

# Genesis

## 1 – Genesis 1-2—In The Beginning

How would you answer someone who says these are 2 creation accounts? What is the emphasis of Ch. 1? Of Ch. 2 - note v.4? What does it mean to be created in the image of God? What was special about the creation of Adam? Of Eve?

## 2 – Genesis 3—The Fall

Why did the serpent tempt the woman? Where was Adam? What was the direct result of sin? What was the wonderful promise? (see 3:15)

## 3 – Genesis 4-5—Sin Spreads

What hope was there at the birth of Cain? How did God warn Cain against his sin? What do we know about Cain's descendants? Who is the son of promise? Note 5:1, 3. What is so sad about 5:3? (compare with 1:26)

## 4 – Genesis 6:1-8:19—The Flood

Why did God send the flood? How did Noah "walk with God"? Who are the "sons of God" and "daughters of men"? Where did all the water come from to flood the entire world?

## 5 – Genesis 8:20-9:29—Covenant With Noah

How was this a "second creation"? (see 9:7) What is the covenant with Noah? (see 9:11-17) Who was the son of promise?

## 6 – Genesis 10:1-11:26—Babel To Abram

What was the sin of Babel? What is the irony of God having to "come down" and confuse their language? What is the importance of the account of Shem?

## 7 – Genesis 11:27-14:24—The Call Of Abram

What eternal consequence was involved in Sarai being barren? (11:30) What is the three-fold covenant with Abram? When and where was it made? Why was it of eternal consequence that Abram gave Sarai to Pharaoh? How did God keep His covenant promise in spite of Abram? Why is Melchizedek important?

## 8 – Genesis 15—God's Covenant With Abram

What is so special about the covenant promise reiterated here? What is the meaning behind the "cutting of the covenant"?

## 9 – Genesis 16—Hagar And Ishmael

Who was "responsible for the wrong Sarai was suffering"? Who else was suffering? What fault did Hagar have in all of this? How would Hagar be able to return and submit to Sarah (and Abram)? (look ahead to 21:8-21)

## 10 – Genesis 17—Physical Sign Of Covenant

What is the importance of God confirming His covenant with Abram after the birth of Ishmael? See v.14 for the significance of circumcision / "cut off". Was it a sin for Abraham to laugh and question the LORD? How did / does God respond to our questioning?

## 11 – Genesis 18-19—Sodom And Gomorrah

Who were the three men? How do we know? Why is Sarah reprimanded for laughing? Why did the LORD reveal to Abraham what He was planning to do? What does Abraham's bargaining with God teach us? What was the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah? What was Lot's sins / and those of his family? Why didn't God destroy them too?

## 12 – Genesis 20—Abraham's Cliff-Hanger

What promise had God just made to Abraham and Sarah? (18:10) Why would Abraham say that Sarah was his sister? Did Abimelech sin? What was Abraham's reason for lying? Why is it so ironic that Abraham prayed for Abimelech?

## 13 – Genesis 21-22—God’s Faithfulness

Note 21:2 for God’s timing. Why were Hagar and Ishmael sent away? (recall 16:6-16) Was this “fair”? Who did Ishmael marry? Why is this significant? How did God “test” Abraham? How is this different from “tempting” Abraham? What special clue do we have in 22:5 and 8 for Abraham’s faith? How does God repeat His covenant again?

## 14 – Genesis 23—First Land Owned In Promised Land

God had promised the whole land of Canaan to Abraham, why did he buy this cave? (remember Machpelah as the burial site for Sarah and the Patriarchs)

## 15 – Genesis 24—Wife For Isaac

Who did Ishmael marry? (21:21) What qualifications were made for Isaac’s wife? Why? Note how the servant approached his task: v.12, 15 How did God make it quite easy for the servant to know who he was to bring back? What do we know about Rebekah?

## 16 – Genesis 25—Three Generations

How many sons did Abraham have? Why did he leave everything to Isaac? Note the two “accounts” – Ishmael’s and Isaac’s. How did Isaac and Rebekah begin as Abram and Sara? How long did Isaac and Rebekah wait for their sons? (v.20, 26) What was God’s word concerning the twins before they were born? What was Esau’s sin? What was Jacob’s sin?

## 17 – Genesis 26—Like Father ,Like Son (See Genesis 20)

How did God repeat the covenant promise to Isaac? What shocking thing did Isaac do after this renewal? How did God get Isaac to move away from the Philistines? Who did Esau marry? What do we know about these marriages?

## 18 – Genesis 27-28—Jacob “Grabs” The Blessing

Why would Isaac seek to give the blessing to Esau? Why would Rebekah seek to deceive her husband? What risk were mother and Jacob both taking? How many times did Jacob lie to his father? What blessing did Esau receive? Why? Why did Rebekah send away Jacob to Haran? How does Rebekah further manipulate her husband? (27:46) or was this manipulation? What special instructions did Isaac give to Jacob? Why? How did Isaac “really” give the blessing to Jacob? What was the purpose of Jacob’s dream? (see 28:13-15) What vow did Jacob make? How does God feel about such vows?

## 19 – Genesis 29-30—Jacob And His Family

What is behind all the questions that Jacob asked the shepherds? What happened at the first meeting of Jacob and Rachel? How did Jacob get “out-grabbed” by Uncle Laban? Why would Jacob not know it was Leah rather than Rachel? Judah will be the covenant son of promise – who was his mom? What sinfulness happened and as a result we have the 12 sons of Israel? What does this tell us about God and His plans with His promises? How did Jacob “get even” with Laban? How was this possible?

## 20 – Genesis 31—Jacob Escapes

Why this 2nd “escape” for Jacob? How was this one different? (v.3) or was it? Why did Leah and Rachel go against their father? Again (v.24), God comes to someone in a dream! (20:3; 28:12) What foolish vow did Jacob make to Laban? (v.32) What is the irony of what Rachel did? (v.34-35) In v.42, how did Jacob know? What was the covenant Jacob and Laban made at Mizpah?

## 21 – Genesis 32-33—Jacob And Esau, Part

Why did Esau have 400 men with him? How did Jacob show his trust in the Lord? (see 32:12) Why did Jacob send so many “gifts” to Esau? Why did God wrestle with Jacob? Why the name change? How did Jacob learn that grace, not negotiation is the only way to deal with guilt? Why did Jacob not want Esau to go with him?

## 22 – Genesis 34-35—Jacob’s Daughter, Dinah

Why was intermarriage forbidden? Why did the Canaanites seek intermarriage? (34:23) What occurred when Jacob returned to Bethel? (see [Genesis 28:10-22](#) with [Genesis 35:9-15](#) and see also [35:16-20](#)).

## 23 – Genesis 36—Esau’s Descendants

Why this list of Esau’s descendants? What “red flags” are there in this “account”?

## 24 – Genesis 37—Joseph’s Dreams

How is the “account” of Jacob so very different from the “account” of Esau? Most accounts are a listing of the sons – why is this one so different? What do we know about Rueben? About Judah? How was Jacob “deceived” again?

## 25 – Genesis 38—Family Incest!

Why this story about Judah? What series of sins was Judah guilty of? How did God work His good in spite of all the sinful decisions that Judah did? How did God continue to show His grace to Judah? (look ahead to 49:10) With the birth of Perez, look ahead to [Ruth 4:18-22](#) and [Matthew 1:1-6](#).

## 26 – Genesis 39—Joseph And Potiphar

How does this story compare with that of Judah (Ch. 38)? Why did Joseph have so much success and yet why did he suffer so much? (see v.2, 3, 5, 21, 23)

## 27 – Genesis 40-41—More Dreams

Why the dreams of the cup-bearer and baker? Why did God give to Joseph the interpretation of the dreams? How were the heads of both the cup-bearer and the baker “lifted up”? Why did God leave Joseph in prison for 2 more years? Why did Pharaoh have 2 more dreams? How did Joseph go beyond interpretation to that of giving advice? How did God work His will through the affairs of the world? What assurance does this give to us today?

## 28 – Genesis 42-44—Joseph’s Brothers Go To Egypt

Why did Joseph hide his identity from his brothers? Why did he treat his brothers in this way? Why did Joseph weep (42:24)? Why did the brothers blame God? (42:28) In Ch. 43 what is the change in Judah? How was the brother’s 2nd visit different from the first? (compare 43:23 with 42:28) Why was Benjamin’s portion 5 times more than his brothers? (43:34) Why did Joseph lie to his brothers?

## 29 – Genesis 45-47—The Revealing And Big Move

What significant truth does Joseph speak (45:7-8)? God spoke to Jacob / Israel in his old age again (Ch. 46) – why this repeat of 28:10f? Why the absence of “the account” in 46:8f? Why are both names (Jacob & Israel) used in 47:28-31?

## 30 – Genesis 48-50—Passing On – And The Blessing

How does Jacob pass on the blessing before passing on? Why does Israel (Jacob) cross his arms when blessing Joseph’s two sons? How does Jacob / Israel know what to say in the blessing of his sons? Why wasn’t Jacob buried in Egypt? How were Joseph and his brothers reconciled? Why did Joseph have his brothers promise to carry his bones out of Egypt? (Note the end of [Joshua 24:31-32](#))