



*THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES*

*A Study of*

**GENESIS**



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# **Study Guide for the Book of Genesis**

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## INTRODUCTION

### Author:

Traditionally, both conservative Jews and Christians alike have held that Moses was the author/compiler of the first five books of the Old Testament. These books are known as the Pentateuch (meaning "five-volume book"). The Bible itself suggests Moses as the author (**Acts 15:1** in reference to **Genesis 17**). However, some scholars argue that someone, probably Joshua, may have made some editorial adjustments (see **Genesis 14:14, 36:31, 47:11**). It is clear from Deuteronomy that this was one of Joshua's duties assigned by Moses himself.

At the time in which Moses wrote this book people relied heavily on oral tradition. Therefore, Moses would have had sources to corroborate the testimony given in this book that had been passed down from one generation to another. However, none of that is significant since he spoke to the One who was there at creation, the Creator (**II Timothy 3:16-17**).

### Date:

Dating Moses' lifetime, and the books he wrote, can be done fairly accurately thanks to Bible references. For instance, in **I Kings 6:1** it is evident that "*the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel*" was the same as "*the four hundred and eightieth year after the Israelites had come out of Egypt.*" Since the former was 966 BC the latter - and thus the date of the exodus -- was 1446 BC (assuming that the 480 in **I Kings 6:1** is to be taken literally). The 40 year period of Israel's wanderings in the desert, which lasted from 1446 to 1406 BC, would have been the most likely time for Moses to write the bulk of what is today known as the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy).

### Theme:

The first phrase in the Hebrew text is *bereshith* (in the beginning), which is also the Hebrew title of the book. Genesis speaks of beginnings (i.e. the creation of the heavens and the earth, of light and darkness, of seas and skies, of land and vegetation, of sun and moon and stars, of sea and air and land animals, of human beings, of marriage and the family, of the fall and restoration, of society and civilization, of sin and redemption, of freedom and slavery, etc. Of course, the pinnacle of Genesis is when God creates man in His own image, which is the climax of His creative activity and the beginning of a great story that will not end until time itself has dissipated.

It should be noted that the book of Genesis is the foundation book of the Bible and a key to understanding of the rest of the Bible. Its message may be rich, complex, and profound but it is written in narrative to make it discernable. It speaks about relationships between the Creator and His creation. It reveals the pitfalls of earthly relationships without God at the center of them. Genesis will reveal the dangers of forgetting God's role in the world (Creator) and His purpose for mankind (caring for creation). It will also introduce the clear differences between those who are practicing monotheism (one God), polytheism (many gods), atheism (belief in no god) and pantheism (everything is divine).

### Audience:

Clearly Genesis was written for the Israelites so that they could know their history and so that it could encourage them to look to a bright future. There are several occasions when statements are made in the book of Genesis regarding history, narrative, genealogical record, or accounts of family groups. However, the book is the most valuable history book ever written! It is the book that reveals human origin!

Literary Notes:

There is one key word in the book of Genesis which is "account" (**Genesis 2:4, 5:1, 6:9, 10:1, 11:10, 11:27, 25:12, 25:19, 36:1, 36:9, 37:2**). That phrase is used to divide the book into ten major parts (see Outline). Each of these major divisions includes a pattern of birth, death, genealogy and history. The message of the book is further enhanced because of this literary structure. These divisions help the narrative to flow from one character to another and from one historical narrative to the next.

Key Verses:

**Genesis 1:1, 1:26-27, 2:4, 3:1, 3:15-16, 4:1, 5:1, 6:1, 6:8-9, 9:6, 10:1, 11:1, 11:10, 11:27, 12:1-3, 14:18, 15:18, 17:1, 25:12, 25:19, 36:1, 36:9, 37:2, 41:16, 48:15-16, 49:10, 50:25**

Outline of the Book:

*I. Primeval History (Genesis 1:1-2:3)*

- A. Day one of creation (**Genesis 1:1-5**)
- B. Day two of creation (**Genesis 1:6-8**)
- C. Day three of creation (**Genesis 1:9-13**)
- D. Day four of creation (**Genesis 1:14-19**)
- E. Day five of creation (**Genesis 1:20-23**)
- F. Day six of creation (**Genesis 1:24-31**)
- G. Day seven, after creation, the first Sabbath (**Genesis 2:1-3**)

*II. Primitive History (Genesis 2:4-11:26)*

- A. "The account of the heavens and the earth" (**Genesis 2:4-4:26**)
- B. "The account of Adam's lineage" (**Genesis 5:1-6:8**)
- C. "The account of Noah" (**Genesis 6:9-9:29**)
- D. "The account of Shem, Ham and Japheth" (**Genesis 10:1-11:9**)
- E. "The account of Shem" (**Genesis 11:10-26**)

*III. Patriarchal History (Genesis 11:27-50:26)*

- A. "The account of Terah" (**Genesis 11:27-25:11**)
- B. "The account of Abraham's son Ishmael" (**Genesis 25:12-18**)
- C. "The account of Abraham's son Isaac" (**Genesis 25:19-35:29**)
- D. "The account of Esau" (**Genesis 36:1-37:1**)
- E. "The account of Jacob" (**Genesis 37:2-50:26**)

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## CHAPTER BY CHAPTER STUDY NOTES

### **Genesis chapter 1**

- 1:1-2      God creates the heavens and earth  
*Why doesn't God reveal more about Himself in the beginning?*
- Who moved upon the face of the waters?*
- 1:3-5      God creates the light and separates day from the night  
*What did God create on the 1st day of the creation week? Why?*
- 1:6-8      God creates the firmament and divides the waters  
*What did God create on the 2nd day of the creation week? Why?*
- 1:9-13     God separates the dry land  
*What did God create on the 3rd day of the creation week? Why?*
- 1:14-19    God forms the sun, moon, and stars  
*What did God create on the 4th day of the creation week? Why?*
- 1:20-23    God creates fishes and fowls  
*What did God create on the 5th day of the creation week? Why?*
- 1:24-25    God creates cattle, wild beasts, and creeping things  
*What did God create on the 6th day of the creation week? Why?*
- 1:26-28    God creates man in His own image  
*What is the significance of being made in God's image?*
- What is man's role in the garden?*
- 1:29-31    God ordains the fruits of the earth for food  
*What did all of the animals and mankind eat at that time?*
- How do we know that the days of creation were literal days?*

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### **Genesis chapter 2**

2:1-3 The Lord rests, establishes the first Sabbath  
*Which day did God rest from all his work which He created?*

*If God is eternal, and does not need rest, why does He choose to rest?*

2:4-7 Details about the manner of creation  
*How did God water the plants at this time?*

*Why is this significant? (Genesis 6-8)*

2:8-14 Details about the Garden of Eden and the tree of life  
*Where in Eden was the garden planted?*

*What is significant about the tree of life?*

2:15-17 Instruction for humanity about the tree of knowledge  
*What is significant about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?*

*Which tree in the garden was is permitted? Which was condemned?*

2:18-20 Adam gets to name all of the animals  
*Who named the animals? Why?*

*What happens when man begins to name the animals?*

2:21-25 Creation of woman and the institution of marriage  
*How did God form the woman?*

*What is the significance of this action? Why take woman out of man?*

*What does the Bible say about marriage?*

*How is this significant in the rest of the Bible?*

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## **Genesis chapter 3**

3:1-5

The serpent deceives the woman

*Who is the serpent? Where did he come from?*

*How does the serpent seek to deceive the woman?*

3:6-7

The woman and Adam transgress God's command

*What do we learn about humanity and vain religion in this section?*

3:8-13

God confronts Adam and Eve

*What did Adam and Eve do when they heard the voice of God? Why?*

*Did Adam and Eve take responsibility for their actions?*

3:14-19

The serpent is cursed, the seed is promised, man and woman are punished

*What is the curse based upon the serpent?*

*What punishment is given to the woman? What about the man?*

*Who is the "seed of the woman" that will bruise the serpent's head?*

3:20

Adam names his wife "Eve"

*What is the significance of the woman's name changed?*

*What does her name mean?*

3:21

The shedding of blood, the first clothing

*What is a principle taught through the shedding of blood?*

*How does this fit with the prophesy of v.15 and the shedding of blood?*

3:22-24

Expulsion from paradise

*After God drove man out of the garden what did He do?*

*Was this to prevent them from reaching the tree of life?*

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### **Genesis chapter 4**

4:1-3

The birth of Cain and Abel

*Who was the firstborn? Who was second?*

*What did Adam and Eve think of their family?*

4:4-7

The offerings of Cain and Abel

*What was the difference between the offerings of Cain and Abel?*

*Which son had an offering appealing to the Lord? Why?*

4:8-10

Cain murders his brother Abel

*Where did Cain kill Abel?*

*Why did Cain kill Abel?*

*What did Cain say to God when He asked where Abel was?*

4:11-15

The curse of Cain

*What was God's punishment regarding Cain's slaying of his brother?*

*Why did God punish Cain this way?*

4:16-24

Cain has a son called Enoch who builds a city

*What was the name of the city that Cain built?*

*Who were the descendants of Enoch?*

*Who was the first man to take two wives?*

4:25-26

The birth of Seth and the beginning of his family

*Who is the third son of Adam and Eve mentioned in the chapter?*

*What do we know about Enosh?*

*What started happening at the same time?*

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### **Genesis chapter 5**

5:1-2

Reintroduction to the creation of man

*Why would Moses retell the story again?*

*In whose likeness was Adam made?*

*What specific details are given here? Explain.*

5:3-21

The genealogy, age, and death of the patriarchs from Adam to Jared

*In whose likeness and image was Adam's children made?*

*Why does the Bible begin with the precedent of telling us genealogy?*

*Who was Seth's son? What is significant about him?*

*How old was Adam when he died?*

5:22-24

The godliness and translation of Enoch

*Who is the oldest person who ever lived?*

*Whose death is not mentioned in the chapter and for what reason?*

*What happened to Enoch? Why?*

5:25-32

The genealogy, age, and death of the patriarchs from Methuselah to Noah

*How many years after Adam died did the flood occur?*

*How many years after Adam died was Noah born?*

*If we do the math we will see Methuselah would have been no was only living relative at the time of the flood. Why is this significant?*

*How old was Noah when he had his sons?*

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## **Genesis chapter 6**

6:1-7

The wickedness of the world provokes God's wrath

*What is the state of man the beginning of this chapter?*

*How did God feel about humanity? Why?*

*What was God's judgment regarding the wickedness of man in the earth?*

*How do you feel when you read these verses?*

*What do we know about the sons of God and daughters of men?*

6:8

Noah finds grace in the eyes of the Lord

*Why did Noah find grace in God's eyes?*

*What is so special about Noah and his family?*

*Why do you think God gave man a second chance?*

6:9-13

Noah is perfect in his generations

*What did God see when He looked upon the earth?*

*Why did He decide not to destroy the earth?*

*Why did He put the tree of life in front of Noah?*

6:14-22

God gives Noah the order, form, and dimensions of the ark

*If a cubit=18 inches, then how many feet wide, tall, and long was the ark?*

*What was the ark made of? Why is this significant?*

*Who and what were to come in to the ark? Why?*

*What can we learn about Noah's character from these verses?*

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### **Genesis chapter 7**

7:1-15

Noah and his family, with the living creatures, enter the ark

*How many of every clean beast did God tell Noah to bring on the ark?*

*How many of every kind of unclean beast was he to bring aboard?*

*How many of every kind of fowl?*

*Why are these numbers important to remember? Explain.*

*How many days and nights did God say it would rain on the earth?*

*How old was Noah when the flood of waters was upon the earth?*

7:16-17

God shuts the door and the flood begins

*Why is it important to remember that God shut the door?*

*What do you think was happening when the flood began?*

7:18-20

The increase of water and rain for forty days

*What would happen if it rained over the entire earth for 40 days?*

*How high above the mountains did the waters rise?*

7:21-23

All flesh, left on the earth, is destroyed by the flood

*What happened to all the people and animals that were not in the ark?*

*What can we know about the fish and beasts of the sea?*

7:24

The water covered the entire earth for 150 days

*Why is it important to know how long there was standing water?*

*Was it possible for beasts or humans to tread water that long?*

*What do the skeptics say about the flood? What does the Bible say?*

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## **Genesis chapter 8**

8:1-3

God remembers Noah and allows the water to rescind  
*How long were Noah and his family in the ark?*

*What does that tell us about their patience and endurance?*

8:4-5

The ark rests on the mountains of Ararat  
*Where exactly did the ark rest? Why is that important?*

*Is it possible to locate the ark today? Or where it rested?*

8:6-12

Noah sends forth a raven and then a dove  
*How did Noah know that the waters subsided from off the earth?*

*What happens when he sends forth the raven, then the dove?*

*What was Noah looking for?*

8:13-19

Noah, following God's command, leaves the ark.  
*How do you think Noah and his family felt when they stepped out?*

*What would you miss the least after that boat ride? Explain.*

8:20-22

Noah builds an altar and offers sacrifices  
*What did Noah do when he got off the ark with the clean beasts?*

*Why did he decide to offer sacrifices?*

*Why didn't he save all of the animals after the flood?*

8:20-22

God accepts the sacrifice and promises to curse the earth no more  
*What does the Lord say about the imagination of man's heart?*

*What promise/covenant does God give to mankind? Why?*

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## **Genesis chapter 9**

9:1-3 God blesses Noah and his sons, and grants them flesh for food  
*What was the dietary change that took place after the flood?*

*Why is this important? What changed?*

9:4-7 Blood and murder are forbidden by God  
*What new commands and restrictions are given by God? Why?*

9:8-17 God's covenant is shown with the rainbow as an eternal pledge  
*What is the covenant that God established with Noah after the flood?*

*What is the proof of the covenant that God made with Noah?*

9:18-19 Noah's family replenish the world with humanity  
*What are the names of the 3 sons of Noah?*

*What were they commanded to do? Why?*

9:21-24 Noah plants a vineyard and gets drunk  
*Why did Noah plant a vineyard?*

*What did he do after he got drunk? What did his sons do?*

9:25 Noah curses Ham (Canaan)  
*What does Noah say to him?*

9:26 Noah blesses Shem  
*What does Noah say to him?*

9:27 Noah blesses Japheth  
*What does Noah say to him?*

9:28-29 Noah dies  
*What do we know about the last days of Noah's life?*

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## **Genesis chapter 10**

10:1 The descendants of Noah are listed: Shem, Ham, and Japheth  
*What is the significance of Noah's genealogy?*

*What does this tell us about the promise of God in Genesis 3:15?*

*What is God's plan/purpose through Noah?*

10:2-5 The descendants of Japheth are listed  
*Where did the descendants of Japheth settle down?*

*Why is that important?*

10:6-20 The descendants of Ham are listed  
*Who was the son of Cush?*

*What was the beginning of Nimrod's kingdom?*

*Where was Nimrod's kingdom located?*

*Who were the descendants of Canaan? Why is that important?*

10:21-31 The descendants of Shem are listed  
*Where did the descendants of Japheth settle down?*

*Why is that important?*

10:32 The descendants of Noah explained  
*What do you learn about Noah's family based on where they lived?*

*Why would God want you to know this information?*

*What specific command was given to Adam and Eve after the Fall?*

*Why is that important?*

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### **Genesis chapter 11**

11:1 There is one language for the world  
*How many different languages were spoken in Genesis 11:1?*

*What would that have been like? Explain.*

11:2-4 The building of the Tower of Babel  
*What was the purpose of the city and the tower?*

11:5-9 The confusion of tongues and the builders disperse around the earth  
*Where did the people settle down to start building a city and a tower?*

*How did the people disobey God's commandment that He gave earlier?*

*What did God do in response to man's rebellion?*

*What is the name of the city they were building? Why?*

11:10-26 The generations of Shem continued  
*Who was the leader of this city?*

*Why is this important?*

*Which of Noah's 3 sons was a grandfather to Abram?*

11:27-30 The generations of Terah, the father of Abram  
*Who was Abram's father?*

*Who were Abram's brothers?*

*Who was Abram's wife?*

*Where was Abram born?*

11:31-32 Terah, with Abram and Lot, move from Ur to Haran  
*Where did Terah and his family go after leaving Ur of the Chaldees?*

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### **Genesis chapter 12**

12:1-3 God calls Abram and blesses him  
*What did God tell Abram?*

*How old was Abram when he departed out of Haran?*

*How old was Sarai when she departed out of Haran?*

12:4-5 Abram departs with Lot from Haran and comes to Canaan  
*Who went with Abram from Haran to the land of Canaan?*

*How was Lot related to Abram and Sarai?*

12:6 Abram journeys through Canaan  
*What tree is mentioned? Where is it located?*

12:7-9 Abram receives a vision  
*What did God promise Abram?*

*Why is this promise significant?*

12:10 Famine drives Abram into Egypt  
*How widespread is this famine?*

12:11-13 Fear makes Abram pretend his wife is his sister  
*Why did Abram compel Sarai to lie?*

*What are the dangers in this half-truth/half-lie?*

12:14-17 Egypt endures plagues  
*What did the Lord do to Pharaoh because of Sarai?*

*How does Pharaoh react? Why?*

12:18-20 Pharaoh returns Sarai and reproves Abram  
*What does Pharaoh say to Abram?*

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### **Genesis chapter 13**

13:1-5 Abram and Lot return with great riches out of Egypt  
*How did they obtain all of these riches?*

*What regions are highlighted here? Why?*

13:6-7 Strife arises between Abram's herdsmen and those of Lot  
*What was happening between the men?*

*Why did Lot and Abram separate?*

13:8-9 Abram wants to resolve the conflict with Lot  
*How does Abram react to the problems between them?*

*Why is this a significant part of God's plan?*

13:10-13 Lot chooses the beautiful plain of Jordan  
*Where did Lot specifically choose to go? Why?*

*What two specific cities are mentioned?*

*What does the scripture say about the men of Sodom?*

*Where did Abram dwell? Why?*

13:14-17 God renews His promise to Abram  
*What does the Lord say to Abram after he and Lot separate?*

*What did the Lord promise to give to Abram and his seed?*

13:18 Abram moves to Hebron and builds an altar  
*Why did the Lord have Abram walk through the land?*

*What is the significance of Abram building another altar?*

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### **Genesis chapter 14**

14:1-11

The battle of four kings

*Who are the 4 kings that fight against the Sodom and Gomorrah?*

*What caused Chedorlaomer to pick a fight against the kings of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim?*

*Which regions were affected by this battle?*

14:12-13

Lot is taken captive

*Who was taken when Chedorlaomer and the 3 other kings spoiled Sodom and Gomorrah? Why?*

*Who went with Abram to pursue the kings who had taken Lot?*

14:14-16

Abram rescues Lot

*Why do you think Abram chose to get involved?*

*Who is victorious? What are the spoils?*

14:17-20

Melchizedek blesses Abram

*Who met Abram when he was returning from the battle? Why?*

*What do we know about Melchizedek?*

*What does the term “the most high God” mean?*

*What does the book of Hebrews tell us about his priesthood?*

14:21-24

The king of Sodom is restored

*How did the king treat Abram?*

*How did Abram treat the king?*

*What can we learn about Abram’s influence?*

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## **Genesis chapter 15**

15:1-3

God encourages Abram

*Who is the steward of Abram's house?*

*What do we know about him?*

*Why do you think Abram chose this man as an heir?*

15:4-5

God promises Abram a son

*Who does the Lord say will be Abram's heir?*

*Why does Abram have to keep hearing this promise from God?*

15:6

Abram is justified by faith

*What does the book of Romans tell us about Abraham's faith?*

*Where is the evidence? Cite examples.*

15:7-16

God renews the covenant with Abram again

*How does the Lord show Abram that he would inherit the land?*

*What is the significance of this practice?*

*Why did God give the land of Canaan to Abram and his seed for an everlasting possession?*

*How long should this covenant last? Explain.*

*How many years did God say that Abram's seed would be afflicted?*

*What did God say would happen to Abram's seed after 400 years?*

15:17-21

Canaan is promised to Abram again

*What are the boundaries of the land that God gave to Abram?*

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### **Genesis chapter 16**

16:1-3

Sarai gives her Egyptian handmaid to Abram

*What was the name of Sarai's Egyptian handmaid?*

*What did Sarai tell Abram to do regarding Hagar?*

*Why would she do this, knowing the promise of God?*

16:4-6

Hagar runs away

*Why did Hagar run away?*

*What does this symbolize?*

16:7-12

The angel of the Lord appears to Hagar

*What did the angel tell Hagar to do?*

*What was to be the name of Hagar's son?*

*What blessings are promised to this child?*

16:13-14

Hagar returns to Sarai

*What did she name this place? Why?*

*Why did the Lord have compassion for this woman?*

16:15-16

Ishmael is born

*How old was Abram when Ishmael was born?*

*Why is the age of Abram significant?*

*What does this mean for the covenant/promise?*

*What nation/religion holds ties to this boy?*

*How do they feel about Abram? Explain.*

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### **Genesis chapter 17**

17:1-8

God renews the covenant with Abram and changes his name to Abraham

*How old was Abram when the Lord appeared to him in this chapter?*

*Why does God renew this covenant...AGAIN?*

*What did God change Abram's name to? Why?*

*What is the implication of the name change?*

17:9-14

Circumcision is commanded for Abraham and Ishmael

*What was the token of the covenant between God and Abram?*

*How long would this covenant stand? Explain.*

*When did God say that a boy was to be circumcised?*

*What would happen to the one who was not circumcised?*

17:15-16

Sarai's name is changed to Sarah

*What was Sarai's name changed to? Why?*

*What did God promise to give to Abraham and Sarah?*

*Why does God mention BOTH of their names this time?*

17:17-22

Isaac is promised to Abraham and Sarah

*What was Abraham and Sarah's son to be named?*

*Which one of Abraham's sons would be a part of God's covenant?*

17:23-27

Abraham and Ishmael are circumcised

*How old was Ishmael when he was circumcised?*

*How old was Abraham when he was circumcised?*

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## **Genesis chapter 18**

18:1-8

Angelic visitors come to see Abraham

*Where did the Lord appear to Abraham?*

*How many men came to visit Abraham? Why that number?*

*What did Abraham do for these visitors?*

18:9-15

Sarah is reproved for laughing at the promise of a son.

*How did Sarah respond when the Lord told Abraham that she would have a son? Why?*

*What does the phrase “according to the time of life” mean?*

*What is the identity of the 3 men that visited Abraham?*

*How did the Lord handle the doubt of Sarah?*

18:16-22

The destruction of Sodom is revealed to Abraham.

*What did the Lord tell Abraham concerning Sodom and Gomorrah?*

*How is their sin described?*

*How many of the visitors departed?*

*Where did they go? Why?*

18:23-33

Abraham makes intercession for the inhabitants.

*How does Abraham react to this news?*

*What did Abraham do once he knew what the Lord was to do with Sodom and Gomorrah?*

*What agreement is made between God and Abraham?*

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### **Genesis chapter 19**

19:1-3

Lot entertains two angels

*What city do the two angels go to first?*

*What request does Lot have for the two angels?*

19:4-11

The Sodomites are blinded

*What do the Sodomites have planned for the angels?*

*What do the two angels do to the men of the city? Why?*

19:12-14

Lot warns his future sons-in-law

*What do the angels tell Lot they are about to do to the city?*

19:15-23

Lot is told to head for the mountains

*What city did Lot and his daughter flee to instead? Why?*

19:24-25

Sodom and Gomorrah are destroyed

*How extensive was this destruction?*

19:26-28

Lot's wife becomes a pillar of salt

*What happened to Lot's wife? Why?*

19:29-30

Lot dwells in a cave with his daughters

*Why did Lot and his daughters flee to the cave?*

19:31-38

The incest of Lot and his daughters

*What were the names of the 2 sons that Lot's daughters?*

*Moab becomes the father of what nation?*

*Ammon becomes the father of what nation?*

*These two nations will stand in the way of Israel for several generations.  
What does that tell us about NOT following God's way?*

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## **Genesis chapter 20**

20:1-2 Abraham, once again, lies about Sarah  
*Where does Abraham choose to sojourn?*

*Why does he deny his wife to the king of Gerar?*

*Who was the king of Gerar?*

20:3-8 Abimelech is rebuked by God  
*What did the Lord reveal to Abimelech?*

*How was Sarah related to Abraham in addition to being his wife?*

*What title does God bestow upon Abraham?*

20:9-13 Abraham is reproved  
*Why does Abraham keep making the same mistake over and over?*

*Does this challenge his title “father of the faith”? Explain.*

*What do we learn about Abimelech’s faith?*

20:14-16 Sarah is restored  
*What does Abimelech give Abraham?*

*What does Abimelech say to Sarah?*

*What reproof is given to Sarah?*

20:17-18 Abimelech and his family are healed  
*What had the Lord done to the house of Abimelech?*

*What did Abraham do for Abimelech?*

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### **Genesis chapter 21**

21:1-5

Isaac is born

*How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?*

*How old was Isaac when he was circumcised?*

21:6-8

Sarah's joy and sorrow

*What does Sarah say about Isaac's birth?*

*What did Sarah want Abraham to do with Hagar's son?*

*What event were the people celebrating?*

21:9-14

Hagar and Ishmael are kicked out

*This is the second time Hagar has left. How is this time different?*

*What did God say to Abraham?*

21:15-16

Hagar prays to God

*Why did Hagar weep? Where was this?*

*What was her specific request? Why?*

21:17-22

The angel relieves Hagar and helps them

*What did God promise to do with Hagar's son?*

*What is the result of this promise?*

21:23-34

Abimelech's covenant with Abraham

*Where did the two meet? Why?*

*Why did Abraham reprove Abimelech?*

*What was the nature of the covenant between Abraham and Abimelech?*

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### **Genesis chapter 22**

22:1-2 Abraham is tempted to offer Isaac  
*What does God tell Abraham to do with Isaac?*

*Where was he told to go? Why?*

*How does Abraham react to this request?*

22:3-10 Abraham proves his faith  
*What did Abraham tell his servants?*

*How many days does Abraham wait? Why?*

*What does Abraham tell Isaac when about the burnt offering?*

22:11-12 The angel stops Abraham  
*What does the angel of the Lord do? Why?*

*What does the angel say to Abraham?*

22:13-14 A replacement sacrifice is offered  
*What animal is found in the brush?*

*What does Abraham name the place?*

22:15-19 Abraham is blessed by God, again  
*What does God say to Abraham?*

*How many times has God said these things? Why?*

*What does the Lord promise to do with Abraham and his seed?*

22:20-24 The generations of Nahor to Rebekah  
*Who is the ultimate "Lamb of God" sacrificed for the sins of the world?*

*How can this story parallel to His story?*

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### **Genesis chapter 23**

23:1-2

The death of Sarah

*How old was Sarah when she died?*

*Where does Sarah die?*

*How did Abraham react when she died?*

23:3-18

The purchase of land and a burial cave for Sarah

*Whom was Abraham seeking in the town?*

*What does that tell us about his planning and preparation?*

*Where did Abraham want to bury Sarah?*

*What field did he want to purchase?*

*What cave was also located here?*

*Does this violate his covenant with God about being a sojourner?*

*What is included with this purchase besides the land and the cave?*

23:19-20

The burial of Sarah

*What did Abraham do when the man tried to give Abraham the burying place for free?*

*The cave and field were east of what place?*

*What do we know about this region?*

*What nation is now tied to Abraham's story?*

*For many years what did "intellectuals" claim about these people? How were they proved wrong?*

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### **Genesis chapter 24**

24:1-9 Abraham seeks a wife for Isaac

*What did Abraham make the eldest servant of his house promise?*

*How did they ratify this covenant?*

24:10-14 The servant's search for a wife for Isaac

*Where would Abraham's servant go to find Abraham's kin?*

*What was his prayer to God?*

*What sign did Abraham's servant request from God?*

*What does this tell us about his faith?*

24:15-28 Rebekah meets the servant

*How quickly was this prayer answered?*

*How was Rebekah related to Abraham and Isaac?*

*What did the servant give to Rebekah?*

*Where did Rebekah take the servant? Why?*

*What did the servant do?*

24:29-61 Laban and his household entertains the servant

*What was the name of Rebekah's brother?*

*What did the servant say to the family?*

24:62-67 Isaac meets and marries her.

*Why do you think Rebekah consented to go with the servant?*

*What did Rebekah do when she saw Isaac?*

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### **Genesis chapter 25**

25:1-4 Abraham has more sons with Keturah  
*How old is Abraham now?*

*Why is he still having children?*

*Which son of Abraham and Keturah plays a prominent role in history?*

25:5-11 Abraham divides the inheritance, dies and is buried  
*Who received all of Abraham's land? Why?*

*How old was Abraham when he died?*

*Where was Abraham buried? Why?*

*What did God do for Isaac?*

25:12-18 The genealogy of Ishmael  
*How old was Ishmael when he died?*

*What can we learn from his descendants?*

25:19-21 Isaac prays for Rebekah, she gets pregnant  
*How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah?*

*Why does she finally conceive?*

25:22-28 Esau and Jacob are born  
*Why do the children strive in her womb?*

*Who is born first? Why is that significant?*

*In what ways do they differ?*

25:29-34 Esau sells his birthright.  
*What did Esau sell to Jacob in exchange for some of Jacob's food?*

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### **Genesis chapter 26**

26:1-6

Isaac is blessed by God

*In what ways is Isaac following in his father's footsteps?*

*Where did Isaac and his family dwell during the famine in the land?*

*Where was it that God told Isaac not to go? Why?*

*How does God confirm the covenant He made with Abraham, again?*

26:7-11

Isaac denies his wife

*What does Isaac tell the men about his relationship with Rebekah?*

*How is this similar to what Abraham said about Sarah earlier?*

26:12-22

Isaac prospers

*As he grows rich, what did the Philistines do?*

*What is the significance of digging in Esek, Sitnah, and Rehoboth?*

26:23-33

God renews His covenant with Isaac

*Where did God appear to Isaac?*

*What did the Lord say to Isaac?*

*What was the agreement made between Isaac and Abimelech?*

26:34-35

Esau's genealogy

*What are the names of Esau's wives and what nation comes from them?*

*What do Isaac and Rebekah think about Esau's wives?*

*How does that put a wedge into the family?*

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### **Genesis chapter 27**

27:1-5

Isaac gets hungry

*What is it that Isaac wants Esau to bring him?*

*What is Isaac going to do to Esau?*

27:6-13

Rebekah helps Jacob to trick Isaac

*What does Rebekah instruct Jacob to do?*

*Why would she do this to her own husband? Her own son?*

27:14-29

Jacob steals the blessing from Esau

*What disguises does Jacob do to trick his father?*

*Why is the blessing such a big deal?*

*Why does Jacob covet the blessing when he already has the birthright?*

27:30-40

Esau returns home

*What does Isaac do when he realizes he was tricked?*

*What does Esau want from Isaac his father?*

*How does he react? What does he say to his father?*

27:41-46

Esau threatens Jacob's life.

*What does Esau want to do to his brother Jacob?*

*What does Rebekah tell Jacob to do in order to save his life?*

*Why does Rebekah want her son to go to Haran?*

*What does Jacob do?*

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### **Genesis chapter 28**

28:1-5      Isaac blesses Jacob and permits him to leave  
*What does Isaac not want Jacob to do?*

*What does that tell us about his relationship with Esau?*

*Where does Isaac send Jacob to find a wife? Why?*

28:6-9      Esau marries Mahalath  
*Mahalath is the daughter of what man? What does that mean?*

*What does Esau do when he realizes that his wives are rejected?*

*What lesson can be learned about marriage from this story?*

28:10-19    Jacob has a vision  
*What does Jacob see in his dream?*

*Why does God confirm the covenant made with Abraham and Isaac?*

*When Jacob wakes up, what does he say about that place?*

*What did Jacob do with the stone?*

*Why would he do this? Where did he learn this?*

28:20-22    Jacob makes a vow to God  
*What does Jacob call the place where he had the dream?*

*What does that tell us about his relationship with God?*

*How much does he pledge to God?*

*Why is it important to make vows to God?*

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### **Genesis chapter 29**

29:1-8      Jacob goes to the well of Haran  
*Who does Jacob ask the shepherds?*

*Which daughter of Laban comes out to the well?*

*How is Laban related to his mother Rebekah?*

29:9-17      Jacob falls in love with Rachel  
*How does Jacob react when he realizes they are related?*

*What is Laban's response when he finds out Jacob is there?*

29:18-22      Jacob agrees to work for Rachel  
*What was the name of the oldest daughter? How is she described?*

*What was the name of the youngest daughter? How is she described?*

*What agreement is reached between Jacob and Laban?*

29:23-31      Laban tricks Jacob  
*How did Laban deceive Jacob? Why?*

*What does Jacob end up having to do to have Rachel as his wife?*

*How do you think the sisters felt about this transaction?*

29:32-35      Leah bears children with Jacob  
*What does the Lord do to Leah when He sees that she is hated?*

*What do the names Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah mean?*

*What is significant about these names?*

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### **Genesis chapter 30**

30:1-4 Rachel gives Bilhah to Jacob  
*Why did Rachel envy her sister?*

*What is Rachel's solution to her problem? Why?*

30:5-8 Bilhah bears two children to Jacob  
*What do the names Dan and Naphtali mean?*

*What is significant about these names?*

30:9-13 Zilpah bears two children to Jacob  
*What do the names Gad and Asher mean?*

*What is significant about these names?*

30:14-16 The mandrake scandal  
*Reuben finds mandrakes for whom?*

*Who ends up with the mandrakes? Why?*

30:17-21 Leah has more children with Jacob  
*What do the names Issachar and Zebulun mean?*

*What is significant about these names?*

*What daughter is born to Jacob?*

30:22-43 Rachel finally has a child and they decide to leave  
*What does Joseph's name mean?*

*Why is Jacob ready to leave? How does Laban react?*

*What was the wage that Jacob requested in order to stay with Laban?*

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## **Genesis chapter 31**

31:1-18

Jacob flees Laban

*What does the Lord tell Jacob to do? Why?*

*How many times did Laban change Jacob's wages?*

*What does this tell us about his character?*

31:19-21

Rachel steals the household idols

*What did Rachel steal from her father? Why?*

*Why didn't Jacob tell Laban that he was leaving?*

31:22-35

Laban pursues Jacob and his family

*Where did Laban catch them?*

*How many days did it take?*

*What does God tell Laban in a dream?*

*What excuse does Jacob give to Laban for leaving so quickly?*

*Does Laban find his false gods that Rachel had stolen? Explain.*

31:36-42

Jacob complains to Laban

*Both of them have complaints. Why is Jacob's argument stronger?*

*Was Laban sorry for what he had done to Jacob?*

31:43-55

The covenant between Laban and Jacob

*How many years did Jacob serve Laban?*

*What was the covenant that Laban made with Jacob?*

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## **Genesis chapter 32**

32:1-2

Jacob's vision from God

*Who does Jacob meet in his travels?*

*What does he name this place? Why?*

32:3-5

Jacob's message to Esau

*Where is Esau living at this time?*

*What does Jacob have his servants do for Esau?*

32:6-8

Jacob is afraid of Esau

*Why is Jacob afraid after 20 years away from Esau?*

*Why does Jacob divide the people and the flocks into two groups?*

32:9-12

Jacob prays for deliverance

*What can we learn from his prayer?*

*What does this tell us about his faith?*

32:13-23

Jacob sends gifts to Esau

*What gifts are sent to Esau?*

*Why does he think gifts will calm his vengeance?*

32:24-32

Jacob wrestles with an angel

*What does Jacob ask of him? What is the response?*

*What does the angel ask Jacob? What is his response?*

*What is the significance of Jacob's name change?*

*What does Jacob call the place where the name change took place?*

*What injury does Jacob receive? Why?*

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### **Genesis chapter 33**

33:1-16

Jacob (Israel) meets with Esau

*What is Esau's response to Jacob (Israel) when they meet?*

*Does Esau accept the gifts that Jacob (Israel) gave to him?*

*How does Jacob (Israel) react to Esau?*

*How does Jacob (Israel) refer to himself around Esau?*

*What happens to the two divided groups of his family?*

*What does this story tell us about forgiveness and holding a grudge?*

33:17

Jacob (Israel) goes to Succoth

*Why do the two brothers still choose to separate?*

*What is the significance of travelling to Succoth?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) build here?*

*Why would he build a house if he's not going to live in it?*

33:18-20

Jacob (Israel) keeps moving on

*Like his father, and grandfather, he keeps moving. Why?*

*Where does Jacob (Israel) go in the land of Canaan and purchase a field?*

*From whom does Jacob (Israel) purchase the field? How much was it?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) name the altar of the Lord built here?*

*What can we learn about the faith of Jacob (Israel) from this story?*

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### **Genesis chapter 34**

34:1-3

Dinah is raped

*Who defiles Dinah, Jacob and Leah's daughter?*

*Where does this happen?*

34:4-12

Dinah is held captive

*What does the boy want his father to do?*

*Why do these people seek to sue Jacob (Israel) to keep Dinah?*

*How do the sons of Jacob (Israel) respond when they hear the news?*

34:13-24

The sons of Jacob (Israel) plot revenge

*What do Jacob's sons ask of Shechem and Hamor to do? Why?*

*What is the significance of circumcision?*

*Did they agree to this contract? Why?*

*How many people will be affected by this agreement?*

34:25-29

The slaughter of the Shechemites

*What two brothers lead the slaughter?*

*What do the sons of Jacob (Israel) take from the city?*

34:30-31

Jacob (Israel) meets with his sons

*What is their father's response to his sons upon hearing what they had done? Why does he react this way?*

*What do the boys say to Jacob (Israel)?*

*What does this tell us about the characters in this story?*

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### **Genesis chapter 35**

35:1 God commands Jacob (Israel) to build an altar  
*Where did God tell Jacob (Israel) to go? Why?*

*What is important about this place?*

35:2-7 Jacob (Israel) consecrates his house and builds the altar  
*Where did Jacob (Israel) hide all the gods, earrings, etc.?*

*How can this be viewed as a momentous occasion?*

*What did the neighboring countries think about them?*

35:8-22 Death, tragedy, and scandal in the house of Israel  
*Who died and was buried beneath Bethel under the tree?*

*Who was this woman and what does her death mean to Jacob (Israel)?*

*When God confirms the covenant, what name does God use for Jacob?*

*What happened when Benjamin was born?*

*Where was Rachel buried when she died?*

*Why did Jacob (Israel) change his son's name?*

*What can we see from this blessing of God to Jacob (Israel)?*

*What horrible sin does Reuben commit?*

35:23-29 The sons of Jacob (Israel) and the death of Isaac  
*How old was Isaac when he died?*

*Does all this death affect the faith of Jacob (Israel)? Explain.*

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## **Genesis chapter 36**

36:1-23

Esau's genealogy

*What is another name for Esau?*

*How many wives did he have? What are their names?*

*How many children did he have? What are their names?*

*Where did Esau settle and live?*

*Why did he leave Canaan?*

*When we compare Genesis 36:11 with Job 2:11 what can we learn?*

*Who was the son of Eliphaz, Esau's son, who ended up being an enemy of the nation of Israel? (Exodus 17)*

*What is the importance of the story of Anah in this section?*

36:31-43

The kings, princes, and chiefs of Edom

*What royalty can be found in his genealogy?*

*What can we learn from his descendants?*

*Who is the father of the Edomites?*

*How can this help us understand the conflict between the Edomites and the Israelites?*

*Did these people keep a relationship with God?*

*If these people are not significant to the story of Israel, why would God allow this chapter to remain in the Bible? Explain.*

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### **Genesis chapter 37**

37:1-4

Jacob (Israel) shows favoritism toward Joseph

*How old was Joseph, the son of Jacob (Israel), in this story?*

*What does the term “generations of Jacob” mean?*

*What special garment did Jacob (Israel) make for Joseph?*

*How did Joseph’s brothers feel about him?*

*Why did they feel that way?*

37:5-11

The dreams and visions of Joseph

*What was the 1st dream of Joseph?*

*What was the interpretation?*

*What was the 2nd dream of Joseph?*

*What was the interpretation?*

37:12-20

Jacob (Israel) sends Joseph to spy on his brothers

*Where does Joseph finally find his brothers?*

*What do they want to do to him? Who intervenes?*

37:21-30

Joseph is thrown into a well, then sold into slavery

*What did Joseph’s brothers end up doing to Joseph? Why?*

*Which brother comes up with the plan?*

37:31-36

Jacob is grieved

*How does Jacob (Israel) respond when he sees Joseph’s coat?*

*Who did the Midianites sell Joseph to in Egypt?*

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### **Genesis chapter 38**

38:1-10

The genealogy of Judah

*What are the names of Judah's sons?*

*What happened to the oldest son?*

*What happened to the middle son?*

38:11-12

Tamar is left childless, Judah becomes a widower

*What does Judah tell his daughter-in-law to do?*

*What does Judah promise her concerning his youngest son?*

*How does Judah recover after his wife died?*

38:13-26

Tamar deceives Judah

*Why does Tamar disguise herself as a harlot?*

*What did she request for a pledge?*

*Why did she ask for this? Why couldn't Judah pay her?*

*What did Judah want to do to Tamar when he found she was pregnant?*

*What does Tamar show Judah to prove that Judah is the father?*

*What is Judah's response?*

38:27-30

Tamar and Judah have twins

*What are the names of the twins? Which one is the oldest?*

*Which one ends up being part of the seed line of Jesus Christ?*

*What does this story tell us about the providence of God?*

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### **Genesis chapter 39**

39:1-6 Joseph is blessed by God  
*Who was Potipher?*

*What position did Joseph receive from Potipher?*

39:7-12 Joseph resists temptation  
*How does Joseph respond to the advances of Potipher's wife?*

*What does he reveal to her about his faith?*

*What lessons can be learned about temptation?*

39:13-19 Joseph is falsely accused  
*What evidence is used against Joseph?*

*How does Joseph react to the accusation?*

39:20 Joseph is thrown into prison  
*Why did Potipher put Joseph in prison?*

*Did he deserve to go to prison? Why not death?*

*At this point do you think he would lose his faith? Explain.*

39:21-23 God is with Joseph  
*Because the Lord was with Joseph, God gave him favor and blessings.  
What does that tell us about doing the right thing?*

*What position did the keeper of the prison give to Joseph?*

*Why did he gain this position?*

*How will he use this position to grow in his faith?*

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### **Genesis chapter 40**

40:1-4

The leadership of Joseph

*Which two officers of Pharaoh did Joseph meet?*

*What is the relationship between Joseph and these two men?*

*Why did the captain of the guard trust Joseph?*

40:5-19

Joseph interprets dreams

*What was the dream of the butler?*

*What was the dream of the baker?*

*What was the interpretation of the dream of the butler?*

*What was the interpretation of the dream of the baker?*

*Which dream is sad? Why?*

*How do you think they respond to the interpretations?*

*What did Joseph ask of the chief butler?*

40:20-22

The dreams are fulfilled

*Which dream(s) were fulfilled?*

*What does this tell you about the blessings of Joseph?*

40:23

Joseph remains in the prison

*Did the butler remember Joseph? Explain.*

*How do you think Joseph felt about these things?*

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### **Genesis chapter 41**

41:1-8

Pharaoh has two dreams

*How much time had transpired between these chapters?*

*What was the first dream of Pharaoh?*

*What was the second dream of Pharaoh?*

*Who does Pharaoh consult first to find the interpretation of his dream?*

41:9-32

Joseph comes before Pharaoh

*Who tells Pharaoh about Joseph?*

*Who does Joseph give the glory to for being able to interpret dreams?*

*What is the interpretation of Pharaoh's first dream?*

*What is the interpretation of Pharaoh's second dream?*

*How many years of plenty and how many years of famine?*

41:33-45

Joseph is blessed by Pharaoh

*What does Joseph tell Pharaoh to do to prepare for the famine?*

*What position does Pharaoh give to Joseph?*

*Why does he receive this position?*

*What else does he receive after being promoted?*

41:46-57

The seven years of plenty and seven years of famine

*What do we learn about Joseph's family?*

*How old was Joseph when he was made ruler over Egypt?*

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## **Genesis chapter 42**

42:1-15

Jacob (Israel) sends his sons to Egypt

*Why did Jacob (Israel) send his 10 sons down to Egypt?*

*Which brother did not go down to Egypt? Why?*

*What accusation did Joseph make against his brothers?*

42:16-24

Joseph tests his brothers

*Where did Joseph hold his brothers when they first arrived? Why?*

*What did Joseph have his brothers do to prove themselves?*

*They are released under one condition. What was it?*

*How do we know they are sorry about what they did to Joseph?*

*Which brother is held as a pledge until they return? Why?*

42:25-38

The brothers return to Jacob

*In addition to corn, what else did they return with inside their sacks?*

*How did this happen? Why?*

*How did the brothers react to these things?*

*How does Jacob (Israel) react when he hears about what has happened?*

*Which brother promises to pledge his own sons to Jacob (Israel)?*

*Does this promise persuade Jacob (Israel) to let Benjamin go to Egypt?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) say will happen to him if he relents?*

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### **Genesis chapter 43**

43:1-14

Jacob (Israel) does not want to send Benjamin

*Who offers to bear the blame if anything happens to Benjamin?*

*What is his request? What is his promise?*

*How is this promise different from that of Reuben?*

*How long has it been in between visits to Egypt?*

*What did Israel tell his sons to bring with them as presents?*

43:15-18

The brothers return to Egypt with Benjamin

*What did the brothers take with them on this journey?*

*How does Joseph react initially when he sees Benjamin?*

43:19-25

The brothers inquire of the steward

*When they ask about the money they found in their sacks previously, what is his response?*

*What does this tell us about Joseph?*

43:26-34

Joseph makes them a feast.

*What did Joseph do when he saw his younger brother Benjamin this second time? Why?*

*Why didn't the Egyptians eat with the sons of Israel?*

*What was it that caused the brothers to marvel one at another?*

*How much did Benjamin receive? Why?*

*Would you be able to keep your composure in this situation?*

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### **Genesis chapter 44**

44:1-5

Joseph tests his brothers again

*What did Joseph have the steward put in Benjamin's sack? Why?*

*When did the brothers leave the city?*

*What did Joseph tell them to say to the brothers?*

44:6-13

The cup is found in Benjamin's sack.

*When did they catch up to the boys?*

*What did the servants say to the brothers?*

*What did the brothers promise?*

*How did they search the sacks?*

*What did the brothers do when they saw the cup in Benjamin's sack?*

44:14-17

The brothers return to Joseph

*What did they do when they saw Joseph?*

*What does Judah say to Joseph?*

*How does Joseph reply to this statement? Why?*

44:18-34

Judah humbles himself before Joseph

*What does Judah offer in exchange for Benjamin's freedom?*

*Why are the brothers adamant about Benjamin returning home?*

*How do the brothers refer to themselves before Joseph?*

*Why are they so afraid of "evil" overcoming them?*

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## **Genesis chapter 45**

45:1-4

Joseph reveals himself

*Why does Joseph choose this moment to reveal himself?*

*What does Joseph want to know? Why?*

*What was the initial response of the brothers?*

45:5-8

Joseph speaks of God's providence

*Who does Joseph say truly sent him down to Egypt?*

*What does Joseph tell his brothers about his time in Egypt?*

45:9-15

Joseph sends for his father

*Where does Joseph tell his brothers that they could live?*

*What would be their position in the Egyptian kingdom?*

45:16-20

Pharaoh agrees to Joseph's request

*What does Pharaoh tell Joseph to do? Why?*

*What does this tell us about the relationship of Pharaoh and Joseph?*

45:21-24

Joseph sends supplies to Jacob (Israel) and the family

*All of these events were happening during a famine. How would the family of Jacob have received these supplies?*

*How much does Benjamin take with him?*

45:25-28

Jacob (Israel) is elated to hear that Joseph is alive

*What is the initial response when Jacob (Israel) hears Joseph is alive?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) say to his sons?*

*How soon did he want to go to Egypt? Why?*

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### **Genesis chapter 46**

46:1-4      Jacob (Israel) is comforted by God  
*What does God tell Jacob at Beersheba? Why?*

*What is God planning for the family of Israel?*

46:5-7      The family travels to Egypt  
*Who went to Egypt? How much did they take with them?*

*Why is this a significant part of God's plan?*

46:8-27     The genealogy of Jacob (Israel)  
*Why do you think it's important that God include the genealogy here?*

*How many descendants are listed?*

*How many women are listed?*

46:28-30    Joseph is reunited with Jacob (Israel)  
*What does Joseph do when he sees his father?*

*So many times before this section, Jacob is still called by his first name. Have you noticed that Jacob's new name (Israel) is used here? Why?*

*Why is Jacob (Israel) content to die now?*

46:31-34    The family is compelled to appear before Pharaoh  
*What was the occupation of Jacob (Israel) and his sons?*

*Why is this important?*

*What was an abomination to the Egyptians?*

*Why was there so much livestock in Egypt during a famine?*

*How does this work in the plan of God?*

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### **Genesis chapter 47**

47:1-10 Joseph presents his family to Pharaoh  
*Why does Joseph go with his family?*

*How many of them appear before Pharaoh?*

47:11-12 Pharaoh gives them a home and occupations  
*Where in Egypt did Israel and his family dwell?*

*Why does Pharaoh do this? What does he have to gain?*

*Who is credited for this negotiation? Why?*

*How does this all fulfill Joseph's dreams?*

47:13-22 The planning of Joseph  
*What did Joseph collect at first for the grain?*

*After they gave all their money, what did they give in exchange for food?*

*After they gave all their cattle, what did they give in exchange for food?*

*How does this help Egypt to become the dominant world power?*

*What group is excluded from giving up their land? Explain.*

47:23-27 The revitalization of Egypt  
*What does Joseph do when the famine is over?*

*How much were the people required to give back to Pharaoh?*

47:28-31 Jacob is dying  
*How old was Jacob (Israel) when he died?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) ask of his son Joseph regarding his burial?*

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### **Genesis chapter 48**

48:1-7

Joseph goes to visit Jacob (Israel)

*What are the names of Joseph's two sons?*

*Which son of Joseph is the firstborn?*

*Why does Jacob (Israel) repeat the promise of God to Joseph?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) tell Joseph about Joseph's sons?*

*Why does Jacob (Israel) tell Joseph about his mother's grave?*

48:8-20

Jacob (Israel) blesses Ephraim and Manasseh

*What specific blessing is given to Joseph first? Why?*

*Why didn't Joseph's other brothers receive a double portion?*

*Why not Reuben? Simeon? Levi? Judah?*

*How can reading chapter 49 help us to understand this in context?*

*Which son does Jacob (Israel) put his right hand on to bless first?*

*What is Joseph's response to this action? Why?*

*Which of Joseph's 2 sons did Jacob (Israel) say would be greater?*

*Why does he prefer this child over the other one?*

48:21-22

Jacob (Israel) prophesies about a return to Canaan

*What else does Jacob (Israel) tell Joseph?*

*What specific portion of the land is set aside for Joseph?*

*Why does Jacob (Israel) give this land to Joseph and his boys?*

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### **Genesis chapter 49**

49:1-2      Jacob (Israel) calls all of his sons to bless them  
*Why does Jacob gather his son's together?*

*What do we know about this practice?*

49:3-28      Jacob (Israel) give the blessing to his sons  
*What does Jacob (Israel) say concerning Reuben?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) say concerning Simeon and Levi?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) say concerning Judah?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) say concerning Zebulun?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) say concerning Issachar?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) say concerning Dan?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) say concerning Gad?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) say concerning Asher?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) say concerning Naphtali?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) say concerning Joseph?*

*What does Jacob (Israel) say concerning Benjamin?*

49:29-33      Jacob (Israel) commands them to bury him with his kin, then dies  
*What is the dying request of Jacob (Israel)? Why?*

*Who else is buried at this location?*

*What names are absent from this list? Why?*

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### **Genesis chapter 50**

50:1-3

The mourning for Jacob (Israel)

*How did Joseph react when his father died? What did he do?*

*How long was the embalming process?*

50:4-14

The funeral for Jacob (Israel)

*Why does Joseph get permission from Pharaoh to bury Jacob (Israel)?*

*How does the Pharaoh respond to this request?*

*Where was Jacob buried? Why?*

50:15-21

Joseph comforts his brothers

*What were Joseph's brothers concerned about after Jacob (Israel) died?*

*Why were they so worried about receiving forgiveness?*

*What was Joseph's response to their fears?*

*How had God worked all things together for good in their lives?*

50:22-26

The death of Joseph

*How old was Joseph when he died?*

*How many generations did he witness in his family?*

*What prophesy does he make about his family?*

*What does Joseph ask of his brethren before he dies?*

*Why is this a significant point that must not be overlooked?*

*What can we learn from the last verse in Genesis?*