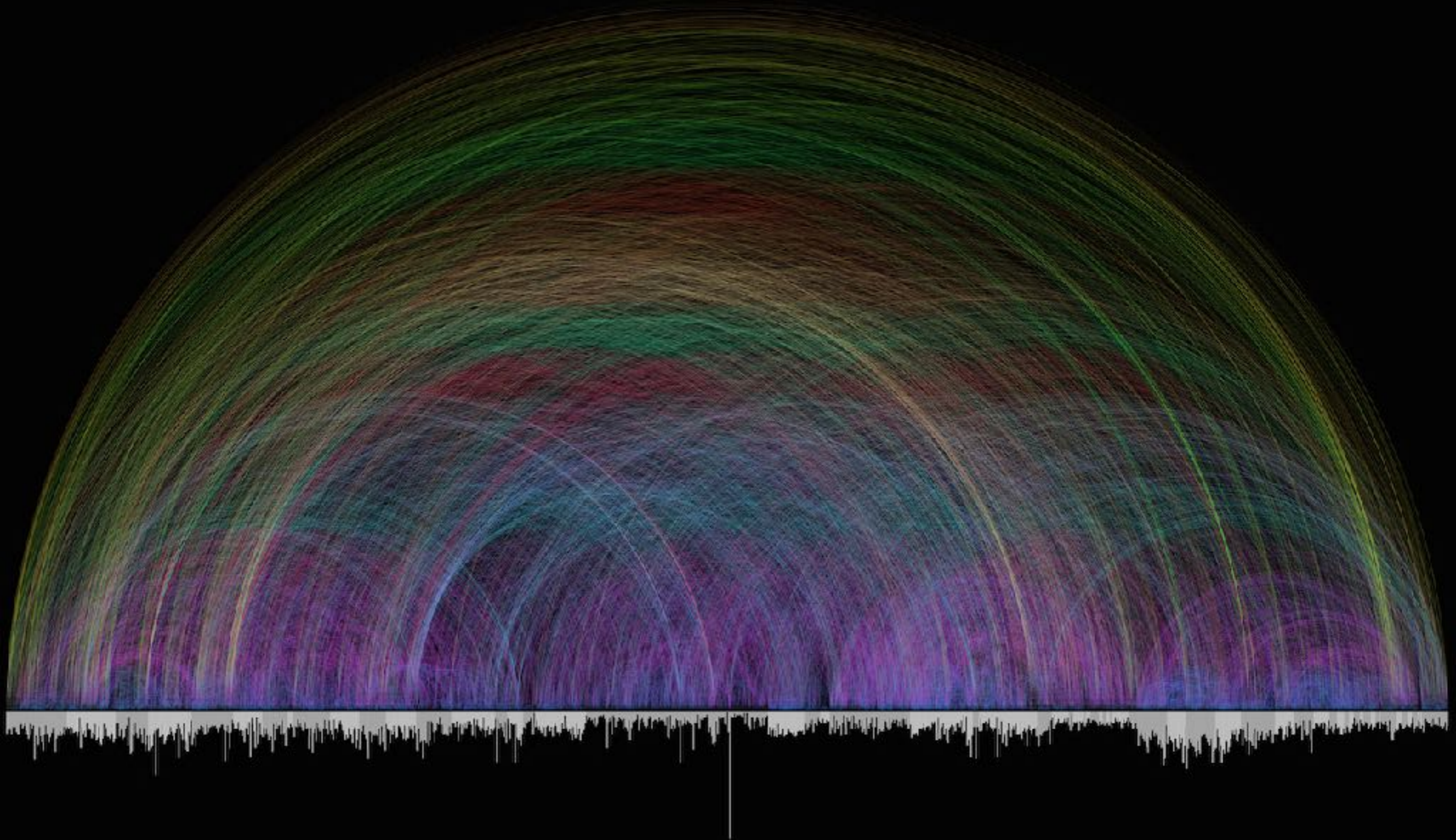


The Messianic Hope
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The Gospel According to Abraham

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- Provides a verification of the Gospel
- Opening verses of the Gospels...
 - **Matthew** : “...son of David, son of Abraham.”
 - **Mark** : “...as it is written in Isaiah...”
 - **Luke** : “...in the Spirit and power of Elijah...”
 - **John** : Genesis 1, “...in the words of Isaiah the prophet...”

What Jesus Taught

- The Rich Man and Lazarus : Luke 16:19-31
- Road to Emmaus : Luke 24:25
- Luke 24:36
- Matthew 5:17
- John 5:39

Verification of the Truth of the Gospel

1. Revelation of God, *the prophetic word*
 - Deut 13, 18:9-22; Isaiah 41:21-23, 48:1-6
2. The miraculous.
3. Eyewitness/reliable records.
4. Personal experience of the divine work.

Proof Techniques

- **Mathematical proof**
 - Axioms/Premises → Logic/Reasoning → Theorem/Conclusion
- **Scientific proof**
 - Observation, hypothesis, experimentation
 - Hypothesis becomes **theory**; must be *predictive, quantifiable, repeatable, and falsifiable*. *Theory* synonymous with *fact* in scientific parlance.
- **Direct evidence**: e.g., eye witness
- **Circumstantial evidence**: e.g., forensic evidence
- **Historical evidence**

General and Special Revelation

- **General Revelation**

- Psalm 19:1-6, Romans 1:19-20. Creation as witness to the existence and character of a Creator.

- **Special Revelation**

- Psalm 19:6-14. God explicitly making Himself known through revealed Law.
- Internally consistent, timeless, and prophetic.

Faith

- *Faith* (Hebrews 11:1-3) : a belief and hope in the unseen.
- Belief in God's existence, and that He rewards those who seek Him (Hebrews 11).
- Christ's righteousness becomes our righteousness through faith (Genesis 15:6)

Type / Antitype

- **type** (τύπος) (e.g., Adam in Romans 5:14)
 - lit. a *mark* formed by a blow or impression.
 - prototype or archetype of that which is yet to be developed and revealed.
- **antitype**: the object that is foreshadowed by its counterpart type.
- A type can be a person (Adam), a place (Egypt), a thing (brazen serpent), an event (rock in the wilderness), an office (prophet) or an institution (Passover).
- The book of Hebrews is a great source for revealing types ("shadows" or imperfect "copies") and antitypes. See Hebrews 8:5 and 10:1 for great examples.

Types in Scripture

Type	Antitype	Reference
Adam	Christ	Romans 5:14
Melchizedek	Christ as King/Priest	Hebrews 5,6,7
Sodom / Egypt / Babylon	The World	Jeremiah 51:6, Revelation 11:8, 18:4
Brazen Serpent	Christ lifted on cross	Num 21:8; John 3:14
Jacob's Ladder	Christ as way to Heaven	Gen 28:12, John 1:51
Rock in Wilderness	Christ	Exod 17:6, 1 Cor 10:4
Passover	Sacrifice of Lamb	Exod 12, 1 Cor 5:7
Sabbath	Rest in Christ	Colossians 2:16,17

The Gospel According to Abraham

- Abraham is a major figure in Scripture.
 - Approximately 268 verses reference
- Original recipient of the God's covenant with Israel
- Friend of God James 2:23, 2 Chr 20:7, Isa 41:8
- Paul, James (James 2:23), and Hebrews use him as the key example of living by faith.
 - Genesis 15:6: Watershed verse used Rom 4, Gal 3, James 2:23.
- Father of the Jewish nation.
 - "Ab" = "father", "ram" = "high", "raham" = "of multitudes.

The Birth of Isaac

Genesis 21:1-7

- Miracle Birth of Isaac - Sarah is well past child bearing age.
- The promised Son through which the whole world would be blessed (Galatians 3:16).
- The Father's only Son, the beloved Son
 - Genesis 22:2,9,16
 - John 3:16, Matt 3:17, Matt 17:5, Luke 20:13

The Sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22

- *“Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”*
Genesis 22:2
 - “Only son” Hebrews 11:17, John 3:16
- Abraham has already left his home country and family is now willing to sacrifice his son (even though he believes he will receive him back).
 - *“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”* Matthew 10:39

Mt. Moriah

- The sacrifice is to take place on the mountains of Moriah.
- There is where the Temple will be built, Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 3:1,2).
- Melchizedek, King of (Jeru)salem (Gen 14:8) indicates there was a city already there.

The Sacrifice of Isaac

- Isaac carries the wood for the sacrifice
 - (Gen 22:6, Jn. 19:17-18)
- Resurrection is expected
 - *“I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you”*
(Gen 22:5, Heb 11:19)
- The obedience of the Son (Gen. 22:6-9, Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 5:7-8)
- Bound His Son (Gen 22:9)
 - Psalm 118:27 Last Psalm before Passover (Matt 26:30; Mark 14:26)
 - Psalms 113-118 Passover Liturgy
- He did not spare His own Son (Gen 22:16, Romans 8:32)