

In the Beginning

A Study of Genesis



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*Your word is a
lamp to my feet
and a light for my
path.*

Psalm 119:105

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The Bible Story

1. Put these seventeen periods of Bible history into their proper order:

Captivity	_____
Before the Flood	_____
Wandering in the Wilderness	_____
Life of Christ	_____
Years of Silence	_____
The Flood	_____
Judah Alone	_____
Scattering of the People	_____
Patriarchs	_____
Letters to Christians	_____
Exodus	_____
Invasion and Conquest of the Land	_____
Early Church	_____
United Kingdom	_____
Judges	_____
Divided Kingdom	_____
Return	_____

The Creation

2. Gen. 1:1: What did God do in the beginning? _____
3. Gen. 1:26: In whose image was man made? _____
4. Gen. 2:9, 16-17: When God gave a command, what were the consequences of disobeying that command? _____
5. Gen. 3:17-24: Describe the physical consequences incurred because of Adam and Eve's sin: _____
6. Gen. 3:15: Sin and death entered the world the day Adam and Eve sinned, but in the end, who did God promise would be victorious? _____

This was the first glimpse of God's plan for man's salvation. The promise given in Gen. 3:15 sets the tone for the rest of the Bible story as we see God's plan unfold.

The Flood

7. Gen. 6:1, 5: What happened as men began to multiply on the face of the earth? _____
8. Gen. 6: 7: What was God's response to the wickedness of men? _____
9. Gen. 6:8-9: Why did Noah find grace in the eyes of the Lord? _____
10. Gen. 6:13, 14, 17, 18; 7:23: Even though God destroyed the world by flood, how was He able to use Noah to continue His plan for man's salvation? _____

Promise to Abraham

11. Gen. 11:27-32: Of all the people that descended from Noah's three sons, which family does the Bible story focus in on? _____
12. Gen. 12:1: What did God command Abraham (originally named Abram) to do? _____
13. Gen. 12:1-7: When God gave His promise to Abraham, what three things did it involve?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
14. Gen. 22:1-3; 25:22-26; 35:9-12: What are the names of the three patriarchs of the Israelite nation?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

☞ From the first sin to the time of Abraham God had unfolded only a small part of His plan for man's redemption. One thing we have learned is that the one through whom God would bring salvation would be a descendent of Abraham. Most of the Old Testament focuses on the history of that nation.

Jacob's Twelve Sons

15. Gen. 35:22-26: How many children did Jacob have? _____
16. Gen. 37:3: Which son did Jacob favor above the rest? _____
17. Gen. 49:8-10: What special blessing was given to Jacob's fourth son, Judah? _____

The Family in Egypt

18. Gen. 47:27-28; 5:22: In what land was Israel's family located by the end of the book of Genesis? _____
19. Gen. 50:24: What confident assurance did Joseph make to his brethren? _____
20. Ex. 1:5-7: How many Israelites entered Egypt? _____ How many Israelites were there by the beginning of the book of Exodus (about 400 years later)? _____
21. Ex. 1:8-14: As the book of Exodus begins, what is the condition of the Israelite nation? _____
22. Ex. 3:1-10: Who did God choose to deliver His people from the Egyptians? _____

The Exodus from Egypt

23. Ex. 5:1-2: When Moses told Pharaoh to let God's people go, what was Pharaoh's response? _____
24. Ex. 7-12: What did God send upon the Egyptians to cause them to let His people go? _____
25. Ex. 19:5; 32:8-11: After God delivered Israel from the Egyptians He made a covenant with them. Did Israel keep their part of the agreement? _____

☞ When the Israelites first arrived at land God had promised to Abraham, they rebelled against God. For their rebellion, God forced the people to wander in the wilderness for forty years. Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy not only contain the Law of Moses, they also provide a record of the major events that happened during the wilderness wandering.

The People Forced to Wander in the Wilderness

26. Num. 14:34: Why did God force the people to wander for forty years? _____
27. Num. 14:29-30: Of all the adults twenty years and older who came out of Egypt, who was allowed to enter the Promised Land? _____
28. Deut. 32:48-52: Why was Moses not allowed to enter the Promised Land? _____

☞ After the death of Moses, God chose Joshua to lead the people during the conquest of the land which God had promised to give to Abraham's descendants.

Invasion and Conquest of the Land

29. Josh. 2:1-7: Who helped the Israelite spies? _____
30. Josh. 3: What river did the people have to cross in order to enter the Promised Land? _____
31. Josh. 21:43-45: Why were the people successful in conquering the land? _____

☞ Israel was faithful to God under the leadership of Joshua and as long as the elders lived who served with him. But, after the second generation the people were no longer faithful to God, but "every man did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6). When the people would sin against God, He would punish them. When they repented and cried out to Him, He would raise judges to deliver them. The period of the Judges records a series of these cycles, where Israel would sin, repent, be delivered, and sin again.

Judges

32. Judges 3:15-29: What did Ehud do to deliver the people? _____

33. Judges 4:4: What was special about Deborah? _____
34. Judges 7: How many men were with Gideon when he defeated the Midianites? _____
35. Judges 14: Which judge was known for His great strength? _____

☞ The last judge over Israel was Samuel. He was also a prophet of God. During the days of Samuel the people rebelled against God and decided that they wanted to have a king to judge them "like all the nations" (1 Sam. 8:5). God allowed them to have a king, and thus began the period of the united kingdom in Israel's history.

The United Kingdom

36. 1 Sam. 10: Who was the first king of Israel? _____
37. 1 Sam. 16:1-13: Who became the second king of Israel? _____
38. 1 Kings 1:43: Who became the third king of Israel? _____

☞ Toward the end of his life, Solomon's heart was turned away from the Lord by his many foreign wives. Because of his sin, God determined that after Solomon's death, the kingdom of Israel would be divided. The ten northern tribes of Israel would be ruled by a man named Jeroboam, while the two southern tribes would be ruled by Solomon's son, Rehoboam. This was the beginning of the divided kingdom.

The Divided Kingdom

39. 1 Kings 12:25-31: Why did Jeroboam set up places of worship outside of Jerusalem for the people in the Northern Kingdom? _____

40. 2 Kings 17:5-6: After several hundred years, Israel (the Northern kingdom) had drawn so far away from the Lord that He could not tolerate its wickedness any longer. How did the Northern kingdom meet its end? _____

☞ With the northern kingdom gone, Judah is left alone to dwell in the land as God's people. But they too were sinking farther into sin, just as the northern kingdom had done.

Judah Is Left Alone

41. 2 Kings 24:8-12: How did God punish Judah for its rebellion? _____

42. What was the name of the king whom God used to do this? _____

43. 2 Kings 25:1-12: In the end, what happened to the city of Jerusalem when Babylon was finished with it? _____

☞ Thus, Judah is taken into Babylonian captivity where it would remain for several years. During that time God spoke to the people through prophets such as Daniel and Ezekiel.

The Captivity

44. 2 Sam. 7:11-16: What promise was given to David concerning a king? _____

45. Isa. 44:28: Because of God's promise to David, Judah was not going to remain in captivity forever. Who did Isaiah prophesy would enable Judah to rebuild Jerusalem? _____

46. Jer. 25:11-12: How long did Jeremiah prophesy that Judah would serve in Babylonian captivity? _____

☞ Judah was eventually allowed to return from captivity, but not all of the people returned at the same time. The people returned in three waves, led by several people. Eventually, all of Judah was back in Jerusalem and the temple and city were rebuilt.

The Return

47. Ezra 2:1-2: Who led the first wave of Jews in the return? _____

48. Ezra 7:6-9: Who led the second wave? _____

49. Neh. 1:1, 2:9-10: Who led the third wave? _____

The Years of Silence

☞ During the period of the return the last of the books of the Old Testament were written. However, many years prior to this, the prophet Amos prophesied that there would be a famine, not of food or water, but of the word of God (Amos. 8:11). Malachi was the last prophet to speak for the Lord before this famine began. It would be about four-hundred and twenty years before God would again speak to His people.

The Life of Christ

50. Luke 1:1-25: Who did God first reveal Himself to after Malachi? In what manner did He reveal Himself? _____

51. Luke 1:26-38: Six months later an angel visited a virgin named Mary. What was the reason for his visit? _____

52. Mark 1:15: After Jesus had grown into a man He began what would be a three-year ministry. What did He preach? _____

53. John 20:30: What did Jesus do that we may believe? _____

54. Matt. 16:18: What did Jesus say He was going to build? _____

☞ *When Jesus had finished His ministry, He died on the cross and rose again on the third day, establishing a means of salvation for all men. Forty days after He rose from the dead, He ascended into heaven to be seated at the right hand of God (Heb. 8:1). But, before He did, He charged His disciples with a very important mission.*

Go Tell the Good News

55. Mark 16:15: What charge did Jesus give His disciples? _____

56. John 16:5-13: Who did Jesus said to help His disciples fulfill this mission? _____

☞ From the resurrection of Christ through the rest of the first century, the good news of salvation was proclaimed throughout the world. As people believed and obeyed the gospel, the Lord added them to His church (Acts 2:47). While this was going on, the Holy Spirit inspired several apostles and prophets to put into writing the will of God for His church. These writings make up the New Testament Scriptures. The revelation of the New Testament is the law for those who live in Christ.

The Perfect Law of Liberty

57. Eph. 3:1-7: What does God expect us to do with the writings of the apostles and prophets? ____

58. 2 Pet. 1:4: What is the desired result of fulfilling this purpose? _____

☞ “The New Testament closes with a book of victory. The book of Revelation foretells the final victory of Christ over Satan at the judgment day. The entire Bible is the story of Christ, the fullness of the scheme of redemption!

“Yes, I must accept God’s terms. I must believe His word, I must repent of my sins, I must confess His name before men, and I must be baptized to become a child of God. Then, I must live the rest of my life imitating the nature of Christ to the best of my ability. But would it not be more appropriate to say I am given the privilege to meet God’s terms?” (Waldron).

Introduction to Genesis

The book of Genesis covers four periods of Bible history. Though the chapters covered are very few in comparison to the other periods, the length of time these periods cover is very great. Genesis forms a foundation for the rest of the Bible.

The book of Genesis is commonly grouped with the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. These five books are called the Pentateuch (*Pente=five; teuchos=books*). The Jews called these books the Torah, which is translated, *law*. Not only does this section of the Bible contain the commandments of the Law of Moses, but in a larger sense, the whole section exemplifies the principles based on how God deals with men. The Torah seeks to instill these principles into the hearts of those who read it.

The earliest portion of the Pentateuch written was probably Ex. 20-23 (see Ex. 24:4). Genesis was written during the forty years between the time the Israelites left Egypt and entered Canaan, along with the other books of the Pentateuch.

Questions and Exercises

1. Put these four periods of Bible history in the order that they occur in the book of Genesis:

Scattering of the People	_____
Creation	_____
The patriarchs	_____
The Flood	_____

2. Ex. 24:4; Mal. 4:4: Who wrote the first five books of the Bible? _____ When did God command him to write them? _____
3. 2 Pet. 1:21: Genesis beings thousands of years before the author was even born. How was he able to write about the creation when he wasn't alive when it took place? _____

Outline of Genesis

Study the outline of Genesis provided below. It is important for us to familiarize ourselves as much as possible with this outline. As we proceed with the study of Genesis, having this overview in mind will help us to get a feel for the flow of events and it will help us to better learn the details from the text itself.

Notice that the outline divides the book into two major sections. The first section deals with the creation and the history of mankind prior to the life of Abraham. The second section focuses in on Abraham's family, providing a history of the patriarchs of the Israelite nation.

Now, open your bible and skim through the entire book of Genesis, filling in the appropriate chapter or chapters that correspond to each sub-point in the outline as you go.

I. First section—chapters 1-11

- A. Before the flood – chapters _____
 - 1. Creation of the world – chapters _____
 - 2. First sin – chapter _____
 - 3. Cain and Abel – chapter _____
 - 4. Generation of Adam – chapter _____
- B. The flood – chapters _____
- C. The scattering of the people – chapters _____
 - 1. Generations of the sons of Noah – chapter _____
 - 2. The Tower of Babel – chapter 11, verses _____
 - 3. The generations of Shem – chapter 11, verses _____

II. Second section (the patriarchs) – chapters 12-50

- A. Abraham – chapters _____
- B. Isaac – chapters _____ and chapters _____
- C. Jacob – chapters _____ and chapters _____
- D. Joseph – chapters _____ and chapters _____

Creation of the Heavens and the Earth

(Genesis 1:1-2:25)

Introduction

The Bible begins with a brief description of the origins of the universe. Knowing how all things were created and how man came to dwell on the face of the earth is essential to one's faith in God. It teaches us that God is our Creator, therefore He is worthy of our respect and total obedience.

The book of Genesis is not a natural history, nor a scientific treatise. Neither is it written to gratify curiosity. It merely sets forth that God made the heavens and the earth by His own power.

The Days of Creation

Open your Bible to Genesis chapter one. In the blanks below, write what God created on each day of the creation. Memorize the list. You will be quizzed on them during class.

Day One (1:1-5): _____

Day Two (1:6-8): _____

Day Three (1:9-13) : _____ , _____

Day Four (1:14-19) : _____ , _____ , _____

Day Five (1:20-23): _____ , _____

Day Six (1:24-31): _____ , _____

Day Seven (2:1-3): _____

The Garden of Eden

1. Why had no plants or herbs been planted in the earth or grown by Gen. 2:5? _____

2. How did God water the whole face of the ground? _____
3. Of what was man formed? _____
4. At what point did man become a living being? _____
5. What two special trees were planted "*in the midst of the garden*"? _____

6. As the river flowed out of the garden, what four riverheads flowed from it? _____
_____, _____, _____
7. What was man's responsibility in the Garden of Eden? _____
8. What specific command did God give man concerning the trees in the garden? _____

God Makes Eve (2:18-25)

9. What was not good about man's situation in the Garden at first? _____
10. How did all the animals get their names? _____
11. Of all the animals that God created and which Adam saw and named, was there any that could be a "*helper comparable*" to man? _____
12. What did God do to provide a "*helper comparable to him*"? _____
13. Why was the helper called "woman"? _____

14. What must man do when he is joined to his wife? _____

15. What do the two become when they are married? _____

The First Sin

(Genesis 3:1-24)

Introduction

In the record of the first sin we are made aware of who Satan is and we are shown his true character. We are taught about the consequences of sin. Sin is not as insignificant as many people make it out to be. We also get the first glimpse of God's plan redeem man from sin.

Adam and Eve Sin (Gen. 3:1-8)

1. Which animal was more cunning than any beast of the field? _____
2. What question did he ask the woman? _____
3. How did the woman answer him? _____
4. How was her answer different than what God actually said in Gen. 2:16-17? _____
5. How did the serpent respond after the woman told him what God had said? _____
6. The serpent put a positive spin on disobeying God's word. What did he tell the woman would happen if she disobeyed God? _____
7. What did the woman see in the fruit that made her want to eat it? _____
8. What did the woman do after she ate the fruit? _____
9. What happened after the man and the woman ate the fruit which God had told them not to? _____
10. According to Gen. 2:25, the man and the woman were not ashamed before they sinned. According to Gen. 3:8, what changed after they sinned? _____

The Consequences Of Sin (3:9-24)

11. Why did Adam hide himself from God when God called for him? _____
12. What excuse did Adam give for eating the fruit? _____
13. What excuse did the woman give for eating the fruit? _____

14. What consequences did the serpent face for deceiving the woman? _____
15. What consequences did the woman face for eating of the tree and giving to her husband to eat? _____
16. What consequences resulted from Adam's sin:
- a. What happened to the ground? _____
 - b. Why would it be more difficult for Adam to till the ground? _____
 - c. According to 3:19, what would man have to do in order to grow food to eat? _____
 - d. What would happen to man at the end of his life? _____
17. Why did Adam name the woman Eve? _____
18. The fig leaves that Adam and Eve used to cover themselves in 3:7 were not enough covering for them. What did God make for them instead? _____
19. What would happen if man were to continue to have access to the tree of life? _____
20. What did God do to prevent this from happening? _____
21. What did God place at the east of the garden to guard the tree of life? _____

Memorize the First Promise of a Savior

*"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." –Genesis 3:15*

☞ *The promise in Gen. 3:15 is very significant. The unfolding, the revealing, of the plan of redemption begins with this verse even though neither Adam, Eve, nor Satan (see 1 Cor. 2:7-8) understood its full impact. It must not be overlooked in any study of the Bible.*

Even though the surface reference is to the hatred between human beings and serpents, the deeper, more important significance is to the strife between the seed of woman, who is Christ, and Satan. At Christ's death He brought to nothing the power of Satan (bruised his head, a mortal wound – Heb. 2:14). Though Jesus was slain by the forces of evil, it was according to the plan and foreknowledge of God (Acts 2:23). Death itself proved to be temporary because He was raised from the dead (hence a bruised heel – a blow from which He recovered). On this early day when Eve sinned, Satan won the victory. The promise is that One would come, a descendant of woman, who would win the battle against Satan that Eve lost that day.

Cain and Abel

(Genesis 4:1-24)

Introduction

Adam and Eve bore two sons. One became a farmer and the other a shepherd. The story of these two sons teaches us the importance of obeying God by faith. It also teaches us of the evil effect sin can have in the life of one who does not repent.

Sacrifices Offered (Genesis 4:1-4)

1. Why did Eve give Cain his name? _____
2. Why did Eve give Abel his name? _____
3. “*In the process of time*,” what did Cain make an offering of? _____
4. What did Able make an offering of? _____
5. What was God’s response to Abel’s offering? _____
6. What was God’s response to Cain’s offering? _____
7. According to Heb. 11:4, what was the key factor in God’s response to their sacrifices? _____

Cain’s Response to God’s Rejection (Genesis 4:5-15)

8. What happened to Cain’s countenance when God did not respect his sacrifice? _____
9. What did God tell Cain he must do to be accepted? _____
10. Instead of listening to God, what did Cain do when he talked with Abel? _____
11. What did Cain say to God when God asked him where Abel was? _____
12. What were the consequences of Cain’s crime?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
13. What was Cain afraid would happen if someone found him? _____
14. What did God do to prevent that from happening? _____

The Family of Cain (Genesis 4:16-26)

15. What was Cain's first son's name? _____
16. Who was the father of those who live in tents and have livestock? _____
17. Who was the father of those who play the harp and flute? _____
18. Who was an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron? _____
19. What did Lamech tell his wives would happen to anyone who hurt him? _____

Generations of Adam

(Genesis 4:25-5:32)

Introduction

After the death of Abel, Eve bore another son and named him Seth. In Genesis chapter four we learned that Cain and his descendants turned away from the Lord and followed the ways of men. In this chapter we learn that the descendants of Seth followed the ways of God. Thus, the conflict between evil and righteous men intensified. We need to learn the generations as we go along because this is the lineage of Christ. \

Memorize the generations from Adam to Noah:

Adam
Seth
Enos
Kenna (Cainan)
Mahalalel
Jared
Enoch
Methuselah
Lamech
Noah

1. Why did Eve give Seth his name? _____

 2. What did men begin to do in the days of Enos (Enosh)? _____
 3. How old was Adam when he begat Seth? _____ How old was he when he died? _____
 4. How old was Seth when he begat Enos? _____ How old was he when he died? _____
 5. How old was Enos when he begat Cainan? _____ How old was he when he died? _____
 6. How old was Cainan when he begat Mahalalel? _____ How old was he when he died? _____
 7. How old was Mahalalel when he begat Jared? _____ How old was he when he died? _____
 8. How old was Jared when he begat Enoch? _____ How old was he when he died? _____
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9. How old was Enoch when he begat Methuselah? _____ How long was Enoch on the earth after he begat Methuselah? _____ What happened to him? _____
10. How old was Methuselah when he begat Lamech? _____ How old was he when he died? _____
11. How old was Lamech when he begat Noah? ____ How old when he when he died? _____
12. What did Lamech say about his son, Noah? _____

The Sons of Noah

Shem

Ham

Japheth

13. How old was Noah when he begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth? _____

The Flood

(Genesis 6:1-9:29)

Introduction

Continuing the Bible story, God shows us the terrible effects that the sins of man has had on the whole earth. Through the Bible's account of the flood we are also able to learn just how evil sin is in the eyes of God as well as the consequences sin will incur when allowed to continue. But, through it all, God never completely gives up on mankind. He leaves a glimpse of hope through Noah and his three sons.

Mankind Becomes Wicked (Genesis 6:1-4)

1. What did the sons of God see that was beautiful? _____
2. What did they take for themselves? _____
3. What did the Lord say in response to this? _____
4. How many years did the Lord say He would strive with men? _____
5. What kinds of men lived in days that the sons of God bore children by the daughters of men? _____

God Warns Noah to Prepare for the Flood (Genesis 6:5-22)

6. What did the Lord see was great in the earth? _____
7. What was the condition of men's hearts? _____
8. What effect did this have on the Lord? _____
9. What did the Lord say He would do as a result of mankind's condition? _____
10. What did Noah find in the eyes of the Lord? _____ Why? (vs. 9) _____
11. What were the names of Noah's three sons? _____, _____, _____
12. What was the earth filled with? _____
13. What did God tell Noah has "*come before Me*"? _____

14. What did God tell Noah to make? _____
15. Of what material was it made? _____
16. With what was it covered inside and out? _____
17. What were its dimensions? Length: _____ Width: _____
Height: _____
18. How many openings did it have? _____ What were they? _____
19. How many decks did it have? _____
20. What was the Lord bringing to destroy the earth? _____
21. What was the Lord going to establish with Noah and his family? _____
22. What did God tell Noah to bring into the ark? _____
23. How did Noah respond to all that God had commanded him? _____

The Flood Begins (Genesis 7:1-24)

24. Why did the Lord tell Noah and all his household to enter into the ark? _____
25. How many clean animals did the Lord tell Noah to take with him? _____ What
about unclean animals? _____
26. How many days did Noah have to get all the animals in the ark? _____
27. How long would the Lord cause it to rain on the earth? _____
28. How did Noah respond to the Lord's instructions? _____
29. How old was Noah when he entered the ark? _____
30. In what manner did all the animals enter the ark? _____
31. According to verse 11, was rain the only source of water God used to create the flood? _____
32. What happened to the ark when the flood waters increased? _____
33. How high above the earth did the waters prevail? _____
34. What happened to every creature that lived on the dry land? _____
35. How long did the waters prevail on the earth? _____

The Flood Waters Receded (Genesis 8:1-22)

36. What did God do to cause the waters to subside? _____
37. On what mountain did the ark rest when the waters subsided? _____

38. Before the waters subsided, what two animals did Noah send out the window of the ark? _____
_____, _____
39. On Noah's second try, what did the animal bring back to him? _____
40. What happened the next time he send the animal out _____
41. What did God tell Noah to do when the earth was dried? _____
42. What was the first thing Noah did after exiting the ark? _____

43. What did the Lord say He would not do again, even though "*the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth*"? _____

God's Covenant with Noah (Genesis 9:1-18)

44. What did the Lord tell Noah and his sons to do when He had blessed them? _____
45. How did the Lord describe the relationship that would exist between the animals and mankind?

46. What did the Lord give mankind for food? _____
47. Concerning this food, what the Lord forbid man to do? _____
48. What curse did the Lord pronounce upon one who sheds man's blood? _____

49. What covenant did the Lord make with mankind and "*every living creature*"? _____

50. What sign did the Lord give for that covenant? _____

A Curse Is Placed on Canaan (Genesis 9:18-29)

51. Which of Noah's sons was the father of Canaan? _____
52. How much of the earth was populated from Noah's sons? _____
53. What did Noah begin to be after the flood? _____ What did he plan? _____
54. What did Noah do with what he had grown? _____
55. What evil thing did Ham do? _____
56. What did Shem and Japheth do when Ham told them what had happened? _____

57. When Noah awoke and knew what had happened, what curse did he give and who did it concern? _____

58. How old was Noah when he died? _____

The Scattering of the People

(Genesis 10:1-32)

Introduction

Before beginning with the narrative of history, the writer takes time to tell briefly where the descendants of each branch of Noah's family settled. Chapter 10 gives an overview of the origins of different people that we will meet as we move forward in history. Look at the table that is given at the end of this section to see the nations that can be identified from each of these sons. Look at the map to see a general picture of where the descendants of each son settled.

The Generations of the Sons of Noah (Genesis 10:1-32)

The descendants of Japheth (10:1-5)

1. List the sons of Japheth: _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .
2. List the sons of Gomer: _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .
3. List the sons of Javan: _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .

The descendants of Ham (10:6-20)

4. List the sons of Ham: _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .
 5. List the sons of Cush: _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ (10:8).
 6. List the sons of Raamah: _____ , _____ .
 7. What sort of man was Nimrod: _____
 8. What cities made up the beginning of Nimrod's kingdom? _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .
 9. What land were these cities in? _____
 10. What cities did Nimrod build in Assyria? _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .
 11. List the sons of Mizraim: _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .
 12. What significant people came from Casluhim? _____
 13. List the sons of Canaan: _____ , _____ .
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14. List the peoples that descended from Canaan (10:16-18): _____ , _____ ,
 _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ ,
 _____ .

The descendants of Shem (10:21-32)

15. List the sons of Shem: _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .

16. Name the grandsons of Shem: _____ , _____ .

17. List the sons of Eber: _____ , _____ .

18. What happened in the days of Peleg? _____

19. List the sons of Joktan: _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ ,
 _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ ,
 _____ , _____ , _____ .

Descendants of Shem	Descendants of Ham	Descendants of Japheth
Assyrians	Ethiopians	Javan:
Elamites	Egyptians	Greeks
Chaldeans	Libyans	Italians
Kingdom of Lydia	Canaanites:	Spanish
Aramaeans (Syrian tribes)	Sidonians	Isle of Cyprus (Kittim)
Arabian tribes	Hittites (Heth)	Medes (Madai)
Israelites	Jebusites	Persians
Edomites	Amorites	Parthians
Moabites	Giragashites	
Ammonites	Hivites	
	Southern Arabians	
	Early Babylonians	
	Philistines	

The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)

20. How many languages originally existed on the earth? _____
21. In what land did the descendants of Noah come to dwell? _____
22. What did the people decide to build for themselves? _____
23. Why did they want to build it? _____
24. What did the Lord observe was happening with the people? _____
25. What did the Lord do in order to scatter the people over the face of the earth? _____
26. Why was the tower named Babel? _____

Map Assignment:

Find the mountains of Ararat (or Uratu) on your map on page ii in the back of this booklet. Notice that Ararat is a range of mountains. No one knows exactly which peak was the resting place of the ark. From there find the Tigris and Euphrates rivers and follow them southward to see that they almost come together where the city of Babylon was later built. Then they spread apart again until they come together to flow into the Persian Gulf. Shinar was just south of Babylon, in the upper part of that region where the rivers spread apart. Amraphel was king of Shinar in Abraham's day, many years after this story (Gen. 14:1).

The Generations of Shem — Narrowed to one line (Genesis 11:10-26)

The Lord continues to show us the lineage that connects Adam to Christ as we move through the Bible story. In this section, we are able to see the connection from Noah to Abraham.

Memorize the generations:

Shem
Arphaxad
Shelah (Salah)
Eber
Peleg
Reu
Serug
Nahor
Terah
Abraham

Abraham (Part I)

(Gen.11:27-13:18)

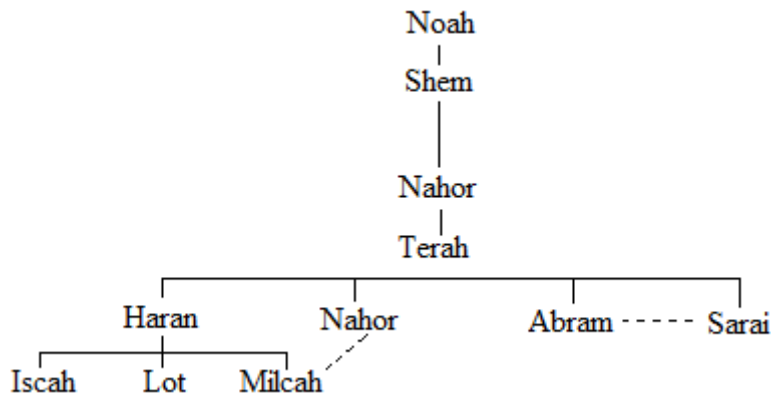
Introduction

As we come to Gen. 11:27-32, Moses is ready to narrow the line of Noah, through Shem, even further to bring us to the lineage of one man: Abraham. Though he labels this little section, “*Now these are the generations of Terah...*,” almost immediately he singles out one of Terah’s sons, Abraham, in order to follow the story of his life.

Generations of Torah (Genesis 11:27-32)

1. List the sons of Terah: _____ , _____ , _____.
2. Where was Terah and his family originally from? _____
3. What were the names of Abram’s and Nahor’s wives? _____ , _____.
4. What is mentioned about Abram’s wife? _____
5. Where did Terah take his family? _____.

Begin learning the family tree of Abraham:



Abram Moves to Canaan (Genesis 12:1-9)

6. In Gen. 11:31 it says that Terah took his family out of Ur of the Chaldeans. But, in Gen. 12:1, specifically which member of his family did the Lord call? _____
7. Where did God want him to go? _____

Memorize the promises to Abraham: Gen. 12:1-3

Nation
Land
Spiritual

☞ *The rest of the Bible is the story of the fulfilling of these three promises. Therefore, be sure you know what promises were made to Abram, and be sure to watch for the fulfillment of each promise as you continue studying Bible history.*

8. Who went with Abram when he departed as the Lord commanded? _____

9. How old was he when he left his homeland? _____
10. When the Lord appeared to Abram in Shechem, what did He say to him? _____

11. What was Abram's first order of business when he arrived in the new land? _____

Map Assignment: Draw and label Abram's route from Ur to Haran, and then on to Shechem in the land of Canaan on your blank map on page iv. You need to become very familiar with this map of Bible lands because it will be used frequently throughout the Old Testament.

Abram Lies to Pharaoh (Genesis 12:9-20)

12. What forced Abram to go down into Egypt? _____
13. When Abram was close to Egypt, what did he tell Sarai to do? _____

14. What happened to Sarai when they entered Egypt? Why? _____

15. What did the Lord do to Pharaoh as a result? _____
16. What did Pharaoh do when he found out that Sarai was Abram's sister? _____

Map Assignment: Continue following Abram's route. Draw it from Canaan to Egypt and then back to Canaan. Notice how far he has traveled from Ur by this time – a total of about 1500 miles – in a day when travel was very slow and difficult.

Abram and Lott Separate (Genesis 13:1-18)

17. Where did Abram go after he left Egypt? _____
18. What was developing in the relationship between Abram's herdsmen and Lot's herdsmen? _____
19. How did Abram and Lot resolve this issue? _____
20. Where did Lot begin to dwell after that? _____
21. What kind of men lived in the land where Lot pitched his tent? _____
22. How much of the land that Abram could see did the Lord promise to give to his descendents? _____
23. What did Abram do when he began to dwell in Hebron? _____

Map Assignment: Look at the map of the land of Canaan (on page iii in the map section) and label the places on your blank map on page v where Abram has camped so far – Shechem, Bethel, and Ai, the Negeb, and now the oaks of Mamre near Hebron. Label Sodom and Gomorrah as Lot's home.

Abraham (Part II)

(Gen.14:1-18:15)

Abram Rescues Lot (Genesis 14)

1. What was taking place between the kings of the land where Lot dwelt? _____

2. What happened to Lot in the midst of it all? _____
3. How did Abram find out about what happened to Lot? _____
4. What did Abram do in response to this news? _____

5. After these events, what king blessed Abram? _____
6. What did Abram give to that king? _____
7. When another king sought to give Abram a gift, how did Abram respond? _____

Map Assignment: Look on your study map of Bible Lands (pg. ii) to see where these invaders came from, then label these places on your blank map. Look on your map of Canaan (pg. iii) and see the locations of the oppressed cities and label them on your blank map of Canaan.

God's Covenant with Abram (Genesis 15)

8. What did the Lord say to Abram in a vision? _____

9. Though Abram trusted God, he was concerned about one point that could potentially be an obstacle to God's fulfilling His promise. What was that concern? _____

10. What was God's answer to Abram's question? _____

11. To what did God liken Abram's descendants? _____
12. What was Abram's response to this promise? _____
13. When Abram fell into a deep sleep God revealed something to him:
 - a. Where will Abram's descendants dwell for a time? _____

- b. When will they come out of that land? _____
- c. Would Abram be able to call that land his home? _____
14. Which parts of God's three-fold promise to Abram (Gen. 12:1-3) are under consideration in this section? _____

Hagar and Ishmael (Genesis 16)

15. What was Sarai's handmaiden's name? _____
16. When Sarai saw that she had not given Abram a son, what did she recommend Abram do so that he might produce an heir? _____
17. How did Hagar treat Sarai when she had conceived and Sarai had not? _____
18. What did Sarai do to Hagar in response to this? _____
19. What promise did the Angel of the Lord give to Hagar? _____
20. How old was Abram when Ishmael was born? _____

The Covenant of Circumcision (Genesis 17)

21. How old was Abram when the Lord appeared to him in Gen. 17? _____
22. What did the Lord say that He would make between Abram and Himself? _____
23. Why did the Lord change Abram's name to Abraham? _____
24. How long would the Lord's covenant with Abraham and his descendants last? _____
25. What did the Lord give as the sign of the covenant between Himself and Abraham's family? _____
26. Why did the Lord change Sarai's name to Sarah? _____
27. What did the Lord promise to do for Ishmael? _____
28. What did Abraham do when the Lord was finished talking with him? _____

The Lord Visit's Abraham (Genesis 18:1-15)

29. When Abraham was sitting in the door of his tent in the heat of the day, what did he see when he looked up? _____
30. What did he do when he saw them? _____
31. What did the men ask Abraham? _____
32. What did the Angel of the Lord say about Sarah? _____

33. What was the physical condition of Abraham and Sarah? _____
34. What was Sarah's response when she heard what the Angel had said? _____

35. What did the Angel say when Sarah did this? _____

Abraham (Part III)

(Gen.18:16-25:18)

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom (Genesis 18:16-32)

1. Toward what city did the angels look as they left Abraham? _____
2. Why did the Lord want to tell Abraham what He was doing? _____

3. What was the spiritual condition of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah? _____

4. When the Lord told Abraham what He was going to do, what did Abraham request of the Lord? _____
5. How many righteous people could be in Sodom and Gomorrah for the Lord to spare them? ____

Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:1-29)

6. When the two angels arrived in Sodom, what did Lot invite them to do? _____

7. What was their initial response? _____
8. What did the men of Sodom do before they lay down? _____

9. How did Lot respond to this? _____

10. Were the men of Sodom willing to listen to Lot? _____ What did they try to do? ____

11. When the angels saw this, what did they cause to happen? _____

12. What did the angels tell Lot to do, he and any relatives of his in the city? _____

13. In vs. 17, what special instructions did the angel give lot and his family? _____

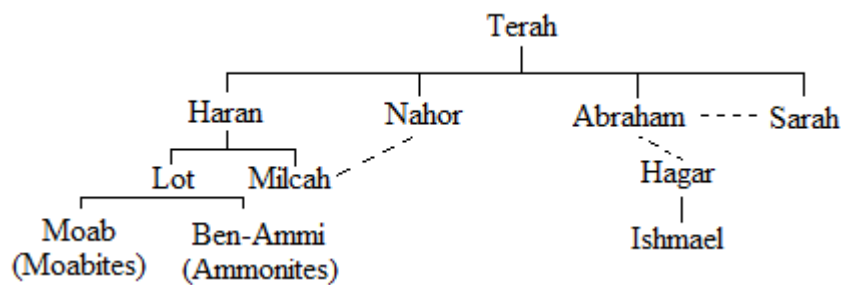
14. After Lot fled, what did the Lord do to Sodom and Gomorrah? _____

15. What happened to Lot's wife and why did it happen? _____

Lot and His Daughters (Genesis 19:30-38)

16. Where did Lot dwell after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah seeing that he was afraid to dwell in Zoar? _____
17. Lot had no sons to carry on his lineage. What plan did his daughters devise to overcome this obstacle? _____
18. Which two nations descended from the children of Lot? _____, _____

Add the newest names to the family Tree:



Map Assignment: Look on the map of Canaan and see where the Moabites and Ammonites settled. Remember their origin and their location. We will meet these small nations many times.

Abraham Lies to Abimelech (Genesis 20)

19. What city did Abraham travel to? _____
20. What request did Abraham make of Sarah his wife and why? _____
21. How did Abimelech find out that Abraham was being less than truthful with him? _____
22. When Abimelech confronted Abraham about it, what did Abraham say? _____
23. What had the Lord done to Abimelech and his house on account of Sarah? _____
24. How did Abimelech treat Abraham in the end? _____

Map Assignment: Gerar was located on a wadi called Jurf el Gerar. It was a city of the Philistines. See the note about the Philistines in Genesis 10:14. Label Gerar on your map.

The Birth of Isaac (Genesis 21:1-7)

25. What promise did the Lord fulfill for Sarah and Abraham? _____
26. What did Abraham do to Isaac when he was eight days old and why? _____

27. What did Sarah say God has caused her to do? _____
28. What amazing thing did Sarah point out about this whole situation? _____

Ishmael Is Sent Away (Genesis 21:8-20)

29. When Isaac was weaned Abraham made a great feast. What did Sarah see Ishmael doing to Isaac during the feast? _____
30. What did Sarah want Abraham to do about it? _____
31. What did God say to Abraham about Sarah's request? _____

32. As Hagar and Ishmael wondered in the wilderness of Beersheba and their water was gone, an angel of God called to Hagar. What did he say to her? _____

33. Where did they dwell after that? _____

Abimelech Makes a Covenant with Abraham (Genesis 21:22-34)

34. What did the covenant between Abimelech and Abraham concern? _____

35. Abraham agreed to make a covenant, but first there was a matter that needed to be settled between them. What was it? _____
36. Why did Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves? _____

37. What two things did Abraham do in Beersheba? _____

Map Assignment: Label Gerar and Beersheba on your map. Show that the Philistines controlled that territory at this time.

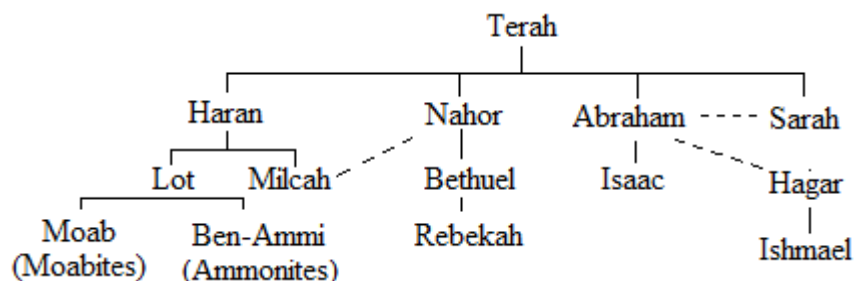
Abraham Offers Isaac (Genesis 22:1-19)

38. Why did God tell Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice? _____
39. How did Abraham respond to the Lord's command? _____
40. On their way to the place where Abraham would offer Isaac, what did Isaac ask Abraham? _____
41. What was Abraham's answer? _____
42. What happened when Abraham was about to offer Isaac? _____
43. What did the Lord provide at that time? _____
44. When the angel called to Abraham again, he mentioned two blessings that the Lord would give Abraham. Of the three-fold promise originally given in Gen. 12:1-3, which two parts did this concern? _____, _____.

News from Nahor's Family (Genesis 22:20-24)

45. What was Nahor's relationship to Abraham? _____
46. List the children of Nahor: _____
- _____
- _____

Add the new names to your family tree:



Death of Sarah (Genesis 23)

47. How old was Sarah when she died? _____
48. What request did Abraham make of the Hittites? _____
49. What price did Abraham give for the field of Ephron? _____

Map Assignment: Find the Halys River on the map on page ii and see the location of the Hittite kingdom. Label the river and the kingdom on your map.

Abraham Gets a Wife for Isaac (Genesis 24)

50. When Abraham was well advanced in years, what oath did he have his oldest servant make? _____
51. What was the servant not to do? _____
52. When the servant arrived at his destination, how would he know which woman the Lord would choose to be Isaac's wife? _____
53. What was the name of the woman who did this? _____
54. What did the servant give her? _____
55. What was her brother's name? _____
56. How did the woman's father and brother respond when the servant told them of his business there? _____
57. What was the woman's answer? _____
58. As the servant and the woman approached the area where Abraham was staying, what did she see? _____

Add Rebekah's brother to your family tree.

Abraham and Keturah (Genesis 25:1-6)

59. How many sons did Keturah give Abraham? _____
60. Of all of the sons of Abraham, which one does Moses emphasize? _____

Abraham's Death (Genesis 25:7-11)

61. How old was Abraham when he died? _____

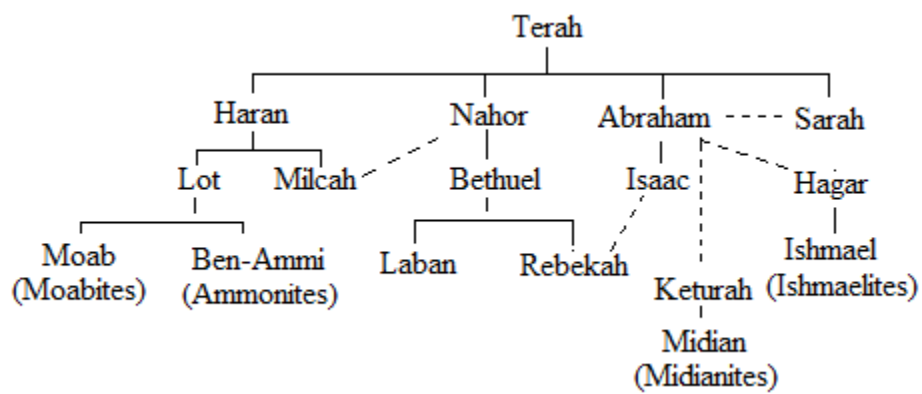
62. Where did Isaac and Ishmael bury Abraham? _____

Generations of Ishmael (Genesis 25:12-18)

63. How many sons did Ishmael have? _____

64. How old was Ishmael when he died? _____

Look Again at the Family Tree:



Isaac

(Genesis 25:19-28:9; 3:28-29)

Introduction

Moses now transitions from Abraham to Isaac, the next patriarch of Israel. Moses begins this section, “*And these are the generations of Isaac*” (Gen. 25:19), just as he did with “*the generations of Terah*” in Gen. 11:27. Most of the stories we have about Isaac are connected either with the story of Abraham or with Jacob. There is very little information about Isaac as the head of the family.

Birth of Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:19-26)

1. How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah? _____
2. Why did Isaac plead with the Lord? _____
3. What did the children do inside of Rebekah and why? _____

4. What significant characteristic is mentioned about the first son? What was his name? _____

5. What happened when the second son came out? What was his name? _____

6. What occupations did the two sons take on? _____

Jacob Buys Esau's Birthright (Genesis 25:27-34)

7. What had Jacob cooked? _____
8. Why did Esau ask him for some of it? _____

9. What did Jacob ask for in return? _____
10. How does Moses describe Esau's attitude toward his birthright in light of these events? _____

Isaac's Conflict with the Philistines (Genesis 26)

11. What caused Isaac to go to Gerar? _____
12. What instructions did the Lord give Isaac? _____

13. What promise did the Lord give Isaac? Where have we seen this sort of promise before? _____

14. When the men of Gerar asked about Isaac's wife, what did he say? _____
15. What happened when Isaac had been in Gerar for a long time? _____
16. When Abimelech found out that Isaac had lied to him, what did he charge his people? _____

17. How did Isaac prosper while he was in the land? _____
18. What was Abimelech's response to this? _____
19. Why did the herdsmen of Gerar quarrel with Isaac? _____

20. Where did Isaac go after digging the well of Rehoboth? _____
21. What did Isaac do after the Lord appeared to him there? _____
22. What kind of covenant did Abimelech want to establish with Isaac and why? _____

23. When Esau married women who were not of the Family of Abraham, what effect did it have on his parents? _____

Map Assignment: Note Isaac's peaceful nature. Rather than fighting the Philistines over rights to water, he calmly moved farther away from them. Find Gerar and Beersheba on the map of Canaan. Esek, Sitnah, and Rehoboth were between these two places. But their exact location is not known because cities did not grow up around these wells.

Jacob Deceives Isaac (Genesis 27:1-28:5)

24. What was Isaac's physical condition when he decided to bless Esau? _____
25. What did Isaac want Esau to do for him? _____
26. After overhearing Isaac talking to Esau, what did Rebekah tell Jacob to do? Why? _____

27. How did Jacob deceive Isaac? _____
28. What did Isaac do after eating his meal? _____
29. When Esau returned, ready to receive his blessing, and found out that it had already been given to Jacob, how did Esau respond? _____
30. In his blessing for Esau, what did Isaac say would be the relationship between Esau and Jacob? _____
31. What was Esau's attitude toward Jacob after that? _____
32. When Rebekah heard about Esau's disposition, what did she tell Jacob to do? _____
33. After Isaac blessed Jacob once more, what did he order him not to do? _____

Esau Marries A Daughter of Ishmael (Genesis 28:6-9)

34. What did Esau see that Isaac instructed Jacob to do? _____
35. What did he understand was Isaac's opinion of the daughters of Canaan? _____
36. What did Esau do when we saw these things? _____

Jacob (Part I)

(Genesis 28:10-30:43)

Introduction

Though Isaac continues to live for several more years, Moses follows Jacob as he makes his way to Haran. Jacob and his family are the pre-dominant characters in chapters 28 through 36. Then the focus is turned upon Joseph, the favorite son of Jacob, until chapters 48 and 49 where we come back to Jacob to see his final acts and his death. Therefore, we give the references where he is the main character in the heading for this section, but we will study our way through the rest of Genesis exactly as the events are told.

Jacob Makes a Vow to God at Bethel (Genesis 28:10-22)

1. Where did Jacob go from Beersheba? _____
2. What did Jacob see in his dream? _____

3. What did the Lord say to Jacob in his dream? _____

4. When Jacob awoke, what did he say about the place where he lay? _____

5. What did he do the next morning? _____
6. What did Jacob vow to do because God was watching over him? _____

Jacob Meets Rachael (Genesis 29:1-12)

7. When Jacob had come near his destination, what did he see? _____

8. Who did Jacob ask the men about? _____ What was Jacob's relationship to that person? _____
9. Who was coming with sheep at that moment? _____

10. What did Jacob do for her when she had arrived? _____

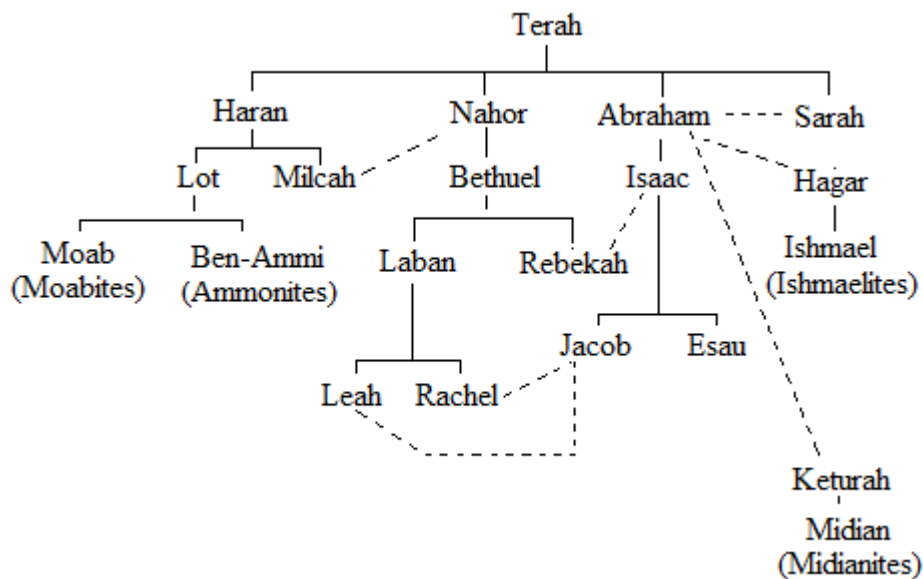
Map Assignment: Look at the map on page ii to see where Jacob has gone. He has traveled approximately 400 miles since he left Beersheba – and remember that he was walking – there is no mention of camels or other animals with him.

Jacob Serves Laban for Rachael (Genesis 29:13-20)

11. How did Laban treat Jacob after hearing that he had arrived? _____

12. After a month, Laban told Jacob that “*Because you are my relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what should your wages be?*” What did Jacob request for his labors? _____

Add the new names to your family tree:



Jacob Is Deceived (Genesis 29:21-30)

13. After seven years, when it was time for Jacob to receive what he had requested, what did Laban give him instead? _____

14. When Jacob found out, what reason did Laban give for deceiving him? _____

15. What did Laban say Jacob would have to do in order to receive what he asked for in the first place? _____

16. What was Jacob's attitude toward his two wives? _____

Leah Bears Children (Genesis 29:31-35)

17. What did the Lord see about Leah? _____

18. What did He do for her? _____

Leah's Children:

Reuben

Simeon

Levi

Judah

Issachar

Zebulun

Dinah

Conflicts Between Leah and Rachel (Genesis 30:1-24)

19. When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, what did she do to help overcome this problem? _____

20. When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, what did she do about it? _____

Sons of the handmaidens:

Bilhah:

Dan

Naphtali

Zilpah:

Gad

Asher

21. What did Reuben find in the field? _____
22. What did Rachel ask of Leah? _____
23. What did Rachel say Leah could do in return for them? _____
24. Over the course of time Leah bore Jacob three more children. What were their names? _____
25. After a long while, God blessed Rachel so that she had a son. What was his name? _____

Laban Pays Jacob Wages (Genesis 30:35-43)

26. When Rachel had borne Joseph, what did Jacob request of Laban? _____
27. After separating the speckled animals from the others, how many days did Laban put between himself and Jacob? _____
28. Over the course of time, what was Jacob able to do with all of the speckled animals in the flock? _____
29. When Jacob began, he had little to provide for his own house (Gen. 30:30). What was his situation when he had finished? _____

Jacob's sons by order of age:

- 1. Reuben**
- 2. Simeon**
- 3. Levi**
- 4. Judah**
- 5. Dan**
- 6. Gad**
- 7. Naphtali**
- 8. Asher**
- 9. Issachar**
- 10. Zebulun**
- 11. Joseph**
- 12. Benjamin**

Jacob (Part II)

(Genesis 31:1-33:20)

Jacob Flees from Laban (Genesis 31:1-55)

1. What did Jacob hear Laban's sons saying? _____

2. What did he notice about Laban's countenance? _____
3. What did the Lord tell Jacob to do? _____
4. Even though Laban had deceived Jacob and deceived him ten times, what had God not allowed him to do to Jacob? _____
5. What did the angel say to Jacob in a dream? _____

6. When Jacob had related this to his wives, what was their response? _____

7. What did Rachael do before Jacob "*stole away*," unknown to Laban? _____

8. How many days after leaving did Laban find out that Jacob had gone? _____
9. How many days did it take for Laban to catch up to Jacob? _____
10. Which mountains were they in when Laban caught up with them? _____
11. What did God say to Laban in a dream? _____

12. When Laban asked Jacob why he stole away secretly, what was Jacob's answer? _____

13. When Laban was looking for his household idols, how did Rachael keep them hidden? _____

14. How many years had Jacob been with Laban? _____
15. What kind of faith did Jacob have in God in spite of all that Laban had done to him? _____

16. What did the covenant concern which Laban made with Jacob? _____

17. What did Jacob do after he and Laban had made a covenant? _____

Esau Is Coming! (Genesis 32:1-21)

18. Why did Jacob send messengers ahead of him to Esau? _____
19. How many men were coming to meet Jacob with Esau? _____
20. Jacob was afraid when he heard this. What did he do to protect himself in case Esau was coming to attack him? _____
21. What was Jacob's attitude toward the Lord? _____
22. What did he pray for the Lord to do for him? _____
23. What did Jacob send as a present for Esau? _____
24. Into how many droves did Jacob divide this gift before sending it to Esau? _____

Map Assignment

- Label the plateau on the east side of the Jordan Gilead.
- Label the Jabbok River.
- Mark Mahanaim a little north of the Jabbok and in Gilead.
- Label Mount Seir and the territory of Edom

Jacob Wrestles with an Angel (Genesis 32:1-21)

25. What happened when Jacob was alone while waiting for Esau to arrive? _____
26. What new name was give to Jacob? _____

Jacob and Esau are Reconciled (Genesis 33:1-20)

27. What did Jacob see when he looked up? _____
28. Though Jacob was afraid of Esau, what was the nature of their meeting? _____
29. What did Esau try to do with all of the gifts that Jacob had sent him? _____
30. Why did Jacob want Esau to go to Seir ahead of him? _____
31. What did Jacob do in Succoth? _____
32. What did Jacob do in Shechem? _____

Jacob (Part III)

(Genesis 34:1-36:43)

Simeon and Levi Smite the Men of Shechem (Genesis 34:1-31)

1. Who was Dinah?
2. What did the son of Hamor the Hivite do to Dinah? _____
3. What was the reaction of Dinah's brothers when they heard of this? _____
4. What did Hamor request of Dinah's family? _____
5. What did Dinah's brothers tell Shechem he and the other people had to do in order to marry the Hebrew women? _____
6. What was their real reason for giving this condition? _____
7. Hamor and Shechem convinced all of the men among them as Dinah's brothers asked. What did Simeon and Levi do to the men when they were "*still in their pain*"? _____

8. How did Jacob react when he heard what they had done? _____

Jacob Goes to Bethel (Genesis 35:1-15)

9. What did God tell Jacob to do? _____
10. What did Jacob tell everyone who was with him to do? _____
11. What was the attitude of the people in the cities all around Jacob? _____
12. What did Jacob do when he arrived in Bethel? _____
13. Who died while they were in Bethel? _____
14. In vss. 9-12 God spoke to Jacob, reaffirming the promises that he had given to Abraham. Concerning which two parts of the three-fold promise did God speak to him about? _____

15. What did Jacob do after God spoke to him? _____

Death of Rachael (Genesis 35:16-20)

16. What city were they near when Rachael labored in childbirth? _____
17. What happened to Rachael after she gave birth to a son? _____
18. What did she name the son before this happened? _____
19. What did Jacob call him? _____
20. What other name was given to Ephrath by the time Moses wrote the book of Genesis? _____
21. Where did Jacob go after the death of Rachael? _____

Map Assignment: Continue watching your map and labeling the places that have not yet been labeled.

- Penuel, where Jacob wrestled with an angel.
- Succoth, where Jacob built booths for his cattle.
- Shechem, where Jacob bought land and Dinah was molested.
- Behtel, where God appeared to Jacob again.
- Ephrath (Later called Bethlehem), where Rachel died as Benjamin was born.
- Mamre (also known as Hebron), where Jacob joins his father Isaac who is will living.

Reuben's Sin and Isaac's Death (Genesis 35:22-29)

22. What sin did Reuben commit? _____
23. We read nothing at this time of Jacob's reaction to Reuben's sin. But, look ahead to Gen. 49:4, what did Jacob do as a result of this event? _____
24. How old was Isaac when he died? _____

The Generations of Edom (Genesis 36:1-43)

25. What were the names of Esau's wives? _____

26. Why did Esau set himself away from Jacob? _____

27. Where did Esau move to? _____
28. What is another name for Esau? _____
29. What were the names of Esau's sons? _____

Judah and Tamar (Genesis 38:1-30)

30. When Judah had departed from his brothers, what was the name of the woman he married? _____
31. What were the names of her three sons? _____
32. What was the character of Judah's first-born son? _____
33. What happened to him? _____
34. According to the custom of that day, when a woman does not have a child through her husband and he dies, the husband's brother may go into her so that she may bear a son for her first husband. Judah's second son was to do this thing for his sister-in-law, but what did he do instead and why? _____
35. What did the Lord do as a result? _____
36. What did Judah tell Tamar to do after this happened? _____
37. When the time had come, why did Judah not do as he said he would? _____
38. What did Tamar do about this? _____
39. When Judah found out that Tamar was pregnant, what was he going to do to her and why? _____
40. How did Tamar stop Judah from doing this? _____
41. What were the names of Tamar's sons? _____

Joseph (Part I)

(Genesis 37, 39)

Introduction

Though the remaining story in Genesis is about Joseph, the writer of Genesis calls it “*the generations of Jacob*” (Gen. 37:2). As in the other places where similar expressions are found, the meaning is not, “Here is the story of Jacob’s beginnings,” but rather, “Here are further developments in the life of Jacob.” The writer thus indicates that Jacob is the patriarch whose history is told in the remainder of the book, but that history is focused on his son Joseph.

Joseph’s Brothers Grow Jealous (Genesis 37:1-11)

1. In what land did Jacob dwell? _____
2. How old was Joseph when this part of the story begins? _____
3. What did Joseph bring to his father concerning his brothers? _____
4. What was Israel’s attitude toward Joseph compared to his other sons? _____

5. What was Joseph’s brothers’ attitude toward him as a result? _____
6. What did Joseph dream in each of his dreams?
 - a. _____

 - b. _____

Joseph is Sold into Slavery (Genesis 37:12-36)

7. Where did Jacob send Joseph and why? _____

8. Instead of staying where they were supposed to, where did Joseph’s brothers decide to go? _____

9. What did Joseph’s brothers conspire to do when they saw him afar off? _____

10. When Reuben heard of their plan, what did he purpose that they do instead? _____
11. When Joseph came near, what did his brothers do to him? _____
12. How did his brothers decide to dispose of him? _____
13. What did they do with Joseph's tunic? _____
14. What did they tell Israel that had happened to Joseph? _____
15. What was the name of the man to whom Joseph was eventually sold as a slave and where did he live? _____

Map Assignment:

- Label Dothan on your map.
- Follow Joseph's route from Hebron, through Shechem, and on to Dothan.
- There were trade routes that came from Mesopotamia, through passes in Mount Carmel, and converged with the Way of the Sea to go on to the land of Egypt. Caravans or merchants, therefore, often passed through the land as they plied their trade from one country to another. And obviously, these brothers were feeding their sheep near enough to a trade route to see the caravan as it approached.

Joseph is Betrayed by Potiphar's Wife (Genesis 39:1-23)

16. What was Potiphar's position in Egypt? _____
17. What was life like for Joseph while he was a slave in Potiphar's house? _____
18. What did the Lord do for Potiphar's house for Joseph's sake? _____
19. Over time, how did Potiphar's wife begin to treat Joseph? _____
20. Who did Joseph acknowledge that he would be sinning against if he gave into the solicitations of Potiphar's wife? _____
21. How often did Potiphar's wife approach Joseph? _____
22. What did she do when Joseph was alone in the house with her? _____
23. What did she do after Joseph fled? _____
24. What did Potiphar do with Joseph after that? _____
25. What was life like for Joseph in the prison? _____

Joseph (Part II)

(Genesis 40-42)

Joseph Interprets Dreams (Genesis 40:1-23)

1. In time, who did Pharaoh put into prison and why? _____
2. What did these two men have after they were in prison a while? _____
3. What did Joseph do for them? _____
4. To whom did he say interpretations belong? _____
5. What was in the butler's dream? _____
6. What was in the baker's dream? _____
7. What event was taking place when Pharaoh lifted up the head of the butler and baker? _____

8. What happened to these two men? _____

9. What request did Joseph make of the butler? _____

Pharaoh Dreams (Genesis 41:1-45)

10. How much time had passed from when the butler was freed to when pharaoh had his dreams? _____
11. What was in Pharaoh's first dream? _____
12. What was in his second dream? _____
13. When Pharaoh related his dreams to the magicians and all the wise men, what did the butler say? _____
14. When Pharaoh called for Joseph, what did Joseph do before going up to him? _____

15. When asked to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, who alone did he say had the power to interpret dreams? _____
16. What interpretation did Joseph give for the dreams? _____

17. Why did Joseph say the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice? _____

18. What did Joseph recommend Pharaoh do in light of the dream's interpretation? _____

19. How did Pharaoh take Joseph's advice? _____
20. Who did Pharaoh appoint to be in charge of carrying out Joseph's recommendations and why? _____

21. What new name did Pharaoh give to Joseph? _____

Joseph Is Ruler in Egypt (Genesis 41:46-57)

22. How old was Joseph when he stood before Pharaoh? _____
23. What was it like for the first seven years that Joseph was in power? _____
24. What did he do during that time? _____
25. What were names of Joseph's sons? _____
26. What happened after the first seven years? _____

27. Though the famine was in all the lands, what were things like in Egypt as a result of Joseph's efforts? _____
28. What did Pharaoh tell the people to do when they cried to him? _____

Joseph's Brothers Come to Buy Grain (Genesis 42:1-38)

29. What did Jacob see? _____
30. What did Jacob tell ten of Joseph's brothers to do? _____

31. Which one of Joseph's brothers remained behind and why? _____

32. When Joseph saw his brothers, how did he act? _____
33. What did he remember when he saw his brothers bowing down before him? _____

34. What did Joseph accuse his brothers of? _____
35. What did Joseph tell his brothers to do in order to test them? _____

36. What did Joseph's brothers think was the reason that they were being treated like this? _____
37. The brothers were discussing this in front of Joseph, but they thought that he could not understand them. Why? _____
38. Joseph commanded that his brothers' sacks be filled with grain and that they be sent on their way. When one of brothers opened his sack, what else did he find in there? _____
39. When the brothers told Jacob of all that had happened and all that was said, what was his reaction? _____

Joseph (Part III)

(Genesis 43-46)

The Brothers Return to Egypt (Gen. 43:1-15)

1. How much of the grain had Jacob's family eaten before the brothers returned to Egypt? _____
2. Though Jacob wanted his sons to go back to Egypt and buy more grain, why were they reluctant? _____
3. What did Judah say to convince Jacob to let Benjamin go as Joseph had instructed? _____
4. What did Jacob tell his sons to take with them back to Egypt? _____
5. What did he pray that God would give them? _____

The Brothers Dine with Joseph (Gen. 43:16-34)

6. When Joseph saw that Benjamin was with his other brothers, what did he order his steward to do? _____
7. Why were Joseph's brothers afraid? _____
8. What did the brothers explain to Joseph's steward when they saw him? _____
9. What did the steward say in response to this? _____
10. What did Joseph ask his brothers about when he saw them? _____
11. When his brothers bowed down before him what did he see? _____
12. How did he react when he saw this? _____
13. Why could Joseph and the Egyptians not eat with Joseph's brothers? _____
14. How much more was Benjamin's serving than his other brothers'? _____

Joseph Tests His Brothers (Gen. 44:1-34)

15. What did Joseph instruct his steward to do with his brothers' grain? _____

16. What special orders were given concerning Benjamin's bags? _____

17. After his brothers were sent away, what did Joseph instruct his steward to do? _____

18. How did Joseph's brothers react when they heard the steward's accusation? _____

19. What did they say must happen if one of them was found with Joseph's cup? _____
20. What did the brothers do when the cup was found in Benjamin's bag? _____

21. What did Judah explain to Joseph? _____

22. What did Judah say would happen to Jacob if Benjamin were to die? _____

23. What request did Judah finally make? _____

Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers (Gen. 45:1-15)

24. When Joseph could not restrain himself any further, what did he do? _____

25. What did he say to his brothers? _____
26. What was their reaction? _____
27. How did Joseph comfort his brothers concerning what they had done? _____

28. Who did Joseph say had sent him into Egypt? Why? _____

29. What did Joseph tell his brothers to do? _____

Preparations for Israel to Move to Egypt (Gen. 45:16-28)

30. What report was heard in Pharaoh's house? _____
31. What did Pharaoh offer to give Joseph's family? _____

32. What was Jacob's reaction when his sons told him that Joseph was still alive? _____

Israel Moves to Egypt (Gen. 46:1-27)

33. What did Israel do when he reached Beersheba? _____
34. Which part of the three-fold promise did the Lord repeat to Jacob on his journey? _____
35. List the children of Leah: _____

36. List the children of Zilpah: _____

37. List the children of Rachel: _____
38. List the children of Bilhah: _____

Jacob and Joseph are re-united (Gen. 46:28-34)

39. Who did Jacob send to Joseph before him? Why? _____

40. When Joseph was reunited with Jacob, what did he do? _____

41. What did Joseph want to tell Pharaoh? _____
42. What was Egypt's attitude toward shepherds? _____
43. In what land was Joseph's family going to dwell? _____

Joseph (IV)

(Genesis 47-50)

Joseph Introduces His Family to Pharaoh (Gen. 47:1-12)

1. How many men did Joseph take from among his brothers to present to Pharaoh? _____
2. In what part of the land did Pharaoh want Joseph's family to dwell? _____
3. What did Jacob do when he was presented to Pharaoh? _____
4. How old was Jacob when he was presented to Pharaoh? _____
5. How did Jacob describe his days? _____

Joseph Purchases the Land for Pharaoh (Gen. 47:13-26)

6. What happened to the value of money because of the famine? _____
7. What did Joseph tell the people to give him in return for bread? _____
8. When all the livestock had been given to Joseph, what did the people use to purchase bread? _____
9. Which part did Joseph not buy? _____
10. Since all of the land belonged to Pharaoh, how were the people able to continue living in their land? _____
11. What law did Joseph make in the land of Egypt? _____

Jacob's Death Draws Near (Gen. 47:27-31)

12. What happened to Jacob's possessions while he dwelt in the land of Goshen? _____
13. How old was Jacob when he died? _____
14. What request did Jacob make of his children before he died? _____

Jacob Blesses Ephraim and Manasseh (Gen. 47:27-31)

15. Who were Ephraim and Manasseh? _____
16. What did Jacob do when it was told him that Joseph was coming? _____
17. Who did Jacob say that Joseph's oldest two sons belonged to? _____
18. When Joseph brought his sons near to Jacob, which son did Jacob put his right hand on? _____
_____ Why was this significant? _____
19. When Joseph tried to correct Jacob, what did Jacob say? _____

20. What did Jacob give Joseph above his other sons? _____

Jacob Blesses His Sons (Gen. 49:1-28)

21. Why would Reuben not excel? _____
22. Why did Israel say of Simeon and Levi that instruments of cruelty were in their dwelling? See Gen.34:27-30 _____

23. What would not depart from Judah? Do you know what this is referring to? _____

24. What would Zebulun become? _____
25. What would Dan do? _____
26. What would happen to Gad? _____
27. What would Asher do? _____
28. What does Naphtali use? _____
29. What would be on the head of Joseph? _____
30. What is Benjamin likened to? _____

The Death of Jacob (Gen. 49:29-33)

31. When Jacob knew his death was coming, what did he request of his children? _____

The Embalming and Burial of Jacob (Gen. 50:1-14)

32. What did Joseph command his servants the physicians to do? _____

33. How long did this take? _____
34. What request did Joseph make of Pharaoh? _____
35. Who went with Joseph? _____
36. When the inhabitants of the land saw the mourning, what did they say? _____

Joseph Assures His Brothers (Gen. 50:15-21)

37. When Joseph's brother saw that their father was dead, what were they afraid of? _____
38. What did he say to reassure them? _____

The Death of Joseph (Gen. 50:22-26)

39. How old was Joseph when he died? _____
40. How many generations after Ephraim was Joseph able to see? _____
41. What request did Joseph make of his family? _____
42. What did they do with Joseph after he died? _____

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