

Genesis Outline

Introduction: Genesis, the first book of the Bible, tells the story of the creation of the world as well as the creation of the Hebrew family. In the primordial history we see the creation and fall of humanity with humanity spinning further and further out of the control. Then in Abram, we meet God starting fresh, blessing Abram to be a blessing to the entire world. The rest of the Genesis tells the difficult story of Abraham's family as they ultimately find themselves in Egypt.

Section One: Primordial History

Chapter 1: First Creation story

Chapter 2: Second Creation story- Adam and Eve

Chapter 3: Serpent tempts Eve; Eve tempts Adam; expulsion

Chapter 4: Cain and Abel

Chapter 5: Descendants of Adam

Chapter 6: God tells Noah to build an ark

Chapter 7: The great flood

Chapter 8: The flood subsides

Chapter 9: Rainbow covenant; the sin of Ham/Canaan

Chapter 10: Descendants of Noah

Chapter 11: Tower of Babel

Section Two: Abraham Cycle

Chapter 12: God calls Abraham

Chapter 13: Abram's journey; God's promise to Abram

Chapter 14: King Melchizedek blesses Abram

Chapter 15: God's promise of land and descendants again to Abram

Chapter 16: Sarai and Hagar; birth of Ishmael

Chapter 17: Abram to Abraham and Sarai to Sarah; circumcision; promise of Isaac

Chapter 18: God in form of three visitors; Sarah's laugh; Abraham and God talk about Sodom and Gomorrah

Chapter 19: Sodom and Gomorrah; Lot's daughters

Chapter 20: Abimelech and Sarah

Chapter 21: Birth of Isaac; Hagar and Ishmael sent away

Chapter 22: Sacrifice of Isaac

Chapter 23: Death of Sarah

Section Three: Isaac Cycle

Chapter 24: Rebekah at the well

Chapter 25: Abraham's death; Ishmael's descendants; birth of Esau and Jacob; the stew and the birthright

Chapter 26: Isaac's trouble with Abimelech

Chapter 27: Jacob stealing Esau's birthright

Section Three: Jacob Cycle

Chapter 28: Jacob's vision at Bethel

Chapter 29: Jacob and Rachel and Leah

Chapter 30: Birth of the tribes; Jacob tricks Laban out of his goats

Chapter 31: Jacob and family flee from Laban

Chapter 32: Esau preparing to meet Jacob; Jacob wrestles with angel- now Israel

Chapter 33: Esau forgives Jacob

Chapter 34: Rape of Dinah; the tribe's revenge on the men of Shechem

Chapter 35: Commission of Jacob again; summary of children

Chapter 36: Esau's descendants

Section Four: Joseph Cycle

Chapter 37: Joseph's coat; dream of the sheaves; brothers throw J in pit

Chapter 38: Judah and Tamar

Chapter 39: Joseph and Potiphar's wife

Chapter 40: Joseph interprets dreams

Chapter 41: Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams; Joseph becomes #2 in Egypt; Joseph's sons are Manasseh and Ephraim

Chapter 42: Brothers go to Egypt looking for food; Joseph requires they come back with Benjamin

Chapter 43: Brothers go back to Egypt

Chapter 44: Joseph charges brothers with stealing

Chapter 45: Joseph reveals he is their brother; brothers return to Jacob

Chapter 46: Roll call

Chapter 47: Whole family moves to Egypt

Chapter 48: Jacob blesses Ephraim ahead of Manasseh

Chapter 49: Jacob blesses the sons

Chapter 50: Jacob dies; Joseph dies

Stories to know: The two creation stories; Cain and Abel; Noah; Tower of Babel; Call of Abraham; Hagar and Ishmael; Sacrifice of Isaac; Jacob stealing Esau's birthright; Jacob's dream; Jacob wrestling with angel and new name Israel; Joseph and coat and dream; Joseph and brothers in Egypt