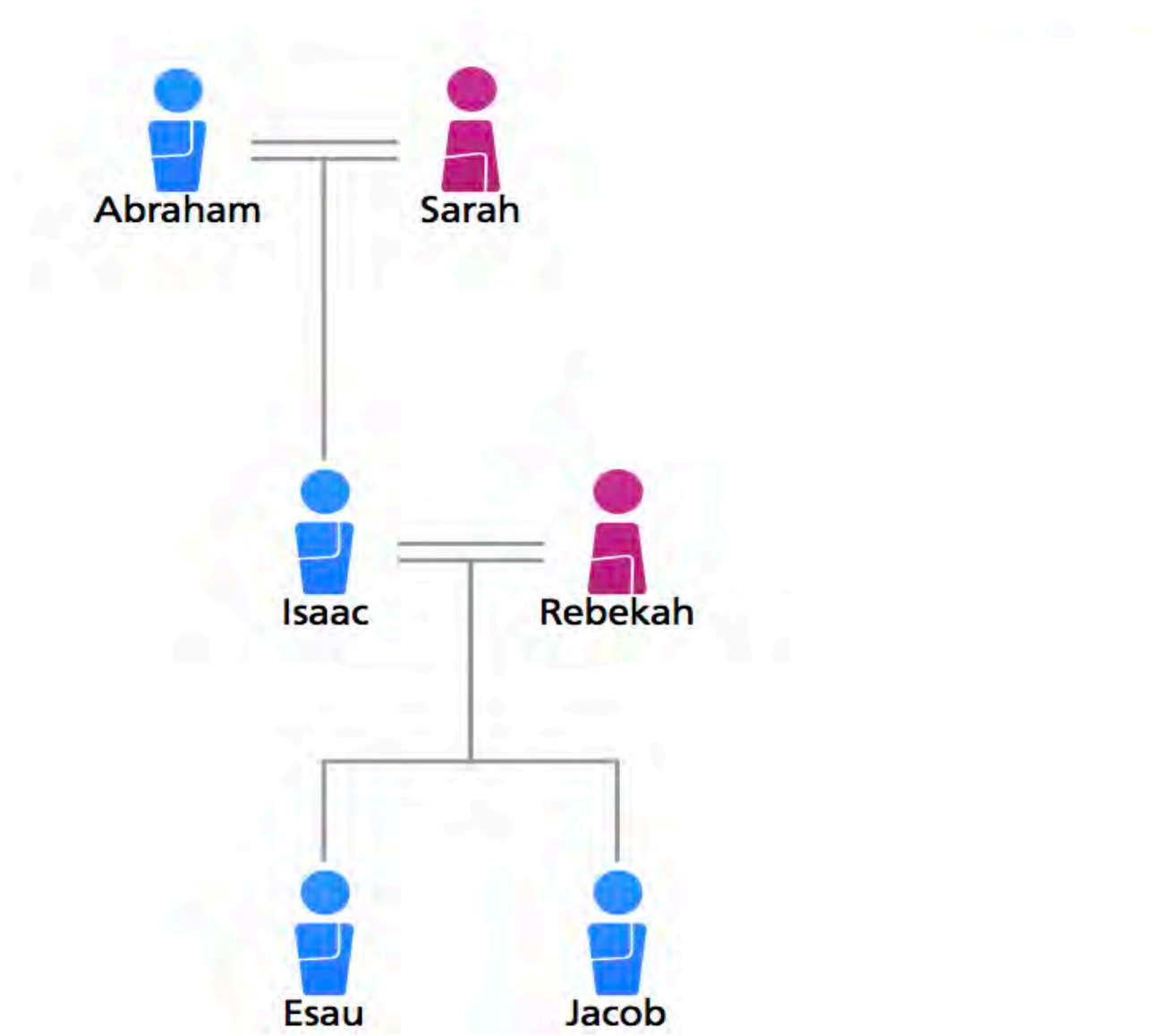




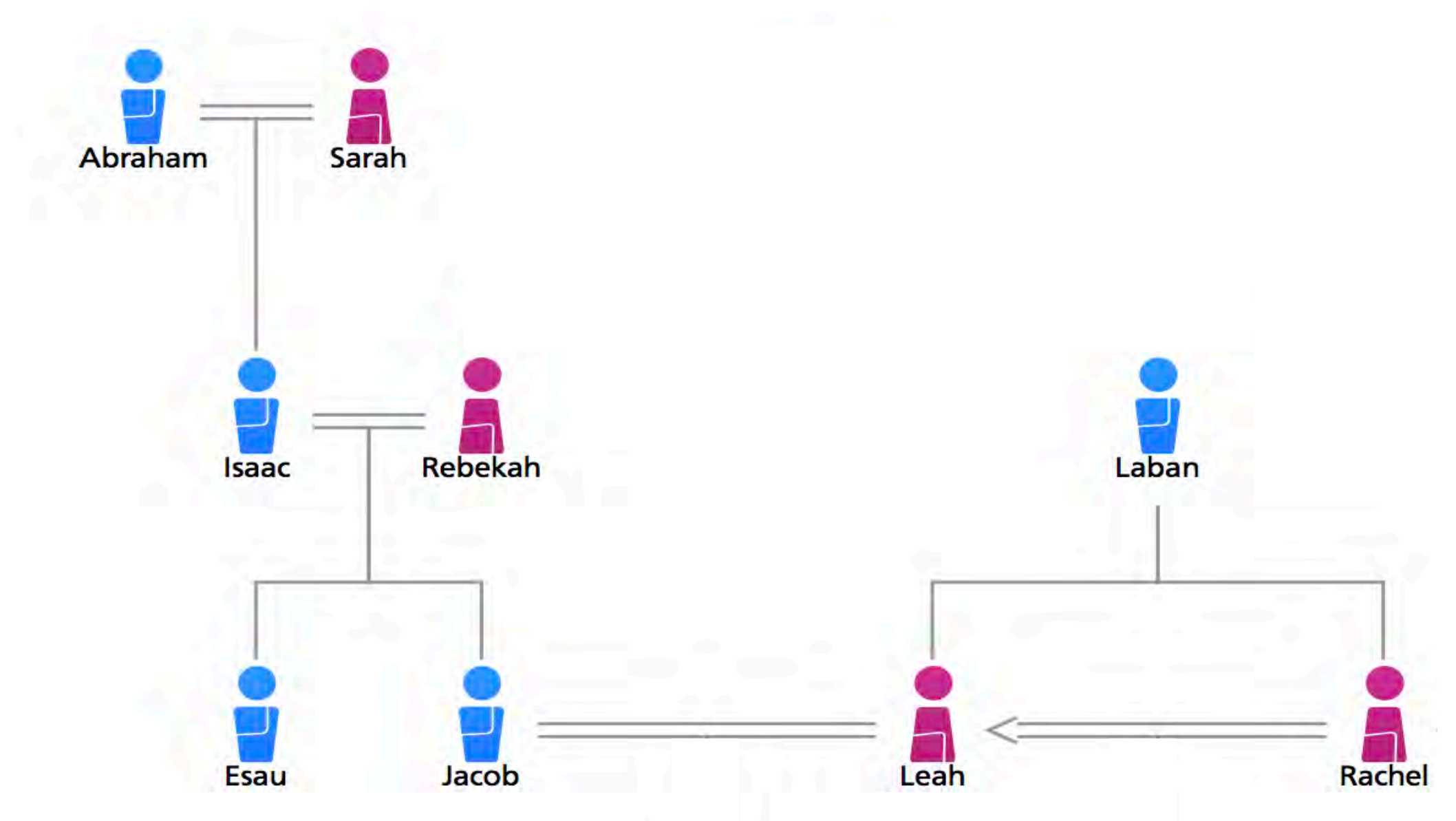




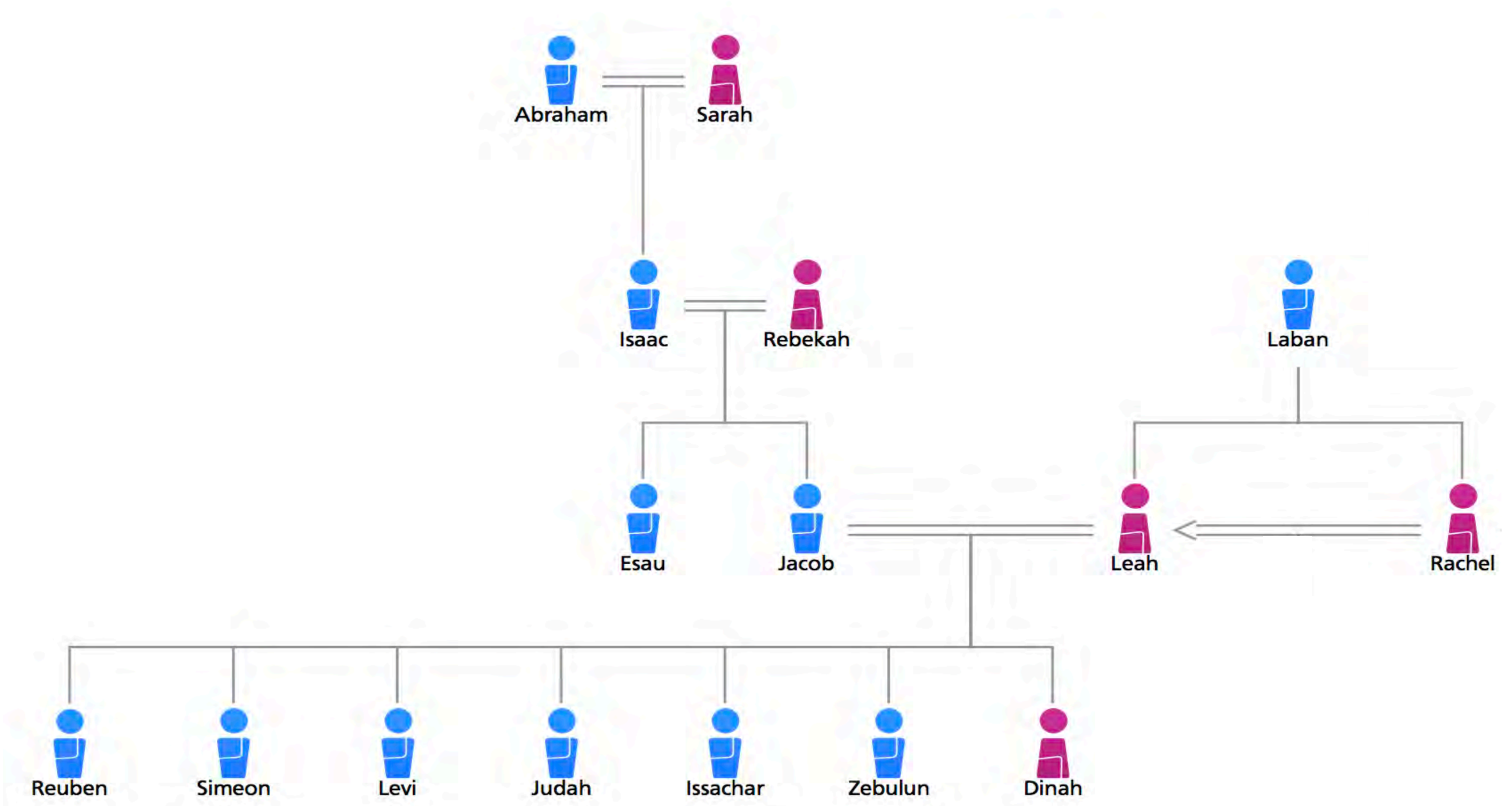




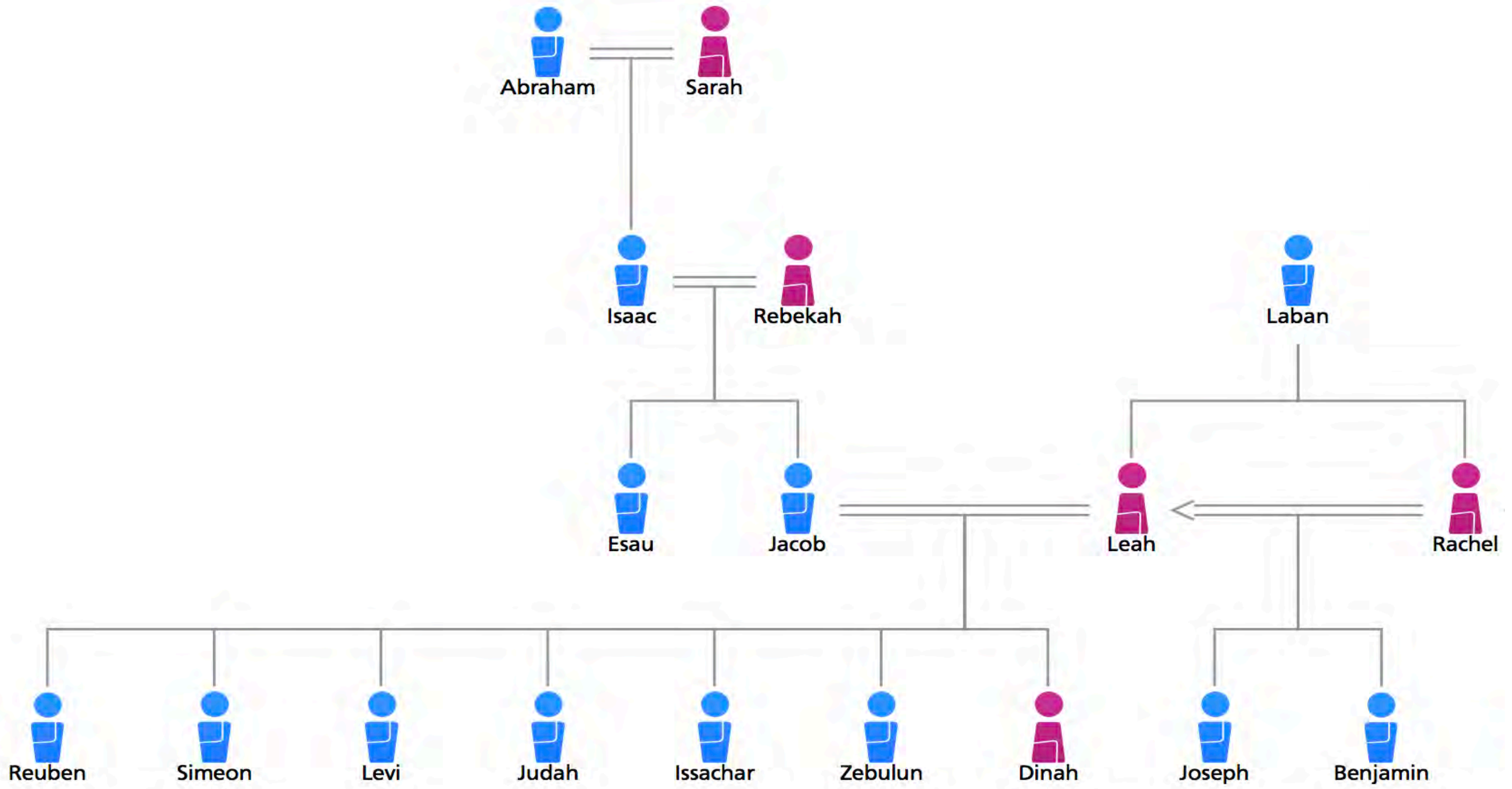




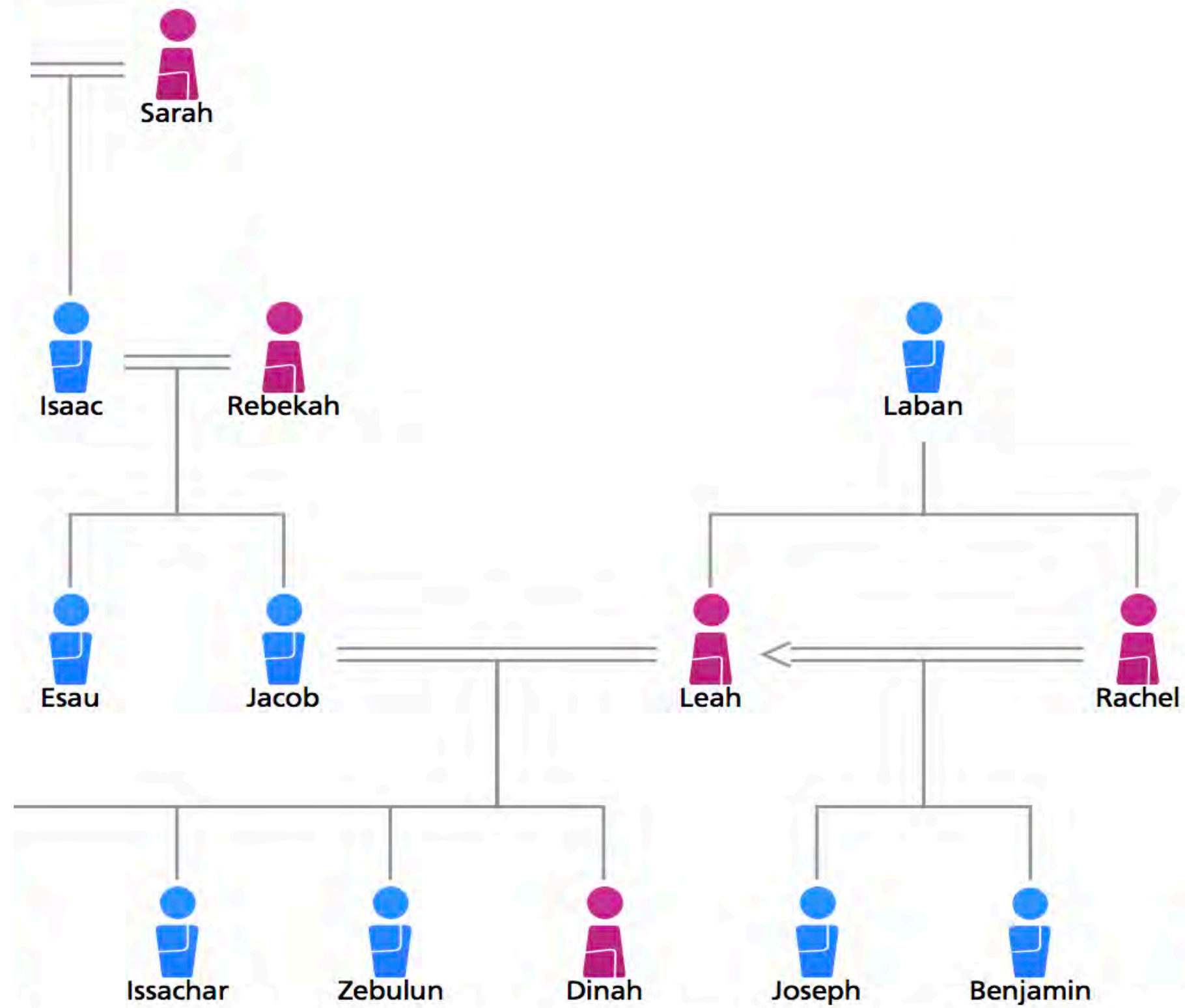




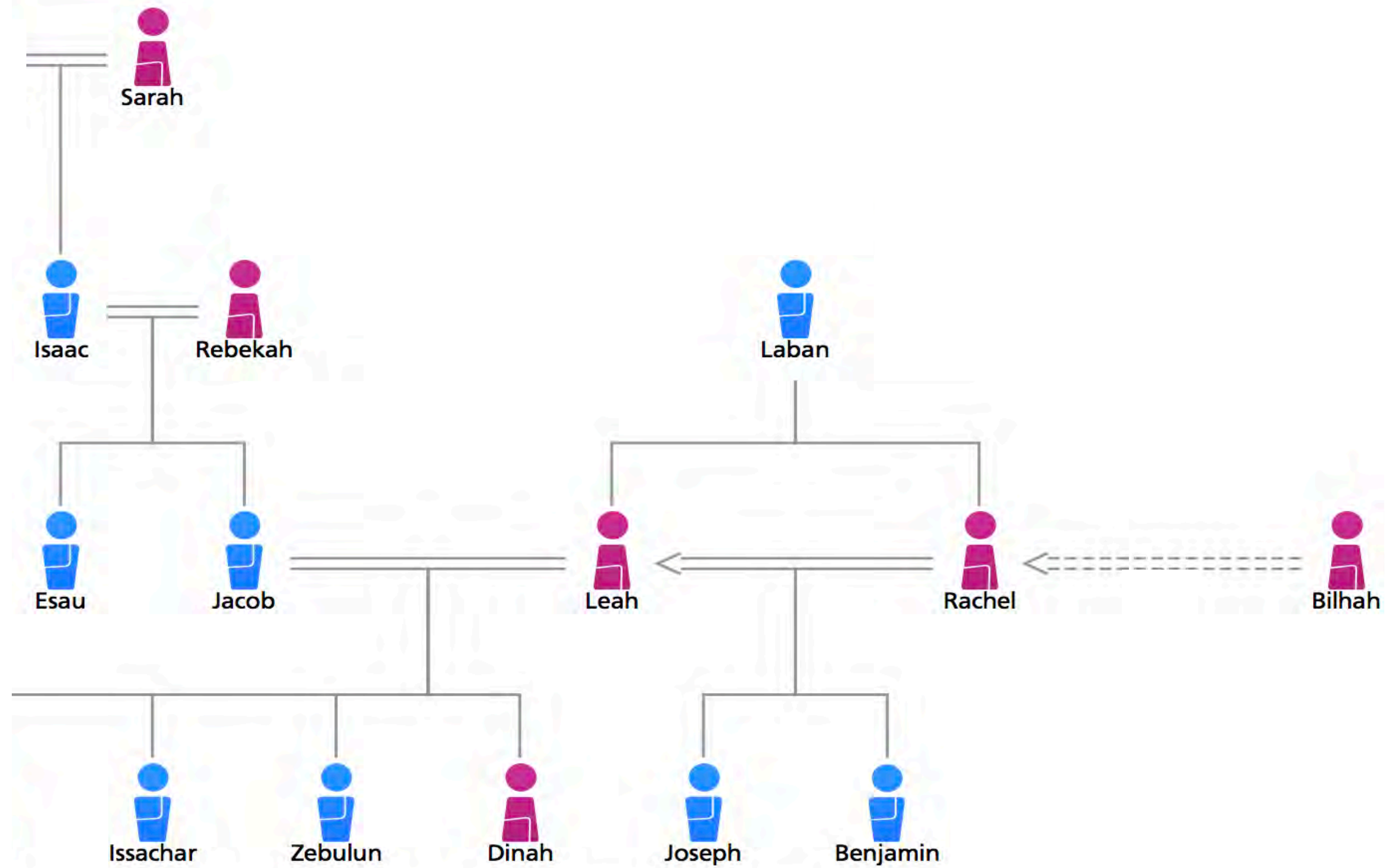




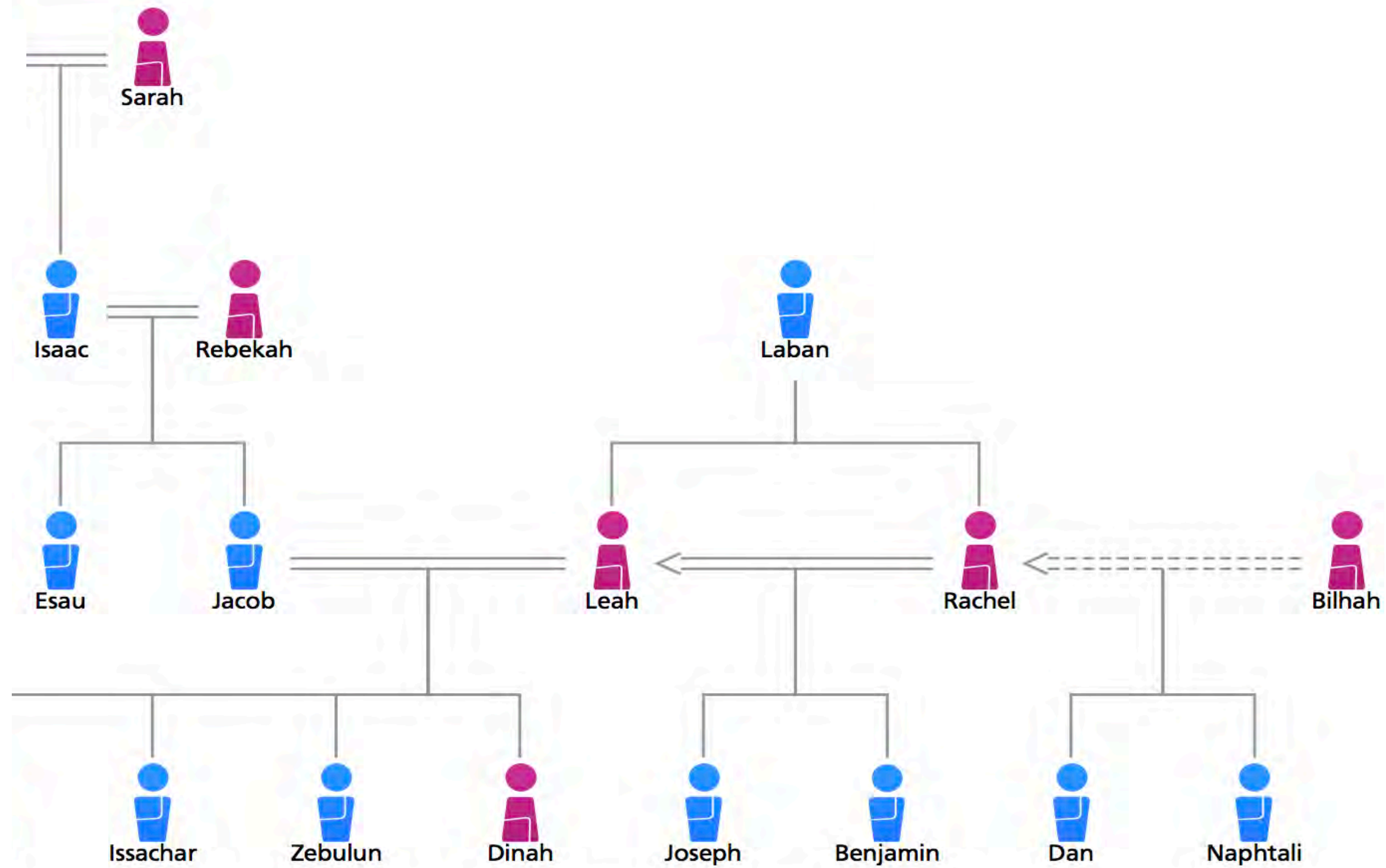




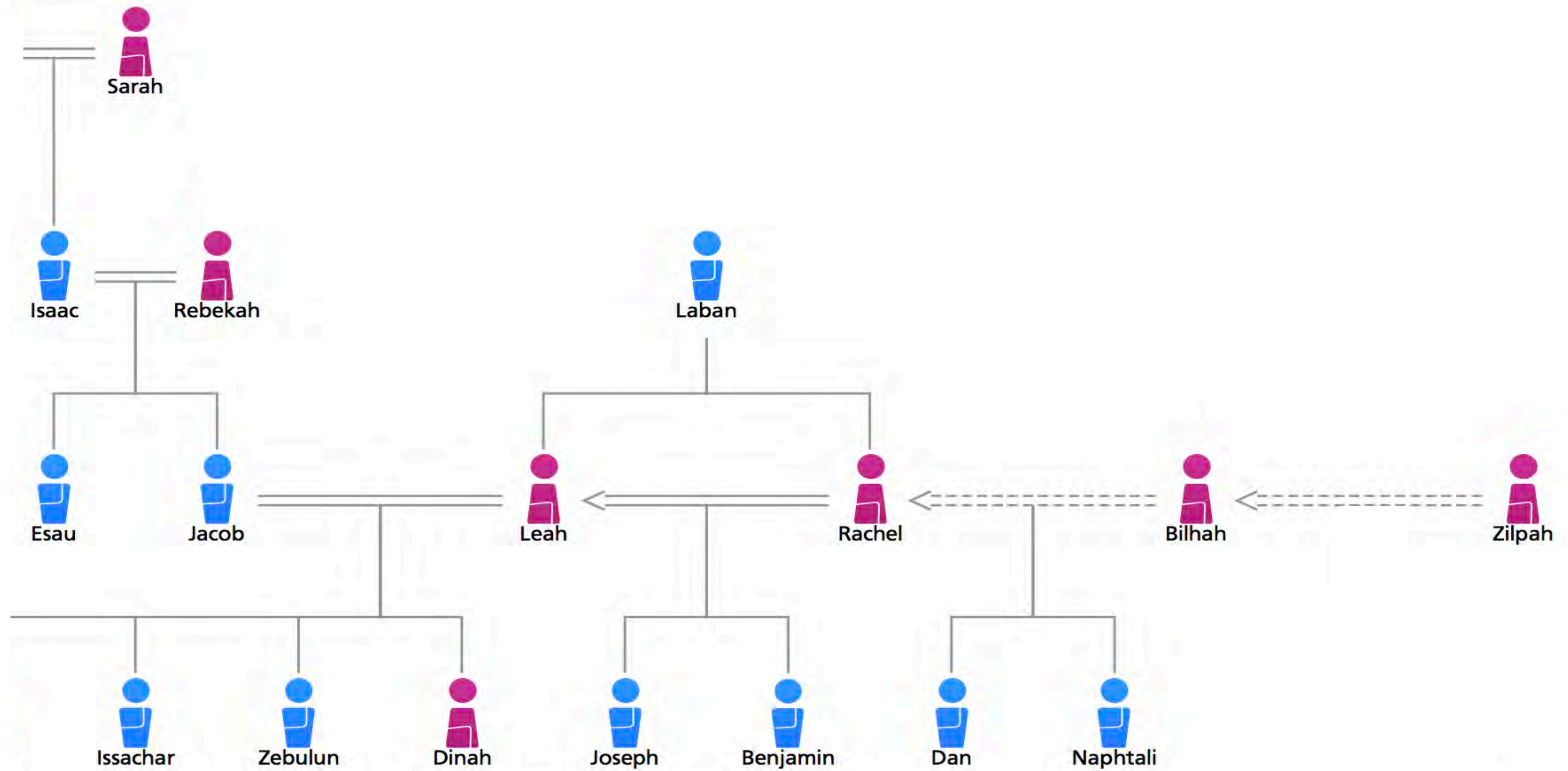




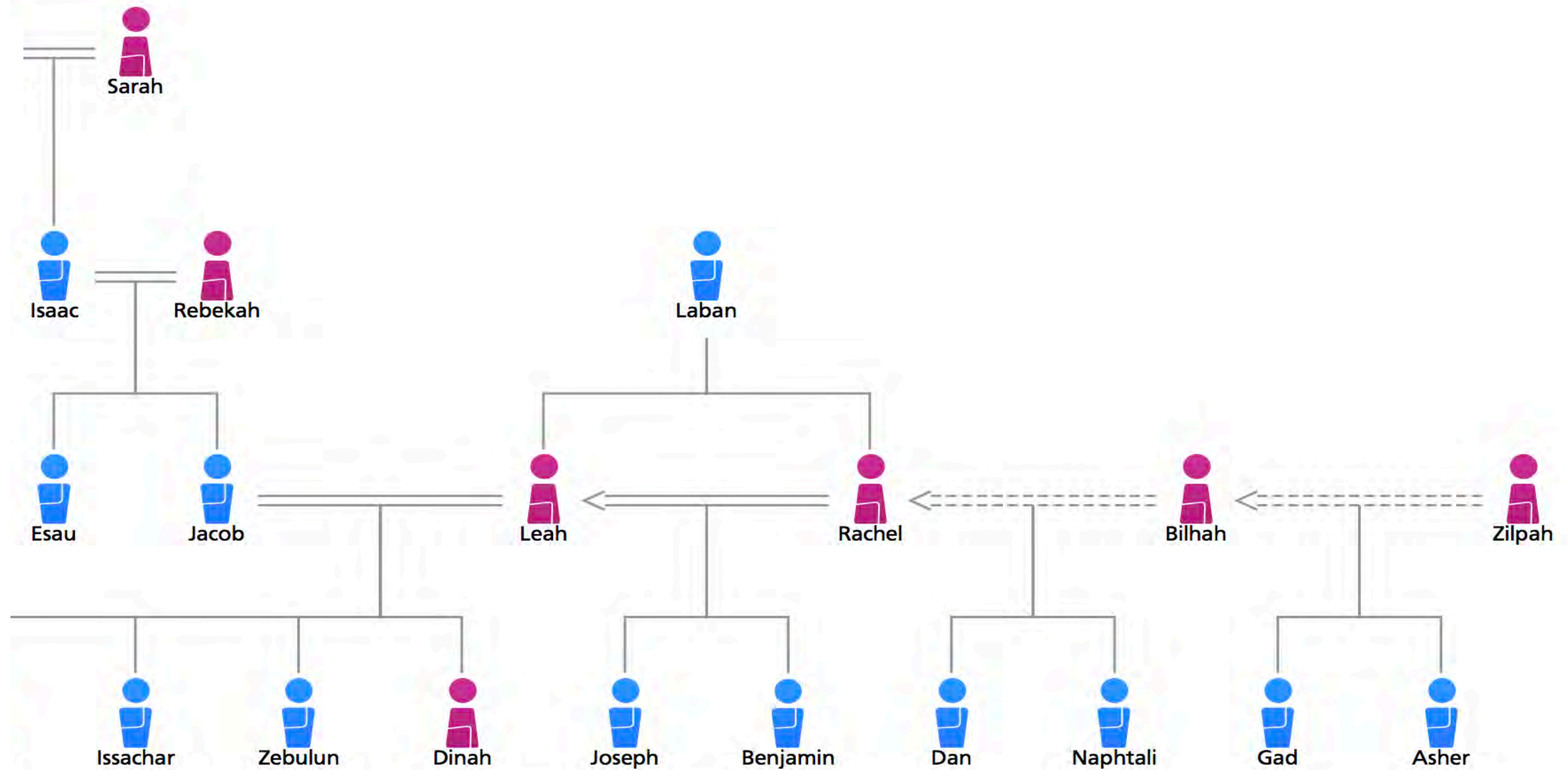




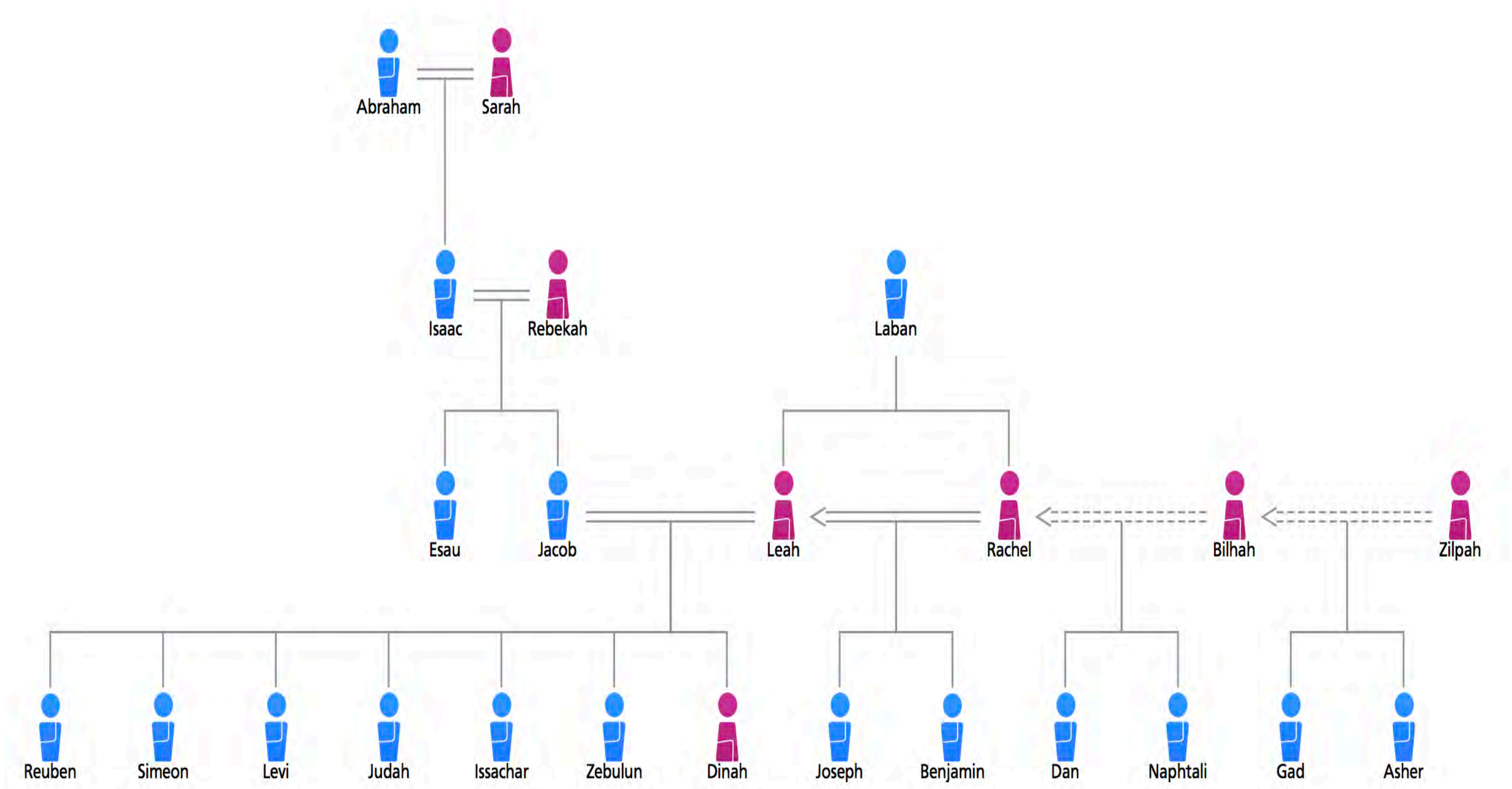




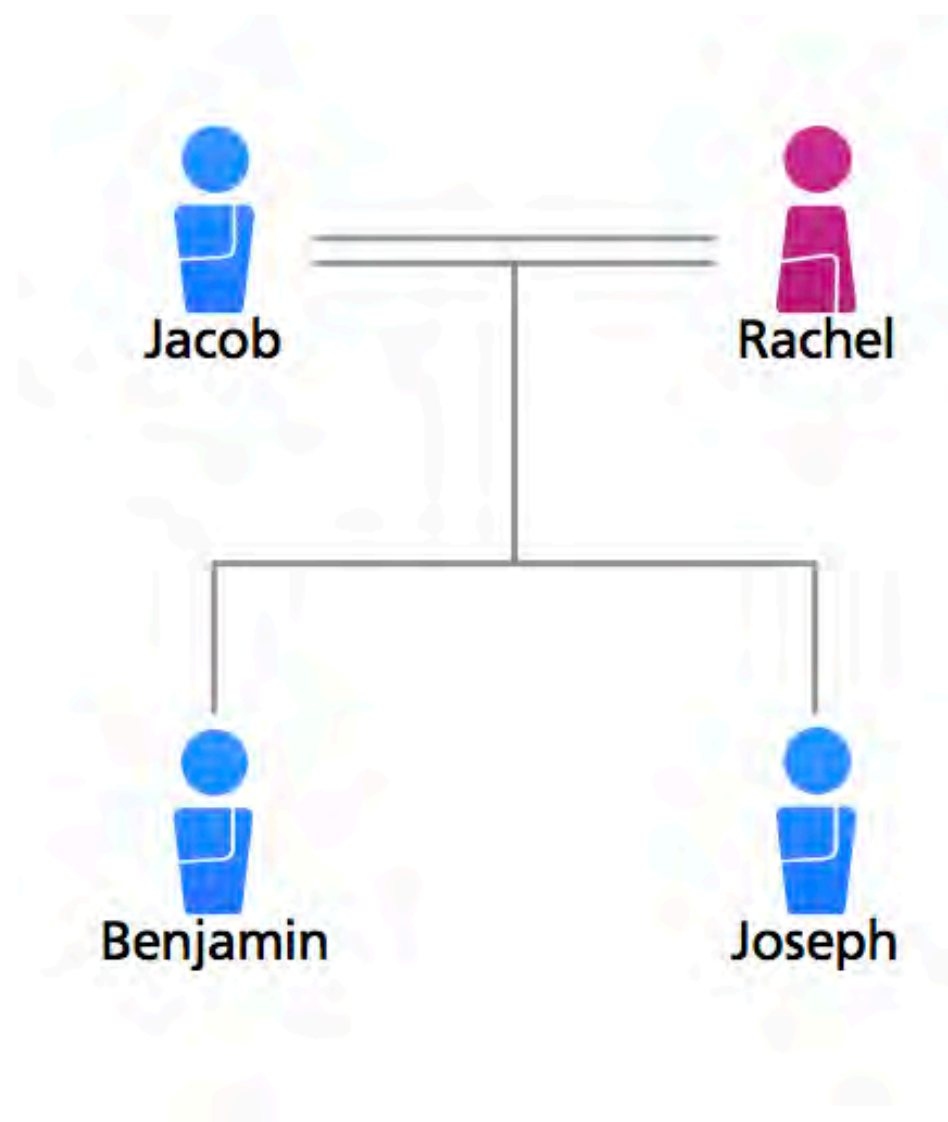




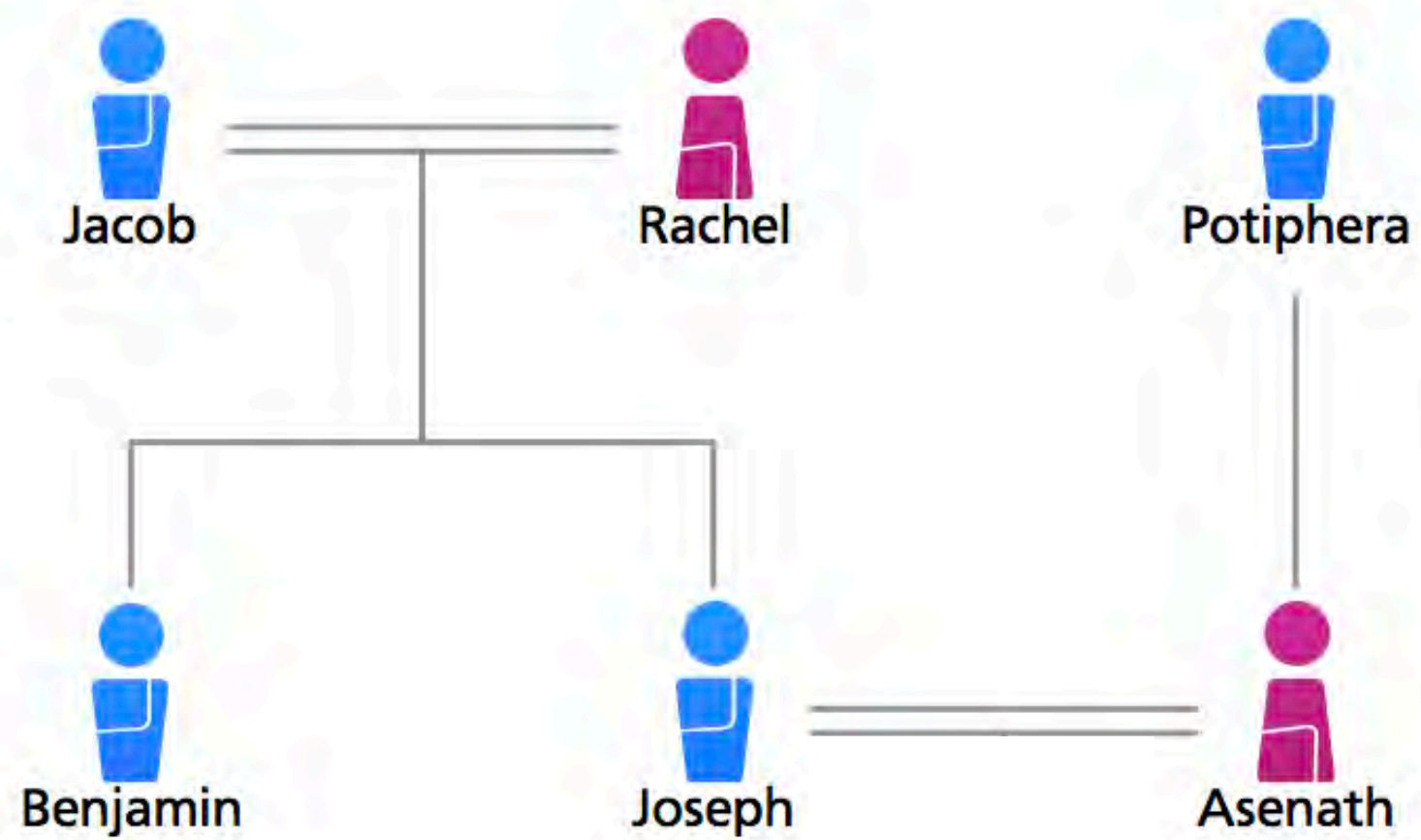




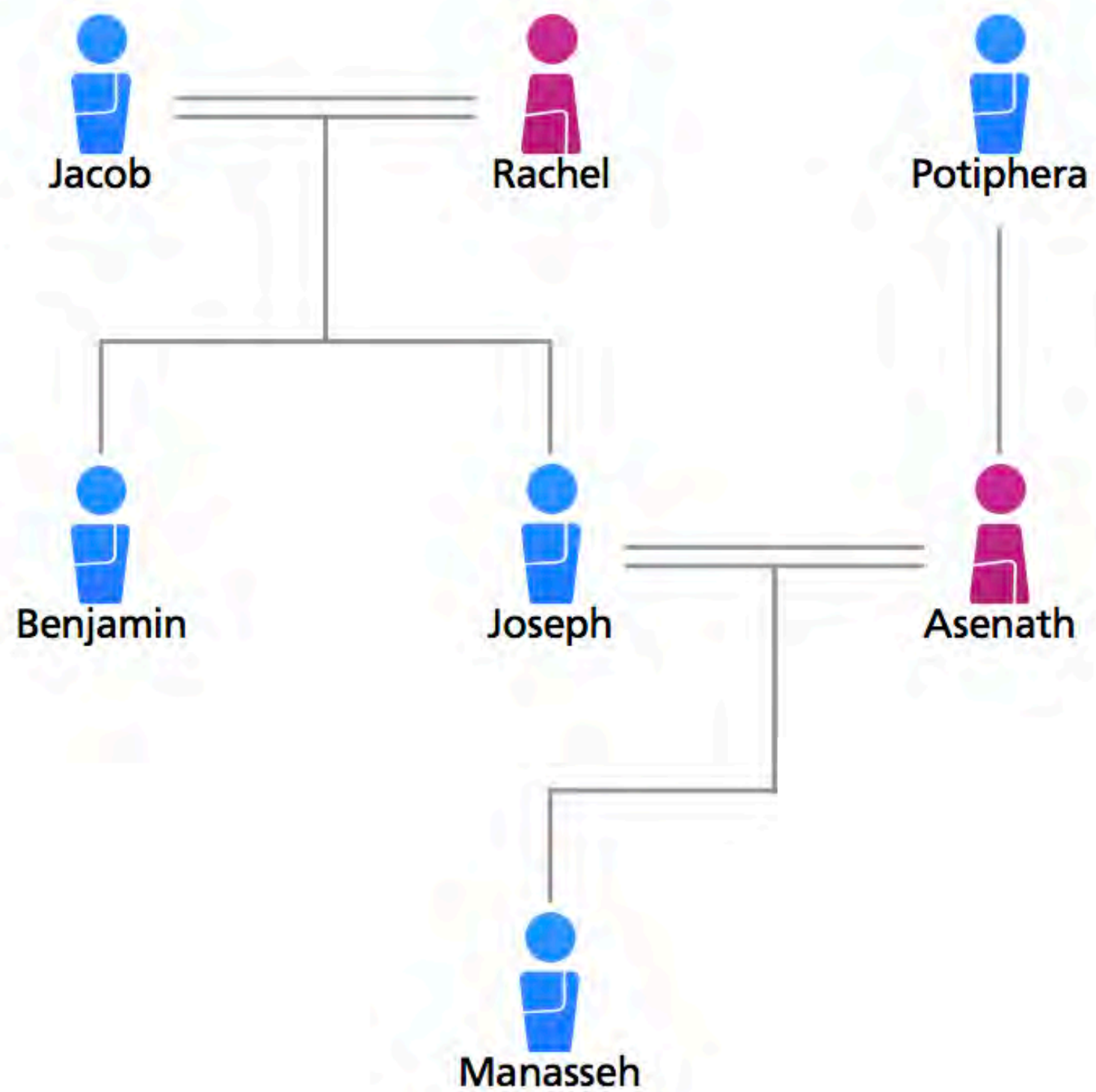




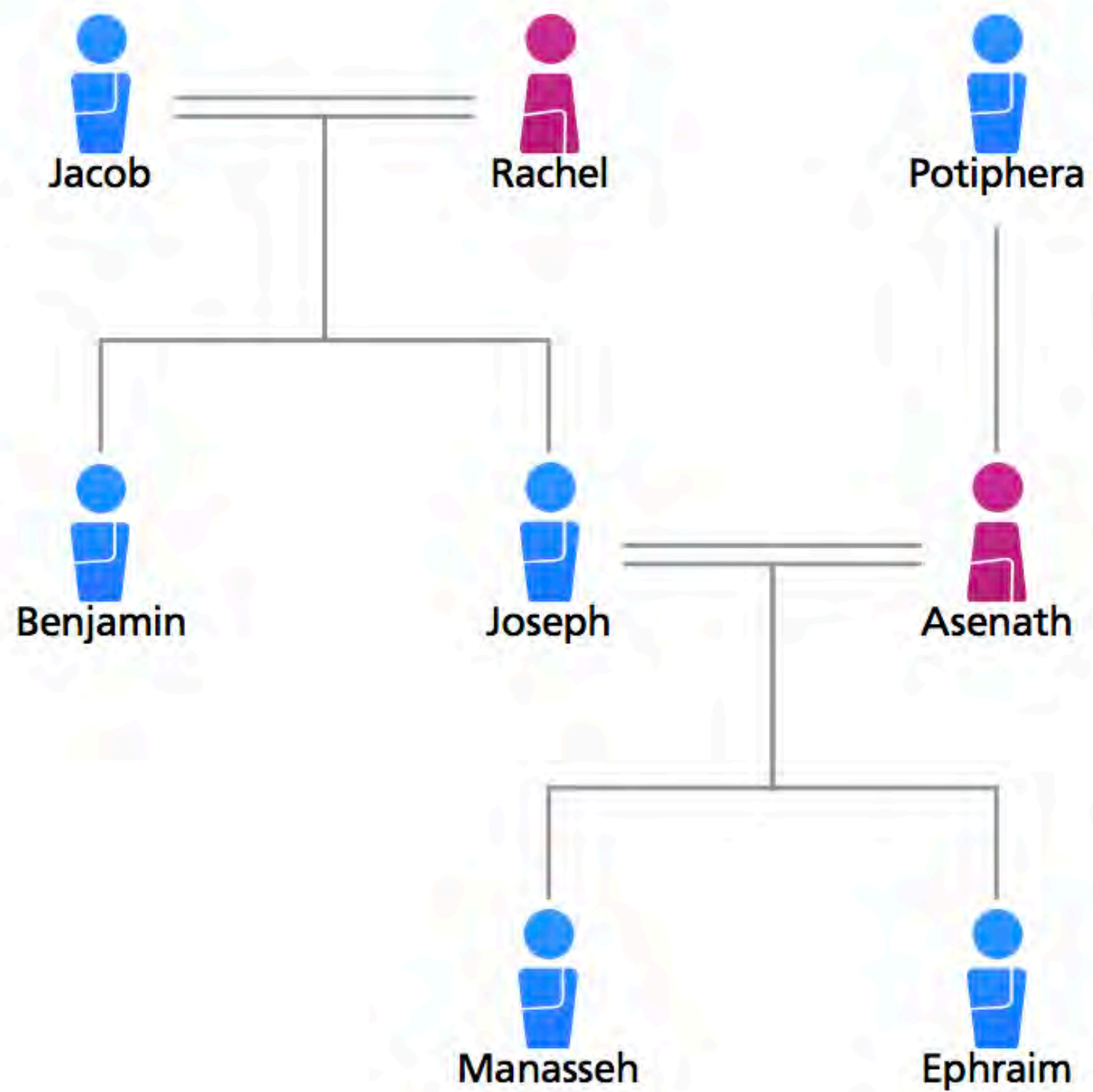














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