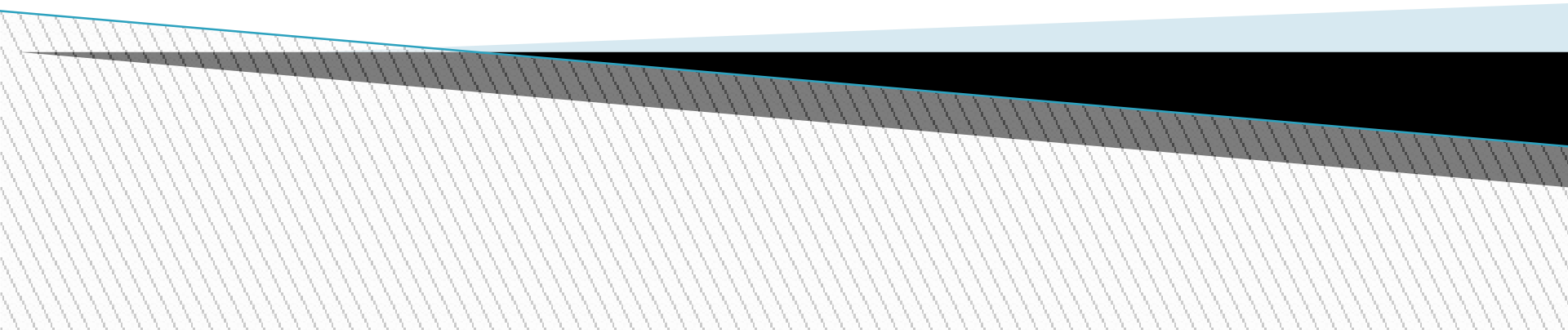
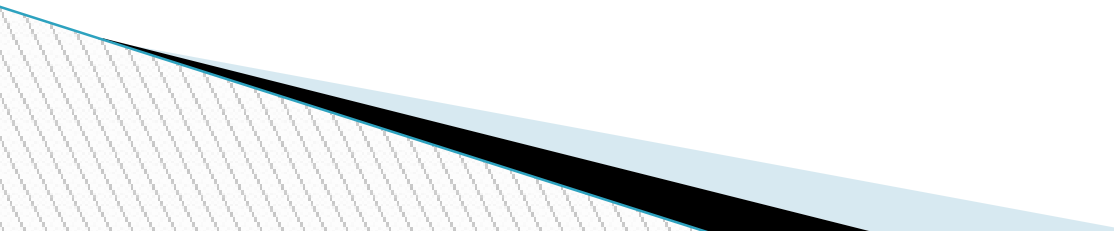


Life of Jacob.

Introduction.



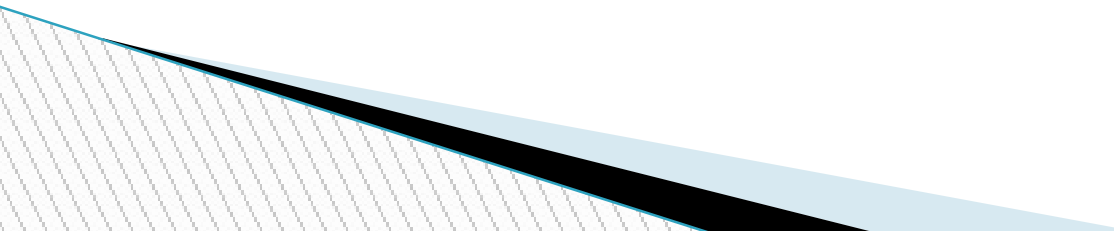
INTRODUCTION.

- ▶ Significant place in Israel`s history but the Bible does not cover up his weaknesses.
 - ▶ Alexander White “ No-one has experienced the forgiving love of Christ as obviously as Jacob or experienced in his life the consequences of his sins”.
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Miraculous Birth, v19–21.

- ▶ The parents prayed for 20 years for a child with their prayer having a personal and covenantal basis.
- ▶ Displayed perseverance and trust and unlike Abraham and Sarah did not seek worldly solutions.

Movement of God`s Sovereign Hand, v22–26.

- ▶ The natural order would be reversed by God not for any reason of the merits of Esau or Jacob but His grace and mercy.
 - ▶ Romans 9:9–16. It is not of him who wills or runs but God who shows mercy.
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Misguided or Dysfunctional Family, v27–28.

- ▶ Esau and Jacob had a number of spiritual privileges.
 - ▶ Isaac and Rebekah displayed favouritism and a lack of spiritual unity in rearing the boys which was to have far-reaching consequences.
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