**Genesis**

Genesis is not only the first book of the Bible. Its name says it all. Genesis means “beginning” or “origin”. Genesis is indeed the record of the beginning of everything. It tells of the beginning of this heaven and earth and every living plant, animal, and man. It is the beginning of the story of mankind’s relation with God, how we fell from God’s grace and how God made provisions for man to return through Jesus Christ.

Today you will begin a three and a half year journey of the little over four thousand years from the beginning here in Genesis to the complete revelation of God’s word to us in the book of Revelation. Why do we study this journey? God gives us the reason in 2 Tim. 3:17 “….. That the man of God be completely furnished for every good work.” So let us begin.

**Lesson 1**

**Creation**

Genesis 1:1-2:25

Memory Verse: *Gen. 1:31 “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”*

Before the foundation of the world, there was nothing but God. God had a desire to create a being that He could love and have a relation with. This being would in turn love and serve God, because of the Love that God had in creating this being, and a world for them to live in and subdue. Earth was this place and man was this being. By His command the far flung universe came into being.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” In the beginning God said let there be light and there was light. The very breath of His words began the creation and on the first day God separated the light from the dark. The light He called Day and the dark He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

On the second day with the breath of His words God made the firmament to divide the waters from the waters. This firmament He called Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

On the third day with the breath of His words God gathered the waters into one place and dry land appeared. The dry land He called Earth and the water He called Seas. Upon the earth God brought forth grass, herbs that yield seeds and fruit trees that yield fruit after its own kind. So the evening and the morning were the third day.

On the fourth day with the breath of His words God put lights in the sky to divide the day from the night. The sun was given to rule the day and the moon was given to rule the night. These were given for signs, seasons and for days and years. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

On the fifth day with the breath of His words God filled the waters with an abundance of living things and filled the heavens with every

flying creature. God said that these creatures should be fruitful and multiply. So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

On the sixth day with the breath of His words God brought forth every living creature that walks or creeps on the earth according to its kind. Gen. 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in Our image, in Our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So from the dust of the ground God created man and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life after God’s own image. Man was given a spiritual soul that would live through eternity. He gave man the job of tending the earth and all the creatures that occupied the earth.

But God saw that man was alone. He caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man and took a rib from his side and created the woman to be a helper suitable for the man. God called the man Adam.Gen. 2:15, The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. **16**And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; **17**but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Gen. 2:23The man said, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” Adam called the woman that God gave him, Eve. From this day forward, man would leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and become one flesh.

And God gave them a beautiful garden, Eden, in which to live. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished. Everything that was made was complete and perfect. On the seventh day God rested from all the work which He had done.



**Lesson 1**

**Creation**

Genesis 1:1-2:25

God created the heaven and the earth.

What was man created to do for God?

By what did God create the heavens and the earth? (the whole universe)

As our Creator, does God have the right to expect love and obedience from us? Explain

Who was given all power on earth?

In creation, what was special about man?

Who was God talking to when He said “Let us create man in Our image”?

God created man from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the ground.

God create woman from a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Adam’s side.

God gave woman to Adam to be his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

He gave them a home in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What was the one condition in which they could live in the garden?

**Lesson 2**

**Creation and The Fall**

**Genesis 3:1-24**

Memory Verse: *Gen. 3:15 “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed…”*

God created the whole world and everything that was on it. God made man to be over everything that was on it. God made man to be over everything that He had created. God created the woman especially for man. God gave man a perfect home, the beautiful Garden of Eden. The word Eden means “delight.” The garden was a garden of delight. God had given them every tree of the garden to eat but the one tree of the knowledge of good and evil they could not eat. God told them that in that day that they did eat of that tree they would surely die. Here Adam and his wife, Eve, could spend a harmonious life with God. They could walk and talk with God. There was no sin, no death, and no evil in the garden.

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field. In the garden the serpent came to the woman and said they would not die if they eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The serpent explained to the woman that in the day that they eat of that fruit they would become wise like God, for their eyes would be opened and they would have the knowledge of good and evil. But God had given man a free will. They could choose to obey or not to obey.

When the woman saw the fruit she was tempted. The tree was good for food; it was pleasant to the eyes and would make them wise as God. So the woman took the fruit and she ate of it. She gave it to her husband, Adam, and he ate of it also. In that moment their eyes were opened. They saw that they were naked and they were ashamed. They took fig leaves and made themselves coverings.

When next they heard the Lord come into the garden they hid themselves. God asked where they were. They explained that they were afraid because they were naked. God asked how they knew they were naked. He asked if they had eaten of the forbidden tree. The man answered that the woman that God gave him gave the fruit to him and he ate. The woman answered that the serpent deceived her and she ate. Man and woman had disobeyed God. Thus sin came into the world. Sin is a transgression of God’s laws.

The Lord approached the man and the woman and the serpent.

The Lord cursed the serpent because of what he did. The serpent was made to be the lowest creature in the field, on his belly eating the dust of the earth. He put enmity between the serpent and the woman and between the serpent’s seed and the woman’s Seed. In the end the seed of the serpent would bruise the heel of the woman’s Seed. But the woman’s Seed would bruise the head of the serpent’s seed. Thus in the final day woman,s Seed would be triumphant over the seed of the serpent.

The Lord told the woman He would greatly multiply sorrows and pains in conception and child birth. Her desire would be for her husband and he would have rule over her.

Because the man listened to the woman God increased the burdens in his life. No longer would his food come easy to him as it had in the garden. Man would have to toil and work all the days of his life. In the end man would return to the dust from whence God had taken him.

Also the Lord made them tunic of skins to clothe them. God turned the man and the woman from the garden lest they continue to eat of the tree of life and live forever. He drove them far away and placed a flaming sword which turned every way to guard the tree of life.

Man and woman did “not” die that day in a physical sense. But the day would come that they would physically die. But on that day they did die spiritually. They were separated from the presence of God. The story of the Bible is about God’s “plan” to receive man back into His presence.



There was truly nothing missing on earth. What wonderful things had God created for man?

**Lesson 2**

**Creation and**

**the Fall**

Genesis 3:1-24

Man Falls from Grace

Why was the Garden of Eden so perfect?

What does it mean that the serpent was more cunning?

Who did the serpent go to tempt, because she was alone in the garden? (Do you think we are stronger when with someone else?)

How did he change God’s words to confuse the woman?

Eve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the fruit and thought it would taste good, she saw that the fruit was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and it was desirable to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as God.

What was wrong with her thinking?

Adam ate the fruit, too. What was wrong with his thinking?

The saddest thing, God came to walk in the garden with Adam and Eve. Why were they hiding?

What happened to the serpent?

What happened to the woman?

What happened to the man?

How were they separated from God?

**Lesson 3**

**Cain and Abel**

**Genesis 4: 1-16**

Memory Verse: *Heb. 11:4a “By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous…”*

Adam and Eve had sinned before God. They both along with the serpent had been cursed and punished each because of their own part in the first sin. One of the punishments was that they were forced to leave their beautiful home the Garden of Eden.

At the end of Chapter 2 God Himself preformed the first wedding between Adam and Eve by bringing the woman and giving her to man. Read 2:23-25 again to see the special relationship between man and woman in marriage.

Here in Chapter 4, we find Adam and Eve are now married. In that relationship Eve conceives and brings forth their first son, Cain. Some time passes and again she brings forth a second son, Abel.

One of the punishments given to man was that he would have to work hard to make a living. Cain had chosen to be a tiller of the ground. He was a farmer. Abel was a keeper of the sheep. He was a shepherd.

As God instructed the sons brought offerings to the Lord. In the process of time Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. His brother Abel brought an offering from the firstlings of the flock, along with their fat. The Lord respected (approved) the offering from Abel and did not respect (approve) the offering from Cain. The reason God rejected Cain’s offering is not known to us. But Heb. 11: 4 says,” by faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.” What we do know is God had given them instructions concerning their offerings. God was pleased with one and not with the other.

To make matters worse, Cain became angry because God was pleased with Abel and his offering, not with him and his offering. God asked Cain why he was so angry. God told Cain if he had done what he had been instructed, he too would have been pleasing to God. It was Cain’s fault that God did not approve of his offering. (not Abel’s) However, it came to pass on one day when the two brothers were in the field that Cain rose up and killed Abel.

God came to Cain and asked where his brother was. Cain asked God, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” God asked Cain what he had done. But God knew what Cain had done. Cain had spilled his brother’s blood on the ground and now the ground would make Cain’s life difficult. It would be difficult for him to grow things. He would be forced to wander as a vagabond. Cain said he could not bare this burden. He feared that others would seek to punish him. God showed mercy on Cain. He marked Cain so that no one would kill Cain. And if anyone took out vengeance against Cain their punishment would be sevenfold.

Once sin was on the earth, man would be tried and tested. Each individual would have to answer to God. A good relationship with God would be based on faith, belief and obedience. Man was left to make up his own mind.

After this time, Adam and Eve had a son named Seth. He would be the faithful seed of man.

**What would MAN’s answer be?**

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**Lesson 3**

**Cain and Abel**

Genesis 4: 1-16

Brother’s love fails

Sin was at the door

Adam and Eve have two sons \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What was Cain’s means to make a living? Was that wrong?

What was Abel’s means to make a living? Was that wrong?

We do not read what God expected for an offering. How do we know that God must have given the instructions?

How did God feel about their offerings?

How was Cain’s response toward God?

How was Cain’s response toward Abel his brother?

Cain killed his brother. What emotions caused Cain to do that?

What does it mean to you to be your “brother’s keeper”?

Cain was forced to leave and become a vagabond. What is a vagabond?

For Cain’s own protection, no man was allowed to \_\_\_\_\_\_ Cain. If anyone cause him harm, their punishment would be \_\_\_\_\_ fold.

Memory Verse: *Gen. 6:6 “And the Lord was sorry that He had made man the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.”*

**Lesson 4**

**Be Fruitful and Multiply**

**Genesis 6**

Now it came to pass that men began to multiply on the face of the earth. In Chapter 5 God gives a family tree, a genealogy, from Adam down to Noah and his sons. There were 10 generations from Adam to Noah. The men in that family were living to be very, very old. The oldest man that ever lived was Methuselah. He lived to be 969 years old. During that time, there were some who served God. In Ch. 5:19-24, Moses records that Enoch walked with God and did not see death, But God took him.

But the sons of God married the daughters of men. The population was great upon the earth. God says He will not strive with man forever and after that time limited man’s day to 120 years.

God looked at man; they had become more evil and wicked. The thoughts of men’s hearts were evil all the time. God was sad that He had made man. The scripture says God grieved in His heart. The earth was corrupt and filled with violence. He decided He would destroy man. But God thought better of destroying “all” men. He made a way that man could be saved.

Praise the Lord, Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. God saw in Noah a just man, blameless in his generation. He had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Noah was trying to do what he could to please God. Knowing the kind of man Noah was, God came to Noah and told him His plans to destroy the earth. God chose to save Noah and his household because of his goodness before God.

God gave Noah instructions for building an ark. God wanted Noah to tell the men of earth to repent of their ways when they would see what he was doing and they would stop and ask. Noah had to build the ark exactly as God commanded. Look in the scriptures (Gen.6:14-16) and see the kind of wood and the particular size dimensions. List them below and be ready to talk about this in class. The ark would serve as the vehicle to carry Noah, his household and every living thing. God made a covenant with Noah. And Noah did exactly as God commanded.

Noah had faith and believed what GOD said.

His faith led him to build the ark.



**Lesson 4**

**Be Fruitful and Multiply**

**Genesis 6**

The earth that God created was full of wicked men and women.

The earth was now greatly populated. How many generations were from Adam to Noah?

How long was man living?

After this time how long would they live? Why?

What was special about a man named Enoch?

What had happened to most of the people?

What did God want to do to the people?

Praise God, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

What does Gen 6:9 say about Noah’s character?

What was the character of the earth?

How many sons did Noah have?

What are their names?

Describe the ark. Look in the scriptures

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Look in scriptures:

Tell what it was made of.

**Lesson 5**

**Noah and the Flood**

**Genesis 7-9**

MEMORY VERSE: Gen. 7:1 Then the Lord said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and your entire household because I have seen you are righteous before Me in this generation.”

After Noah had built the ark just as God had instructed, God came to Noah and told him it was time for he and his family to go into the ark. Noah was to take animals of every kind, seven pairs (7 males and 7 females) of every clean animals and one pair (1 male and 1 female) of every unclean animals. They took along food and provisions of all kinds. God was making plans for the day when the flood would all be over. Everything was done as God instructed. Noah was now 600 years old.

When all were in the ark, God closed the door. God caused the fountains of the deep to open up and the windows of the heaven opened up. For forty days and night the rain fell and the deep poured forth water upon the face of the earth. Every living thing that was not on the ark was covered with water and died. Every man, woman and child, every beast and every plant died on the earth. The water prevailed fifteen cubits (22 and ½ feet) upward above the tallest mountain. The water held its level for 150 days.

God, who created heaven and earth-God, who is all powerful caused the water to come-God, who held the water in its place-this same God was able to sustain Noah and his family all that time while they were on the ark. God did not forget Noah and his family and every living creature.

At last the fountains were closed and the rain stopped. God cause a great wind to sweep over the face of the water. The water slowly began to go down. The ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat. After forty more days God opened the window.

At that end of forty days Noah sent out a raven to check on the water level. He did not return. Later, Noah sent out a dove. The dove found no place to rest and returned to the ark. Seven days later Noah sent out the dove again. That evening the dove returned with an olive leaf. Noah knew that the water was nearly gone and plants had begun to live again. Then seven days later, Noah sent out a final dove. The dove did not return.

It was time for Noah and his family and all the animals to leave the ark and walk on dry land again. They had been saved because they had faith in God and did what he said. The water that destroyed the earth saved Noah and his family. Upon leaving the ark, Noah built an altar and made a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the Lord God. God smelled the sweet aroma of the sacrifice. God was pleased with Noah and his family. He made a covenant with Noah and all mankind. God would never again destroy every living creature as He had done with water again. The sign of this covenant would be a rainbow in the sky after the clouds would go away. There is a lovely promise made in Gen 8:22. “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

In chapter 9 other laws were given to Noah. The population would have to start over. Once again the people would have to be fruitful and multiply just as had been commanded to Adam and Eve. Man would still have dominions over all creation. Man could eat of every plant and animal. They were not to eat of the blood of an animal. If man or beast should take the life of a man, the beast or man would be killed in turn, because God made man in His image.

The inhabitants of the ark, after the flood, resumed their everyday lives. Noah planted a vineyard and became drunk and naked because of the consumption of wine. Ham came upon Noah and saw his father’s nakedness and went out and told his brothers. Shem and Japheth put a garment over Noah to cover his nakedness.

When Noah awoke and discovered what had happen. He pronounced a curse upon Ham’s son Canaan. He and his descendants will become the lowest slaves to his brother Seth and his descendants. Shem and his brother Japheth would dwell together in tents and Canaan would be their slaves.

Noah lived after the flood 350 years to the age of 950, and he died. Noah is the last man recorded in the bible to have lived over 900 years. The life-span of men rapidly decreased after the flood.



**Lesson 5**

**Noah and the Flood**

**Genesis 7-9**

It is now time for the flood, rain and water as unseen before. What happens to Noah and his family if they do not get on the ark?

Why do you think God has Noah take more clean animals?

How long did it take for the water to reach 15 cubits above the tallest Mountain?

How long did the water level hold?

Why did Noah and his family survive the flood?

Tell the time line from flood to Noah return to dry land.

The water that destroyed the earth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Noah and his family.

While the \_\_\_\_\_ remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and day and night shall not \_\_\_\_\_\_.”

What laws did God set for mankind?

What happened after life went back to normal?

What happened to Noah’s sons?

**Lesson 6**

**Repopulation of the Earth**

**Gen 10-11:26**

Memory Verse: Gen. 11:7 Come let us go down and there confuse there language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

After the flood the sons of Noah; Shem, Ham and

Japheth; each went in his own direction. Chapter 10 talks about the many sons born to each of them. The whole world began to populate again.

The whole -earth was speaking only one language. They were intelligent and reasoned how to make bricks and asphalt mortar. They began to build cities and towers that could reach the heavens. All this they did that they might make a name for themselves. God saw that man could reason together to do almost anything. God looked down on man and confused their language that they may not understand each other’s speech. This caused them to scatter abroad and divide by languages. The building of their towers ceased. The place where their language was confused was called "Babel".

The population of the world increased. Time has passed. Since the destruction of the earth by the flood, save Noah’s family, ten generations have been born. Throughout scripture we will come in contact with many of the nations that come from the scattering. But the line of Noah through Shem will be the interest of the bible story of redemption through Jesus Christ.

The generations from Noah to Abraham are :

Noah to Shem

Shem to Arphaxed (two years after the flood)

Arphaxed to Salah, Salah to Eber, Eber to Peleg,

Peleg to Reu, Reu to Serug, Serug to Nabor

Nabor to Terah, Terah to Abram

(292 years after the flood)

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Japheth

**Lesson 6**

**Repopulation of the Earth**

**Gen 10-11:26**

Where did all the people go?

Shem

Ham

1. All the cities were destroyed in the flood. What was happening?

2. How many languages were spoken at this time?

3. What did enable the people to do?

4. The people began to build a great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to reach to

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They thought this was good. They wanted to make a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for themselves.

5. What does it mean to reason together?

6. What did God think of this?

7. What did God do about it?

8. What were the people forced to do?

9. Using a map which direction did the sons of Noah settle?

Japheth

Ham

Shem

10. Notice who ended up in the land that became known as Canaan.

The curse put on Ham’s family through his son Canaan would play a part in the bible story.

**LESSON 7**

**Promises to Abram**

**Genesis 11:27-12:20**

Memory Verse: Gen. 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you, and in-you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Shem’s family settled in the land of Ur of the Chaldeans. There they grew. There are nine generations to his descendent Terah.

Terah begot three sons, Abram, Nabor and Haran. They lived in the land of Ur of the Chaldeans. Haran was the father of Lot and he died in the land of Ur. Abram and Nabor took wives. Abram married Sarai, his half-sister. Nabor married his niece, Milcah. Nabor and Milcah had children, but Sarai was barren, without children.

Terah took his son Abram and his wife Sarai, his grandson Lot and left Ur headed for Canaan. They came to Haran. There Terah died.

This is where our story truly begins. Back in Ur, God said to Abram, "Get ye out of this country, leave your kindred and go to a land that I wiII show you." Ur was a large progressive city. Abram probably had wealth, education and much that the city had to offer. At this point God makes promises to Abram.

1) I will make you a great nation

2) I will bless you, materially and spiritually

3) I will make your name exalted

4) I will bless those who bless you

5) I will curse those who curse you

6) In you all the families of the world will be blessed

So Abram departed from Haran, after the death of his father, with Sarai his wife and his nephew Lot and headed towards Canaan. When

Abram arrive at Canaan, the Canaanites were then in the land, and the Lord told Abram that all this land would belong to his descendants.

**Promises to Abraham**

**Nation**

**Land**

**Spiritual blessing to all**

There Abram built an altar to the Lord that appeared to him. Abram moved as the Lord directed him. Along the way he built other altar to the Lord that led him. He was led west and south.

Now there was a famine in the land and Abram went down to Egypt to live for a time. Abram was aware of danger to his life. Sarai was indeed a woman of great beautiful. Abram feared that some man of that country would kill him and take Sarai from him. He instructed Sarai to say that she was his sister, not his wife.

It came about as Abram had feared. The Egyptians saw Sarai and her beauty and told Pharaoh. The Pharaoh learned that Sarai was Abram’s sister. He offered much gifts to Abram in trade for Sarai. But the household-of the Pharaoh was plagued because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

The Pharaoh called Abram to him and asked why he had lied to him about Sarai's being his sister and not his wife. He instructed Abram to take Sarai and leave his country with all that he had. The Pharaoh ordered his men to escort Abram and his family out of Egypt.



**LESSON 7**

**Promises to Abram**

**Genesis 11:27-12:20**

Will God Keep His Promises?

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

LAND

NATION

1. The first promise was made back in Gen. 3:15 to Eve. It is connected to this promise to Abram. The seed coming from Eve to crush the serpent’s head is this spiritual blessing promised to Abram. How do we get to here?

From Adam (Eve) to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This family tree will continue to grow. We will watch it until the time that God’s promises are all fulfilled.

From Seth to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

From Noah to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

From Shem to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

From Terah to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Tell the family line of Terah.

3. Who did God choose to carry out his purpose?

4. When God called Abram to leave Ur, where did God say he was going?

5. What kind of place was Ur?

6. Where did God lead Abram?

7. When they arrived at Canaan, what promises did God make to Abram?

8. Who was living in Canaan? These people were the descendent of which of Noah’s sons?

(These people of Canaan had been cursed. God promised to give this land to the descendants of Shem.)

9. Why does Abram go to Egypt? What fear did Abram have about going to Egypt?

10. Abram had trusted God to lead him this far. But what did he do about his fear?

11. Pharaoh understood that it was wrong to have another man’s wife. What did he tell Abram to do?

If God directs our lives, we must

TRUST

That He knows what He is doing.

Make sure you read the scripture associated with your lesson each week.

Reading the word of God is the beginning of WISDOM.

**LESSON 8**

**Abram and Lot**

**Genesis 13-14**

**Memory Verse Gen 13:4… And there Abram called on the**

**name of the Lord.**

It has been many days, even years since Abram left his home of Ur. He has now traveled over 1500 miles by foot, first from Ur to Haran, Haran to Canaan, Canaan to Egypt, and now Egypt back to Canaan. God is leading and Abram and his family are following.

Who is God? Where do we see the things that God has told Abram about Himself? We truly do NOT see this. What do we see? All along the way God is revealing Himself to Abram. How do we know this?

From the opening verses of chapter 13, there are telling signs about the relationship between Abram and the Lord God Almighty.

* Abram is following God back to Canaan
* He had gained much riches-livestock, gold and silver
* He came to an altar that he had built to call on the name of the Lord at Bethel and once again he called on the name of the Lord

Abram knew this was God. He knew that He was worthy of praises and worship. He knew that God provides, even if his faith was slow to see this in Egypt to trust God to protect him.

Not only did Abram’s wealth and property grow, so did that of his nephew Lot. Their livestock together could not be supported by the land on which they were dwelling. The Abram and Lot’s herdsmen had strife between themselves over the lack of provisions.

Abram came to Lot. He said this strife ought not to be. Let us divide our stock and separate so that there can be harmony. He told Lot to look to the land before them. Lot had the choice to go to the right or to the left. Lot decided to go to the land to the east. It was the plains of Jordan towards the city of Sodom. It was a garden place with plenty of water. Lot saw that the land was good and went his own way. But was this truly a good land? In verse 13, it gives us a hint. (First hint that Lot did not choose wisely) We will see later.

Abram looked to the land that was left to him to the west. The Lord told Abram that as far as his eyes could see would someday belong to his descendants. This is where you shall become a nation and your descendants will be numbered as the dust of the ground. Once again Abram built an altar to God.

In his new land, Lot got in the middle of a big political situation that proved to be very dangerous. (Second hint that Lot did not choose wisely) The kings of the plains fell under the yoke of the kings of Mesopotamia. The kings of the plains, after years of oppression, rose up against their oppressors. In the battle, it did not go well for the kings of the plains. They fled to the mountains. In the midst of the fighting, Lot and his possessions were taken captive when the kings sacked the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

One person managed to escape and brought word to Abram. When Abram heard this, he gathered his 318 men together. These men were train in the use of weapons. He also joined forces with 3 confederates- to Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre- and their men. They pursed the kings of Mesopotamia all the way to Dan. (The old city of Laish)

Having caught up with the invading force, Abram divided his men, attacked by night, and chased them to Hobah north of Damascus. He managed to recapture all the spoil, Lot with his possessions, and the rest of the people as well.

On their way home, they crossed the Jordan and traveled toward the city of Salem (later to be called Jerusalem). The king of Sodom (successor to the one that fell), and the kings that were with him, went out to meet Abram in the valley of Shaveh which is the King's Vale (or dale).

Melchizedek king of Salem brought out provisions of bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram saying, "Blessed is Abram of the Most High God, Founder of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High who has delivered your enemies into your hand." At this Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of the spoil, thus acknowledging his priesthood to be genuine.

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The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people you have rescued, and you just keep the goods."

But Abram replied, "I have sworn to Jehovah, God Most High, Maker of heaven and earth, that I will not take even the smallest thing from this spoil lest you say, 'I have made Abram rich.' The only thing I want is the expenses of my men and the portion belonging to Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre who went with me."



**LESSON 8**

**Abram and Lot**

**Genesis 13-14**

**God reveals more of Himself**

1. How many miles has Abram been since he left his home in Ur?

2. How did he travel?

3. How did Abram know God?

4. What did he do to prove it?

5. Why did strife arise between Abram and Lot’s men?

What exactly did Abram say about the strife?

6. What did they do about it?

7. What land did Lot pick?

8. What do you see that made have caused Lot to act selfishly?

What else does it say about the land that Lot picked?

9. What land did Abram have left?

10. What does 13:13 say about the men of Sodom?

11. As Abram looked to the land to the west, again what did God tell Abram?

12. Once again Abram built an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to honor God.

13. Lot moved toward \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It was not long before he became involved with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ war.

14. What happened to Lot?

15. What did Abram do about this?

16. At the end of the battle, why did Abram not take any of the spoils?

17. Who came out to meet Abram and bless him?

Just who was this Melchizedek?

Here is what we know about him from Genesis and Hebrews.

He was:

King of Righteousness

King of Salem (Jerusalem)

King of Peace

Priest of the Most High God

He was unique

He is High Priest forever

Not of the tribe of Levi

Appointed by God

**This man is someone you will want to remember.**

**LESSON 9**

**Sodom Destroyed**

**Genesis 18:16-19:38**

**Memory Verse Gen 13:13… But the men of Sodom *were* exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord**.

We jump ahead with our story to see what happens to Lot after he returns to Sodom. Lot is now living in the city of Sodom. Remember the men of Sodom where exceedingly wicked.

Three men approached the tent of Abram. He ran out to meet them. Hospitality was different in those days. Abram ran out to meet them and to encourage them in his tent. But our story picks up, in 18:16, as the three men were leaving.

After eating, Abraham's visitors arose and looked toward Sodom. Abraham walked with them a little way, and Jehovah said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, seeing that he will become a great nation and that all the nations will be blessed through him? I have established my relationship that he may command his children after him to keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice so that Jehovah can fulfill His promise which He has spoken to Abraham.”

Then Jehovah said, "The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and their sin is dreadful. I will go now and investigate and see whether they have done according to what I have heard. If not, I will know."

The other two men (angels, 19:1) went on toward Sodom while Jehovah still stood with Abraham. Abraham came near to God and said, "Will you consume the righteous with the wicked? Suppose you find fifty righteous people in the city, will you go ahead and destroy it and the righteous who are within? That is not at all like you, to slay the righteous with the wicked, to treat them both the same way. That is totally unlike you. Surely the Judge of the whole earth will do right."

Jehovah answered, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous people, I will spare the whole place for their sake.

Abraham said, "Look at me, nothing but dust and ashes, and yet I have ventured to speak unto the Lord. Suppose you find forty-five. Will you destroy the city then?"

God answered, "I will not destroy the city if I find forty-five."

Abraham continued, "What if you find forty?"

"I will not destroy the city for the sake of forty."

"Please do not be angry, and I will speak suppose you find only thirty?"

God answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

"What if you find only twenty?"

'I will not destroy the city for the twenty's sake."

Finally Abraham said, "Do not be angry, and I will ask once more: suppose you find only ten?"

God said, "I will not destroy it even if I find only ten." Then Jehovah went on His way, and Abraham returned to his tent.

The two angels, who had been with the Lord at Abraham’s tent, (by this time his name had been changed), went on to Sodom. There they found Lot. As his uncle Abraham had done, he invited them in to show them hospitality. They said they would remain in the street for the night. Knowing how wicked the city was, Lot urged them to come stay with him for the night and continue on their way tomorrow. The men agreed to stay.

In the night, the men of the city came to entreat Lot to send the men out to them. They wanted to commit evil with these men. Protecting his guest was very important to Lot. He told the men NO, take my daughters instead. (Offering his own daughters to these evil men shows just how important the visitor’s safety was to Lot, their host.)

As Lot was talking to the men of the city, they became hostile. They would drag Lot out and take him. In 19:9, they called him “a foreigner” come to judge them.

The angels seized Lot and pulled him back into the house. They struck the men with blindness and shut the door. The men could no longer find their way to the door.

The angels told Lot of the destruction of fire and brimstone that was about to be rained down upon Sodom and Gomorrah They told him to get his family and leave, quickly and go to the mountains quickly.

At first Lot argued with the angels. He did not want to go to the mountains. He pleaded with the angels. Only his wife and two daughters were willing to go. He did not want to leave the rest of his family here.

They told him:

* to run for his life
* take his wife and daughters
* do not look back
* do not stay in the plains
* go to the mountains

Lot continued to argue with the angels. They agreed that he did not have to go to the mountains, but he could go to a small town called Zoar. Lot left immediately, with his wife and two daughters. During the flight, Lot’s wife looked back and was turned into a column of salt.

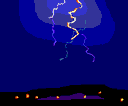
The sun was fully up when Lot reached Zoar. God caused fire and brimstone to rain from heaven upon all the cities of the plain. Their inhabitants and even all the vegetation were destroyed.

Abraham looked from the spot where he stood before the Lord. He could see the smoke billow from the city of the plains. God remembered Abraham and spared Lot.

Lot and his daughters did not stay in Zoar. They went to the mountains as the angels had said. When some time had passed, the daughters of Lot were concerned that there would be no heirs to continue their father’s line. They got their father drunk and both went into him, one on the first day and another on the second.

Both of the daughters of Lot, thus, conceived by their own father. The older gave birth to a son whom she called Moab. He became father of the Moabites. The younger gave birth to a son whom she called Benammi. He became father of the Ammonities.

**We will meet them again.**



**LESSON 9**

**Sodom Destroyed**

**Genesis 18:16-19:38**

God rained fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah

* In Gen 13, Lot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the plains.
* He saw it was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, like the garden of Jehovah.
* Finally, he ended up in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which the scriptures had said it was exceedingly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Was Lot’s choice of moving toward Sodom a good choice?

2. Three men come to visit Abraham. Just who were these men?

3. What did the Lord have to tell Abraham as He was leaving?

4. How did Abraham react and tell of the conversation that followed?

5. How does man talk to and reason with God today? (Just a thought question)

6. Why was “hospitality” important? Is it important today?

7. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ went on His way.

8. Where did the other two men (angels) go?

9. Who did they go to see? And what happened there with the men of Sodom?

10. Instead of turning the men over to the men, Lot offered his own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the men.

11. When he tried to reason with the men of Sodom, what did they try to do?

12. How did the angels react to this?

13. From 19:9, what do you learn about how Lot felt about the men of the city?

14. What were the instructions that the angels told Lot?

15. Why did he not want to do as they said?

16. What big concession did the angels make to Lot?

17. Finally Lot left. How left with him? What happened?

18. God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Abraham and Lot was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

19. Once Lot finally got to the mountains where the angels wanted him to go, what happened to his daughters?

**God will use the weaknesses of men to serve His purpose**.

**LESSON 10**

**Covenant with Abraham**

**Ishmael is born**

**Genesis 15-17**

**Memory Verse Gen 15:1 after these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”**

Let us go back to lesson 8. We just studied about what happened to Lot. What happened to Abram after that time?

After some time God spoke to Abram in a dream. He promised He was Abram’s shield and exceeding great reward. Abram was concerned that he had not as yet bore an heir. This next comment is to be remembered. Abram said that it looked like Eliezer, his steward, would be his heir. God reminded Abram of the promises that He make to Abram. God said that Eliezer would not be his heir. His heir would come from Abram’s own body. Abram believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness.

God assured Abram that He was Jehovah who brought him out of Ur to give this land for an inheritance. Abram, however, questioned God, “how can I be sure I will inherit this it?”

God said, "Take for me a heifer three years old, a she-goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove and a young pigeon."

Abram did as God had said, splitting the larger animals and laying them with each half corresponding to the other and the birds lying whole across from each other. When vultures would have descended upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was setting, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, plus a great dread and darkness. Then God said, "Know without doubt that your descendants will dwell in a land which is not theirs and will serve the people there, and they will afflict your descendants for 400 years. Then I will judge that nation whom they serve, and afterward they will come out with abundant possessions. But you will die in peace and will be buried in a good old age. Then in the fourth generation your seed will come here again. It is not time for them to inherit the land yet because the wickedness of the Amorites is not yet filled up."

When it was dark God passed between the pieces of the animals in the form of a furnace (the Hebrew word means a stove or cylindrical fire-pot) with fire leaping out between the pieces.

Thus, in that day, God entered into a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt (the brook of Egypt on the southern edge of Canaan, not the Nile) to the great river, the Euphrates.” At this time this was land that belonged to various tribes of Canaan. This remained a method of sealing a covenant throughout the Old Testament.



1. A great nation
2. A land of their own
3. All nations would be blessed through this nation

After some ten years passed this time, Sarai remained barren. In that time it was very different from today. It would not be uncommon to have children by a second wife or a handmaiden. Sarai sent her Egyptian handmaiden in to her husband. The maiden conceived and afterward had contempt for Sarai.

Sarai went into Abram and told this to him saying he would have to choose between Hagar and her. He told her that the girl was her maiden and she could send her away if she wanted. She did not send her away, but she treated her so badly that the girl left on her own.

God found the maid. God sent the maiden back. He assured her that she would have a son. His name would be Ishmael. He would have a great nation.

She went back. When Abram was 86 Ishmael was born. Abram had an heir. But little did Abram and Sarai know, this was not God’s plan.

Thirteen years after Ishmael's birth, when Abram was 99 years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, "I am God Almighty walk before me and live blamelessly, and I will set my covenant between me and you and I will multiply you exceedingly.'

Abram fell on his face before the Lord, and God talked with him, saying, "For my part I hereby set my covenant in force with you, and you will be the father of a multitude of nations. In keeping with my promise, your name will no longer be Abram, but Abraham because I have made you the father of many nations.

God said to Abraham, "On your part, you will keep my covenant, you and your seed after you throughout their generations. The covenant to which I refer, which you will keep, is that every male among you will be circumcised. This circumcision will be a symbol of the covenant between me and you. From here after every male among you will be circumcised the eighth day after birth. The sign of my agreement with you will be an everlasting covenant. The male who is not circumcised shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

God also told Abraham, "Your wife Sarai shall no longer be called Sarai (princely?), but Sarah (princess). I will bless her and give you a son by her. Yes, I will bless her and she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

At this, Abraham fell on his face, and laughed, saying to himself, "Shall a child be born to him that is a hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear? Sarah your wife will bear you a son and you will call his name Isaac (laughter). I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him.

I will establish my covenant with Isaac whom Sarah will bear to you at this appointed time next year."

Then God ended His conversation with Abraham. In keeping with God's commandment, Abraham was circumcised, and he had Ishmael and every male in his household circumcised. Abraham was 99 years old and Ishmael was 13.



**LESSON 10**

**Covenant with Abraham**

**Ishmael is born**

**Genesis 15-17**

**A son is born to Abram**

**Is he the heir?**

1. What does it mean that God was going to be a shield for Abram?

2. Because Abram had no heir, who do he think might become his heir?

3. God said Abram would have a child from his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from his own body. Did God say here that the child would be by Sarai? (Be careful)

4. God makes a covenant with Abram. Why was it different from a promise?

5. During the making of the covenant, God tells Abram several things about the things that will happen to his descendants. What were these?

6. Would Abram see these things?

7. Do you remember where the Amorites came from?

8. Sarai was still barren. What was Sarai plan to give Abram an heir?

9. How did Sarai react when she learned that Hagar was with child?

10. God did not forget Hagar. What did he have in store for her child?

11. When Abram was 99 years old God came to him again.

* He told Abram His name was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* He changed Abram’s name to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* He called Abraham the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The sign of this covenant was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all males
* Any man not circumcised would be cut \_\_\_\_ from the people

12. What name did God give to Abraham’s wife Sarai?

What does it mean?

13. What did God say about Abraham’s heir?

14. How old would they be when their son was born?

15. After the conversation with God, what did Abraham do?

**LESSON 11**

**Isaac, Son of Promise**

**Genesis 18; 20-22**

**Memory Verse Gen 18:14 is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”**

Back in lesson 9, we saw where three men came to visit Abraham. Abraham had run to greet these men. Hospitality was important. He greeted the men begged them to come rest, take water and stay for a meal. They agreed. Abraham call Sarah to quickly prepare them a meal. Abraham stood by the men under a tree as they ate and refreshed themselves.

The men asked the where about of his wife Sarah. Abraham said she was in the tent. The leader of these men said this time next year He would come back and Sarah would surely have a son.

Standing in the door of the tent, Sarah laughed to herself. It was a laugh of disbelief. She thought to herself,” I am old and my lord is old.”

The scripture says that Jehovah asked Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh asking, ‘Shall I bare a child?’ Is anything too hard for Jehovah? This time next year Sarah will have a son,”

Sarah denied that she laughed. But God said, “No you did laugh.”

See the Lord had visited Abraham and Sarah, along with two angels.

The angels left and went to see Lot.

We pick up with Abraham dwelling in the city of Gerar. He once again was fearful for his safety. He let it be known that Sarah was his sister. So Abimelech came and took Sarah to be his wife, thinking she was unmarried and this would make a good alliance with the very wealthy Abraham.

God spoke to Abimelech in a dream. God told him he was in great danger because he had taken another man’s wife. Abimelech pleaded with the Lord. He had not touched Sarah. God told Abimelech to take Sarah back to Abraham and he would pray for him.

Abimelech did as God instructed. He restored Sarah to Abraham along with gifts of sheep, oxen, servants, his choice of land and 1000 pieces of silver. Abimelech asked that all would be right between them.

Just as the Lord had told Abraham, a year later Sarah gave birth to a son, whom they called Isaac. On the eighth day Isaac was circumcised as God had commanded. Abraham was now 100 years old. It was truly a time of great joy.

When Isaac was weaned, Abraham made a great feast. At the feast, Ishmael made fun of Isaac. Sarah told Abraham to remove this woman, Hagar, and her son. This was not right before the law of that day, but God came to Abraham and told him to do as Sarah asked. God said his descendants would come through Isaac. The boy Ishmael and his mother would be looked after and he too would have a great nation.

Early the next morning, Abraham prepared bread and water and sent Hagar an Ishmael away toward the wilderness of Beersheba. Soon the water and bread were gone. Hagar had Ishmael lie under a shade bush. She moved away from him because she did not want to watch him die and she wept aloud.

The angel of the Lord heard her cry. Hagar was told to get the boy up. Don’t be afraid for the boy would not die and the Lord would make him a great nation.

God opened Hagar’s eyes; she found water and the encouragement to go on. Ishmael became an archer in the wilderness of Paran. Hagar got a wife for Ishmael from the land of Egypt. We will learn a little more about the Ishmaelites in Gen. 25.

Abimelech comes to Abraham to make peace and an agreement of friendship. He knew that God was with Abraham. He did not want Abraham to deal falsely with him or his descendants. Abraham agreed, only after settling an issue about a well that had been taken from him. Abimelech did not know of this matter and agreed that the well belonged to Abraham. Abraham gave Abimelech sheep and oxen to confirm the covenant of peace. He also gave him seven ewe lamb as a witness that Abimelech and Abraham agreed that the well belonged to Abraham.

In chapter 22 is one of the greatest stories of faith and love in the bible. Isaac was still a young lad. He is the heir of Abraham, the son of promise. God calls on Abraham to take his son to the land of Moriah and offer his son as a burnt offering to God.

Early the next morning, he got up, saddled his donkey, and took two of the young men along with Isaac to the place where God had told him. It was a three days journey.

Abraham asked the two young men to stay with the donkeys. He and Isaac walk a long way off to the spot where God directed them to go and worship. Isaac was carrying the wood for the offering on his back and Abraham carried a knife and coals for the fire. Seeing this Isaac asked, “Where is the sacrifice?” Abraham answered, “God will provide Himself a sacrifice.”

The story is so full of love, trust and devotion. Abraham loved his son but he loved God father to the point that he would obey even though he did not understand. Isaac loved his father to the point that he would obey even though he did not understand.

An altar was built. The wood was laid on the altar. Isaac was bound and laid on the fire wood. Abraham raised his knife to slay his son. Then God called on Abraham, “Do not lay a hand on the lad. Do nothing to him because now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from me. ”

God indeed did provide a sacrifice. There among the thickets was a ram caught by his horn. Abraham offer the ram instead of his son. Abraham called this place Jehovah-Jireh meaning Jehovah sees. An angel told Abraham that because he had done this thing, you and all your family would be blessed.

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**LESSON 11**

**Isaac, Son of Promise**

**Genesis 18; 20-22**

**The son of promise**

**Is born.**

1. What did it mean to show hospitality in the days of Abraham?

2. In the last lesson, how had Abraham obeyed God?

3. One of these men was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Lord God Most High).

4. He said He would be back in \_\_\_\_\_ year, and Sarah would bare a son.

5. How did Sarah respond?

6. Where did Abraham settle after this?

7. What lie did he tell again?

8. What happened because of this lie this time?

9. What did Abimelech give to Abraham?

10. What happened when Abraham was 100 years old? What did they name him?

11. What did Abraham do on the eighth day after the birth of his son?

12. When did Abraham made a great feast for Isaac?

13. What happened after the feast?

14. Who came to Hagar in the wilderness to assure her that she and her son Ishmael would be ok? What did they say?

15. We meet Abimelech again. What was the reason for this meeting?

What did they make between themselves?

16. The story of the offering of Isaac is a powerful story. It was a test of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Did Abraham pass the test?

17. There is no indication that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ struggled against his father.

18. Explain why Abraham did not kill his son.

Due to his great obedience and righteousness,

Abraham will always be

known as the

**FATHER of the**

**FAITHFUL**

**LESSON 12**

**Abraham and Sarah Die**

**Genesis 23:1-25:18**

**Memory Verse Gen. 24:27** And he said, “Blessed *be* the Lord God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His mercy and His truth toward my master.”

Abraham had been a nomad and a sojourner since he left Ur. He owned no land. He had no place to bury his dead.

At the age of 127 Sarah died in Kiriath-arba (Hebron), and Abraham mourned and wept for her. He went to the Hittite people to inquire about purchasing a burial ground.

The children of Heth the Hittite told Abraham that he could have any of the best tombs to bury his dead. Abraham argued that he would like to buy the cave of Machpelah from Ephron the Hittite. Heth told Abraham that he was a prince of God among them. Please take the land and bury your dead.

Abraham bowed before the people. He said, “If you will, I want to give you the price of the field so I can bury my dead.” Ephron told Abraham, “The land is worth 400 shekels of silver, what is that between us?” Abraham accepted the price. Before the people he paid Ephron.

Therefore, from that day, the field of Ephron with the cave of Machpelah was recognized as belonging to Abraham. The Abraham buried Sarah in the cave.

Isaac was 37 years old. Abraham had been blessed by the Lord in everything. It was time to send someone back to his home country to find a wife for Isaac. It was not Abraham’s wish that Isaac would go back to that land to find himself a wife. He was to be the heir of Abraham, of this promised land. Yet Abraham did not want Isaac to marry from among these Canaanite tribes.

Abraham called for his steward to come and go fetch a wife for Isaac. Abraham asked the servant to put his hand under Abraham’s thigh. “Swear that you will not take a wife for my son from the tribes of Canaan.” He asked him to go to the far land where Abraham had come from and bring a wife of his own people. The servant asked, “What if the girl will not come, should I take your son there” Abraham instructed the servant not to take his son there. He told the servant that the Lord would send His angel before him and he would find my son a wife. “If, however, a woman will not come with you, you will be free of your oath. But do not take my son there.”

The servant left with 10 camels and all sorts of goods belonging to Abraham. He traveled to the city of Abraham’s brother Nahor.

At the end of day, the servant and the camels was sitting beside the well outside the city. The servant prayed that when the young maidens came to water their flocks that one would show him kindness and draw water for him to drink and for his 10 camels also.

Nahor had a son named Bethuel and a granddaughter named Rebekah. Before he had finished his prayer, Rebekah came to the well to water her flocks. She was a beautiful maiden. The servant asked, “Let me drink a little water from your pitcher.” Rebekah answered, “Drink, sir, and I will draw water for your camels also, until they have enough.”

The servant knew this was the wife for Isaac. He asked if there was room for her at her home. She told the servant that there was plenty of room at her home for him and plenty of straw for his animals.

The servant gave Rebekah a golden nose ring and two golden bracelets. When Rebekah brought the servant in, her brother Laban saw the jewels she had been given. He welcomed the servant to their table. The servant refused to eat until he had relayed his story of why he had come.

He told Rebekah’s family of his mission. They agreed to let her go, but could she stay a few days more before she leaves. The servant begged that he be not hindered on his mission. Rebekah’s family asked if she wanted to go and she answered that she did.

It was simple. Rebekah and her maidens traveled with the servant back to south of Canaan.

It was evening. Isaac had gone out in the evening to meditate. As Rebekah approached, she asked who the man was. The servant told her it was his master. She covered her face with her veil. The servant told Isaac all that had happened. So Isaac brought Rebekah to his mother’s tent. She became his wife and Isaac loved her. He was comforted after his mother’s death.

Abraham took a wife named Keturah after the death of Sarah. She bore him 6 sons, one of which was Midian. Isaac was to be Abraham sole heir. Abraham sent the others away to the east with generous gifts.

Later, Abraham died. He was 175 years old. Isaac and Ishmael buried Abraham in the cave of Machpelah where Abraham had buried Sarah. Afterwards the Lord blessed Isaac.

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**LESSON 12**

**Abraham and Sarah Die**

**Genesis 23:1-25:18**

**Isaac takes Rebekah for his wife**

1. How old was Abraham and Isaac when Sarah died?

2. What does it mean that Abraham was a nomad and a sojourner?

3. Who was leading Abraham on this journey?

4. What people did Abraham approach to purchase land to bury Sarah?

5. How can you tell that Abraham was respected by these people?

6. Why do you think that it was important to Abraham to purchase the land and not to take it as a gift?

7. Was Isaac married when his mother died?

8. Did Abraham send Isaac to find a wife? Who did he send?

9. Who would go before the servant?

10. Abraham had faith that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would provide a wife for Isaac.

11. Tell the story how the servant found the wife for Isaac.

12. The marriage between Isaac and Rebekah was an arranged marriage. Even without dating or knowing each other before the marriage, how did Isaac feel about Rebekah?

CHRONOLOGICAL NOTE:

Take a moment to figure how old Isaac was when his father died. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born (21:5)?

How old was Isaac when he married (zs:20)?

How old was Isaac when his sons were born (25:2:6)?

Therefore, how old was Abraham when Jacob and Esau were born? But how old was Abraham when he died (25:7)?

Did Abraham live to see his grandsons?

How old were they when he died?

Yet, Abraham's death is told before the story of their birth is told. This is just one more example of how the writer tells some events out of their chronological order so that the main story is not interrupted.

**LESSON 13**

**Jacob and Esau**

**Genesis 25:19-27:46**

**Memory Verse Gen. 25: 23**And the Lord said to her:

“Two nations *are* in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; *One* people shall be stronger than the other,  
And the older shall serve the younger.”

Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah. Years passed and she was unable to bear a child. So it came to pass that Isaac prayed to the Lord and the Lord blessed him with two sons. They were

twins. As she carried them they struggled with in her. The Lord told her that two nations would come from her womb. One would be stronger. The older would serve the younger.

When the babies were born, the first was covered with red hair, and they called him Esau. The second had his hand on Esau’s heel as he came out. They named him Jacob, which means supplanter. Isaac was 60 when his sons were born.

The boys grew to be very different. Esau was a skilled hunter, a man of the field and was loved more by his father Isaac. Jacob was a mild man and was loved more by his mother Rebekah.

As it would happen Jacob cooked a stew. On this day Esau came in from the field very weary. He pleaded with Jacob to give him some stew lest he die. Esau being the oldest son by birth would be given a greater inheritance when their father died, double. He told his brother Jacob that he would trade that birthright for some stew. Jacob made Esau swear, so Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of stew. Esau had treated his birthright lightly.

There came a famine in the Iand. The Lord told Isaac that if he would dwell in the land that was promised to his father Abraham, the Lord would be with him and take care of him.

Isaac receives the promise from God. His family will be a great nation. They will possess this land.

The nations of the earth will be blessed

through their heir.

So Isaac dwelt in Gerar. Even after God promised to protect Isaac and his family he told a lie as his father had done twice before him. He let it be known that Rebekah was “his sister” because he was afraid for his life.

After Isaac had lived there a long time, Abimelech the king of the Philistines, saw him and Rebekah together. He realized she was his wife. Abimelech came to Isaac and asked why he had done this thing. Word was sent to all the Philistines not to harm this man or touch his wife.

Isaac continued to prosper. He planted grain and its yield was hundred fold. He herds and possessions grew. He became a mighty man. Abimelech came to Isaac and asked him to move on. He told Isaac there was not enough water to support Isaac. So Isaac moved on to Beersheba and dug his own wells.

Remember how Isaac was married to a girl of his own people?

At the age of 40, Esau married two different Hittite women. His parents were grieved by this.

Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes grew dim. He called for his oldest son, Esau. It was time to bestow the birthright to Esau. Isaac asked Esau to prepare food for him form the wild game that he may eat and give the blessing before he died. Rebekah was listening and called Jacob. She told him to go and get two kid goats so they might prepare food for Jacob to take into Isaac. This way Jacob would receive the blessing that his brother had sold to him. Jacob reminded his mother that he was smoothed skinned and that

Isaac would surely know who he was and would not give him the blessing. Jacob brought the goats. Rebekah took clothes that belonged to Esau and placed them on Jacob. She put the skin of a goat on his neck and forearms. All this was done so that Isaac might believe that Jacob was Esau and would then give hi m the blessing.

When all was prepared, Jacob went in to his father. Isaac first believed that the voice he heard was his son Jacob. He had Jacob come closer so that he might touch his skin and smell his clothes. Being convinced that it was Esau, Isaac blessed Jacob with the birthright that had belonged to his brother. Shortly after, Esau came in with the food he prepared. Isaac explained that he had already given his blessing. Esau lifted his voice and wept. So Esau hated his brother Jacob. Rebekah feared for Jacob's life and sent him away to her brother Laban.

Isaac called Jacob to and instructed that he not to take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. He asked that God would bless Jacob. The blessing of Abraham would now fall to Jacob.

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**LESSON 13**

**Jacob and Esau**

**Genesis 25:19-27:46**

**Jacob gains the**

**Birthright**

1. How do we know that Isaac knew God?

2. Did God answer Isaac’s prayer?

3. What troubled Rebekah?

4. How old was Isaac when the twins were born?

5. Tell of their birth.

6. Look up the word supplanter.

Why was this a good name for Jacob?

7. Tell the story how Jacob supplanted Esau.

8. How did Esau despise his birthright?

9. What lie did Isaac tell just as his father had done before him?

10. Who came to Isaac to rebuke him? What word was sent out to the Philistine people?

11. What happened to Isaac that caused Abimelech concern?

!2. What did he ask Isaac to do?

13. What did Esau do to grieve his parents?

14. Tell the story of what happened when it was time for Isaac to bless his sons.

15. Explain birthright.

16. What was so good about having the birthright?

17. Afterwards, where did Jacob go to live?

**LESSON 14**

**Jacob and His Family**

**Genesis 28:1-31:42**

**Memory Verse Gen. 28:18**Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know *it.*”

So it came to pass that Jacob left his home and headed to the land of his ancestors. Along the way Jacob spent the night. He lay down to sleep on a stone and dreamed a dream. He beheld ladder that reached to heaven. Descending and ascending the ladder were angels of God. The Lord stood above the ladder and told Jacob that He was the God of Abraham and his father Isaac. He promised the same blessing to Jacob as He had to his father and grandfather.



1. A great nation
2. A land of their own
3. All nations would be blessed through this nation

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know *it.*” Then Jacob made a vow to God in vs. 20-22. He took oil and poured it on the stone that had been his pillow to commemorate the vision of God.

Now Jacob continued on his journey. He came to a well and asked those watering their flock where they were from. They told him they were from Haran. He asked them of his uncle Laban. While he was yet speaking to the men a maiden appeared with her father’s flock to be watered. The men told him that the maiden was Rachel; the daughter of Laban .He went and rolled away the stone that she might water her sheep. Jacob saw her face and watered her sheep for her. Jacob kissed Rachel, lifted his voice and wept. She then ran ahead to her father's to that Jacob was coming.

Upon meeting, Laban welcomed Jacob. Laban was his mother’s, Rebekah, brother. Jacob told Laban why he had come. Laban said you are my kin, stay here with us.

Laban made a bargain with Jacob that he could work for him for seven years and then he would give Rachel to him for a wife. But Laban had an older daughter Leah. On the day that Rachel was to become Jacob's wife, Laban covered Leah face with a veil and sent her in to wed Jacob. In the morning Jacob discovered the switch. Laban had tricked Jacob (just as Jacob tricked his father

Isaac). He bargained again with Laban to work 7 more years for Rachel.

Jacob loved Rachel more. Yet the Lord blessed Leah with sons. The first was Reuben, then Simeon, then Levi then Judah. Yet Rachel had no children. Jacob then had two sons by Bilhah, the hand maid of Rachel and they were Dan and Naphtali. Jacob then had two sons by Zilpah , the hand maid of Leah and they were Gad and Asher. Leah conceived again and bore two more sons-Issahar and Zebulun.

After that Leah bore Jacob a daughter Diana.

Rachael and Leah had ill feeling because of the children that Leah had given to Jacob. Then the Lord remembered Rachel. Her womb was opened and she bore two sons to Jacob. Joseph was the first then later Benjamin.

Jacob begins to hear the sons of Laban talk of how Jacob dealt with the goods of Laban. God told Jacob to go home and He would be with him and his family. Jacob decides to leave secretly while Laban was away and go back to Canaan. Jacob took only what God had provided for him. However, Rachel stole her father’s idols as they were leaving.

Jacob ended up working for Laban 20 years before he left. It was not without problems.

Laban returned to find Jacob and his family gone. Laban followed Jacob. He questioned as to why Jacob had left secretly and why he had stolen his gods (idols). He searched the tents and did not find them. He searched the saddles. When he came to Rachel’s saddle she begged not to be angry with her for not getting up because the manner of women was with her and she was unclean. So Laban never found his idols.

Jacob and Laban agreed on a covenant of peace between them. They set up a pile of rocks and ate together as a memorial of the covenant. In the end Laban kissed his sons and daughters, and blessed them and sent them on their way,

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**LESSON 14**

**Jacob and His Family**

**Genesis 28:1-31:42**

**Passing on the**

**Blessings**

1. Jacob left home in peace with his father and mother. What happened while he slept one night?

2. What did he do when he awoke?

3. What vow did Jacob make with God in 28:20-22?

4. Tell of a similar story about how Jacob came to find him a wife.

5. Would you call Jacob’s meeting with Rachael “love at first sight”?

6. How was Jacob kin to Laban?

7. What bargain did Laban make with Jacob for Rachael’s hand in marriage?

8. Jacob had tricked Isaac to gain the birthright that Esau had promised to him. How did Jacob get tricked by Laban?

9. How did Jacob feel about his wives?

10. How did God bless Leah?

11. How did God bless Rachel?

12. Tell of the family that was born to Jacob and by whom.

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13. How long did Jacob work for Laban?

14. Who told Jacob to go back home?

15. Tell about his leaving.

16. What happened when Laban found out that they all had gone?

17. What did Jacob and Laban do as a sign of peace between them?

**LESSON 15**

**Jacob’s Family Returns to Canaan**

**Genesis 32:1-35:31**

**Memory Verse Gen. 35: 10**And God said to him, “Your name *is* Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name.” So He called his name Israel.

As Jacob went on his was, the angels of God met him. When he saw this he said, “This is God’s host.” God is with Jacob as He had been with his father Isaac and his father Abraham. It had been 20 years since Jacob had seen his brother Esau. He and his entire household had left the land of Haran and are headed back to Canaan. Jacob’s thoughts were troubled about returning home to see brother. Jacob sends men before him to tell his brother that he was on his way back to Canaan. The messengers returned with word that Esau and 400 men were on their way out to meet Jacob.

Jacob became very afraid. Yet the Lord told him to travel on to his homeland. Jacob devised a plan to di vide his family into two companies; the people, the flocks, the herds and the camels. Therefore if Esau attacked one company the other could escape.

Jacob prays that he is not worthy of all that God had done for him. He prays that the Lord deliver him and his family from the hand of his brother Esau. The Lord assures Jacob that He is with him.

As Jacob is preparing to meet his brother, he was left alone by night on the north side of the Jabbok River. During the night a “man” came along and wrestled Jacob till morning. The “man” did not overcome Jacob; he touched Jacob’s hip joint and threw the hip out of socket. Jacob would walk with a limp the rest of his life. The One changed Jacob’s name to Israel, he who strives with God. Jacob had striven with God and man and had overcome. Jacob called the place Peniel, because he said, “I have seen God face to face, and I am still alive.”

Jacob crossed the river to meet up with his family. Jacob lifted up his eyes and saw Esau coming. He sent his family on as he had planned. First he sent Bilhah and Zilpah and their children. Second he sent Leah and her six children. Last he send Rachel and Joseph.

Jacob went before his family to meet Esau. He bowed himself seven times before Esau and his people to show respect. Imagine his surprise when Esau ran to him, hugged him, kissed him and wept. His brother had returned. After 20 years of being afraid of Esau, Jacob and Esau were now bothers again. Esau returned to Seir.

His people became the Edomites. Jacob went towards Shechem. Now Jacob’s name was Israel and he became the father of the Israelites.

Now Jacob had only one daughter, Dinah. She went out to see the daughters of the land. The prince of the Iand, Shechem saw her and took her against her will. He sought for his father Hamor to get her for his wife because he loved her. Her father heard of this thing that Shechem had done. Jacob became very angry. But Hamor came and. begged that he allowed his son to take Dinah for his wife. Forgive and forget. Her brothers did not want this. They said, “How could their sister marry with one who was not of their people, uncircumcised.” To become like them, the men of city would have to be circumcised. They agreed and were circumcised. On the third day after, while the men of the city were weak, Simeon and Levi went into the city and killed all the males including Shechem and Hamor. They took their sister back home along with their sheep, oxen and donkeys.

Upon returning, Jacob asked his sons, why they had done such a terrible thing. This will cause us problems here in this land. The people will rise up against us. The Lord instructed Jacob to go to Bethel.

Jacob instructed his household to put away the foreign gods that were among them and purify themselves and purify themselves and change their garments. The Lord was with them. As they traveled the people of the land did not harm them. Jacob’s people were known as the terror of God. The Lord appeared to Jacob at Luz.

The Lord appeared to him again .He told him his name would be Israel. He told him, “I am the Lord God Almighty, and I will be your God as I had been to your father Isaac and your grandfather Abraham.” He would bless him and make him a great nation. Kings shall come from him. And I will give you this land. So Jacob built an altar as a memorial. This appearance of God was at Bethel.

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**LESSON 15**

**Jacob’s Family Returns to Canaan**

**Genesis 31:43-35:15**

**God leads Jacob Home**

1. As Jacob got on his way, who met him?

2. Who all was with Jacob?

3. Why was Jacob troubled?

4. Back when Rachel told Jacob to leave Canaan a few days until Esau had calmed down, how long had it been since he saw his brother Esau?

5. Why would Jacob be troubled about going back to Canaan?

6. What did God tell Jacob about going home?

7. What was Jacob’s plan for meeting his brother?

8. Tell of Jacob’s night wrestling with a “man”.

* Where was Jacob?
* Who was with Jacob?
* How long did they wrestle?
* Did the “man” overcome Jacob?
* Because he did not, the man changed his name to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Jacob called the place \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Was this man special?
* What did Jacob say about their meeting?

9. Tell about the plan to meet Esau.

* Who went first?
* Who went second?
* Who went last?
* Jacob went \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them.

10. To Jacob’s surprise, what happened when he met his brother for the first time in 20 years?

11. Where did Jacob settle towards?

12. What happened when his daughter Dinah went to visit the daughters of the land?

13. In revenge for what had happened, what did her brothers Simeon and Levi do to the men of the city?

14. How did their father Jacob feel about this?

He said, “This will cause us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in this land.”

15. God continued to be with Jacob and his family. He instructed them to go to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

16. Afterwards, what did Jacob tell his people to do?

17. This band of people traveling across the land were known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

18. God appeared to Jacob and called Himself the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

19. Who would come from Jacob?

20. What did Jacob do?

**LESSON 16**

**Rachel Dies and Isaac Dies**

**Genesis 35:16-29, 36**

**Memory Verse Gen. 35: 29**So Isaac breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people, *being* old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

As the family traveled on southward, Rachel went into labor. She began to have great difficulty delivering. Finally a baby boy was born. He was the second son born to Jacob and Rachel and was the only whole brother to Joseph. The son was born healthy but she called him Benoi (son of my sorrow). But Rachel died. Rachel was buried at Ephrath. There Jacob set up a pillar to mark her grave. Jacob called his son Benjamin (son of my right hand).

He remained in the area of Ephrath for a time. While the family remained there Reuben committed adultery with Bilhah, his father’s concubine. Israel heard of this but we do not know about his punishment until the end of Israel’s life.

Israel traveled on to Mamre where his father, Isaac, lived. After living 180 years, Isaac died, and Esau and Jacob buried him at Hebron in the cave of Machpelah with his parents Abraham and Sarah.

**The Generations of Edom (Gen. 36:1-43):**

We will not spend much time in chapter 36. Only a few points need to be made from this chapter.

1. As the writer has done and will continue to do, he clings tenaciously to his story line. When characters come along who do not relate to the scheme of redemption, he shows us a little of their history and then returns to the main narrative.

2. The wives of Esau ate enumerated. They were "of the daughters of Canaan." specifically, one was a Hittite, one was a Hivite, and one was a daughter of Ishmael (36; 2-3).

3. Five sons were born to Esau in the land of Canaan; then he moved to the southeast of Canaan to Mount Seir. Esau is Edom.

4. Among the descendants of Esau is one named Amalek There is no evidence, however, that this Amalek was the father of the Amalekites. In fact, since Amalekites were among those smitten by the kings of Mesopotamia in the days of Abraham (14:7), it is apparent that they existed before this Amalek was born.

5. Seir was the name of one of the Horites, the original inhabitants of Edom. They were giants who were subsequently destroyed by the Edomites (Deut. 2:10-12)

6. Finally, kings of Edom are named. These kings ruled long before there was any king in Israel.

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**Rachel and Isaac Die**

**Genesis 35:16-29 and 36**

**God has a plan.**

1. On the travel southward what happened to Rachael?

* Rachel had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
* What did she call him?
* It meant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Jacob buried her at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Jacob called his son \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* It meant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Israel travels on to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where his father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

lived.

3. What happened shortly after that? How long did Isaac live?

4. Who bought the land where Isaac was buried?

5. Who was buried there with him?

6. Only one question, who was the father of the Edomites?

We just need to remember where they came from when we

meet them again.

**LESSON 17**

**Joseph and his Brothers**

**Genesis 37**

**Memory Verse Gen. 37: 33**And he recognized it and said, “*It is* my son’s tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces.”

And now this is the rest of the story. Here as Isaac, the last of the patriarchs, dies and Jacob’s and Esau’s stories are closer to ending, we will pick up with the story of Joseph. Joseph’s story is the theme of the last part of Genesis; it full of intrigue, adventure, God’s providence and God’s love for his people and all who would serve Him.

Just a reminder, Joseph has 10 half-brothers who are older than he. He was the first born of Israel’s beloved wife Rachel. Israel loved Joseph more. Later his mother, Rachel, gives birth to Benjamin and dies at his birth.

Joseph’s mother is dead, he has a new baby brother, and his grandfather Isaac is dead. It seems he is in a sad situation. But his father loves him more. It had made thing difficult between he and his older brothers.

There were things that happened to make his life miserable. Out of love, his father made Joseph a special coat of many colors. (#1) His brothers were envious of his father’s favoritism.

To make matters worse, Joseph had dreams. He told his brothers that he had a dream of a field where they were bundling 12 wheat bundles. Eleven of the bundles were bowing to the one bundle that stood up straight. (#2) His brothers mocked him, “Do you think you will rule over us?”

He had a second dream. He told his father, “I dreamed that the sun, the moon and eleven stars all bowed down to me.”(#3) His father asked what kind of dream was this. Did he think that his father, mother and brothers would bow down to him someday? This made his brothers more jealous, but his father remembered what he said.

One day Israel sends Joseph out to where his brothers were tending the flock. Joseph was to check on them to see how things were going. The brothers were tending the flock in Shechem.

When they saw Joseph coming they mocked him, “Here comes the dream master.” They muttered to themselves, “Let’s kill him.” Rueben said, “Let us not kill him. We can put him in a pit and the wild animals can kill him.” Secretly Rueben was going to come back and get him out and send him back to his father. So they put him in a pit. (#4) They continued to eat their meal and ignore the cries of their brother.

After a time someone saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. It occurred to Judah that they could sell Joseph to them. Then they could take Joseph’s coat back to their father Joseph’s coat with animal blood on it. They could tell their father that an animal beset Joseph and he was killed. They would make money and be done with Joseph. So that is what they did.

They sold Joseph while Rueben was gone from the group.(#5) He was the oldest brother now what was he going to do? The brothers killed a goat and dipped Joseph’s coat in the blood.

The brother took the coat back to their father and told him they found it. And he recognized it and said, “*It is* my son’s tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces.” Then Israel tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days. His children rose to comfort him, but he could not be comforted.

Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh *and* captain of the guard.

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**Joseph and his Brothers**

**Genesis 37**

**Joseph the Hope of the Future?**

1. Who was the last of the “patriarchs”? How old was he when he died?

2. Joseph had 10 half-brothers, who was his one true brother and who were their parents?

3. Tell of the thinks that turned his brothers against him and what they wanted to do to him.

* He was their father’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ son.
* He was given what?
* Dream 1
* Dream 2

4. Their little brother came to Shechem to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on them.

5. Here comes the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ master.

6. What did they want to do to Joseph?

7. Who came up with a different ideal?

8. Upon seeing a caravan, Judah suggested to do what?

9. What happened?

10. Who was missing when the brothers sold Joseph?

11. How did he feel about what they had done?

12. What did they do?

13. What did they tell their father and what was his reaction?

14. Meanwhile what happened to Joseph?

**LESSON 18**

**Joseph is True To God**

**Genesis 39**

**Memory Verse Gen. 39:9b “….** How then can I do this great

wickedness, and sin against God?”

Genesis 38 is a story for another day. We will pick up with Joseph in Genesis 39.

After his brother sold Joseph to a caravan of traders, Joseph was taken to Egypt. Joseph was sold to a man named Potiphar. Potiphar was the chief of the guard for Pharaoh. Jehovah blessed Joseph so that everything he did prospered.

Joseph's master saw that the Lord was with Joseph. So in no time Joseph found favor with his master. Potiphar put everything he had into Joseph's hand and made him overseer. The Lord blessed Potiphar's house.

Now Joseph was a pleasant, nice looking young man. Potiphar’s wife took notice of hi m. Day after day she would cast longing eyes at Joseph and asks Joseph to sin with her. Joseph answered her, "No." He told her that his master had entrusted everything in the household to him. There was none greater in the house accept the master, nor had he kept anything back from him but her, because she was his wife. He refused to sin with her because it would be a great wickedness and a sin against God.

Potiphar’s wife would not take “no for an answer. Day after day she encouraged Joseph to sin with her. Day after day he refused. She certainly was relentless.

On this one day when none of the other men were in the house, Potiphar’s wife approached Joseph. When he would not sin with her, he went to flee. As he fled she grabbed at his garment and he left with it in her hand. Surely in anger because of Joseph's constant refusal of her advances, she calls to the men of the house. She lied to them that this Hebrew mocked them and had come in to sin with her. She kept the garment with her until the master returned. She lied to him and blamed all that had happened on Joseph. Potiphar had no choice. His anger was aroused. He took Joseph and put him in king's prison.(#6)

But even in prison, the Lord was with Joseph. He found favor with the keeper of the prison. As it had been in Potiphar's household, the keeper put all the prisoners under Joseph's charge. The keeper had a well regard for Joseph. The keeper did not have to oversee Joseph's dealing with the prisoners. The Lord made all that Joseph did prosper.

We will see that because Joseph did not sin, the Lord remained with Joseph. Though cast down, Joseph was not bitter and did not give up his faith in God.

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**LESSON 18**

**Joseph is True To God**

**Genesis 39**

**Escapes Sin By Running**

1. Where was Joseph taken after he was sold?

2. A man purchased Joseph, who and what was his position in Egypt?

3. What did Potiphar notice about Joseph?

4. How much did Potiphar trust Joseph?

5. Who else took notice of Joseph?

6. What was the problem she presented to Joseph?

7. Could Joseph have been tempted?

8. Yet what was Joseph’s answer?

9. What should our answer be in the face of temptations?

10. Look up the word relentless.

11. What was the end of this relentless pursuit?

12. What did Potiphar’s wife do?

13. Where did Joseph end up?

14. How did things go for Joseph in prison?

15. What was so amazing about Joseph’s attitude?

16. How did the Lord respond to Joseph.

**LESSON 19**

**From Prison to Prince**

**Genesis 40-41**

**Memory Verse Gen. 40:8b** So Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please.”

In all that Joseph did the Lord made it to prosper. Joseph finds himself in prison due to the lies of his master’s wife. In prison Joseph found favor with the keeper of the prison. Joseph was given charge over other prisoners.

Two prisoners that came into his charge were the butler and the baker to Pharaoh, king of Egypt. Both had gotten into trouble with Pharaoh. Pharaoh was very angry with them and sent them to prison.

One night they both had dreams. The next morning, Joseph in the course of checking in with them, he found them depressed. “Why are you so depressed today?” Joseph asked them. They answered, “We both have had a dream and there is no one to interpret them.” Joseph said, “Interpretation of dreams belongs to the Lord. Tell me dreams if you will.”

The chief butler (cupbearer to the king) told his dream to Joseph. He said that he had seen a grape vine with three branches. While he watched the branches budded and blossoms shot forth. They produced ripe grapes. The butler took Pharaoh’s cup and squeezed the juice of the grapes into the cup and gave it to Pharaoh to drink.

Joseph told the butler that the three branches were three days. In three days the butler would be restored to his former position and would serve Pharaoh once again.

When all the good that Joseph interpreted happened, Joseph asked the butler to remember him to Pharaoh when all was right with him again. He told the butler he was a Hebrew that had been kidnapped and done no wrong to be in this place.

The chief baker told his dream to Joseph. He said he saw three baskets of bread on his head with all kind of baked good for the Pharaoh in it. While I was watching the birds came down and ate the goods from the basket.

Joseph told the baker that in three days Pharaoh would remove his head from off your shoulders. He will have it hung on a pole and the birds would eat his flesh.

Pharaoh had a birthday three days after. It was on that day that the butler was restored and the baker had his head cut off. Nevertheless, the butler did not remember Joseph then.

Two years passed. Pharaoh dreamed that he stood by the river (the Nile) and 7 fat cows came up out of the river. They were fat and healthy and fed on the reed-grass. Then 7 skinny, ugly cows came up out of the river and stood by the healthy cow and proceeded to eat the 7 healthy cows. Pharaoh woke up.

Pharaoh went back to sleep and dreamed again. There in the field he saw 7 stalks of healthy grain with fat well-filled ears. Then there were 7 stalks of grain that were thin and dried by the east wind. (#7) The lean grain began to eat the healthy grain.

Pharaoh worried over these dreams, called in the sacred scribes and wise men of Egypt. None could interpret the dreams. It was then that the butler remembers Joseph. He told the story of his and the baker’s dreams to Pharaoh.

Pharaoh called for Joseph immediately to come to him. (#8) As soon as Joseph was summoned, he was shaved and put in different clothes and brought before Pharaoh. The king told Joseph that he had dreamed a dream. He had been told that he would be able to interpret his dream.

Joseph told Pharaoh, “It is not in me to interpret your dream, God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.” Pharaoh told Joseph his dreams. When he was finished Joseph gave Pharaoh the interpretation.

The two dreams that came to Pharaoh were just one message, told twice to show the message’s importance. There was coming to Egypt 7 years of plenty. Crops would grow plentiful and the bounty would be great. The cows would grow fat. The land would prosper. But the next 7 years there would come a famine and all the plenty would be forgotten. The famine will consume the land. The dreams were established by God and will truly come to pass.

The advice that came from God was for Pharaoh to appoint someone to be overseer of the harvest of the years of plenty. He would store away 1/5 part of the harvest every year. That way, food stored during the years of plenty would keep them during the years of famine. That way the land would not famish.

Pharaoh heard all that Joseph ah said. He answer was for the land to be searched to find someone to be the overseer. Turning to Joseph Pharaoh said, “Since God Himself has shown you this, there is no one as prudent and wise as you. You will be over my affairs, and my people will be governed according to your word. Only on the throne will I be greater than you.”

Joseph was 30 years old when he stood before Pharaoh. The prisoner was given the signet ring from Pharaoh’s hand, placing him over the land of Egypt. He gave Joseph a new name, Zaphenath-paneah, which means Sustainer of Life or Preserver of Life. He gave Joseph a wife named, Asenath, daughter of the priest of On.

The first seven years came. It was a time of plenty as God had said. During this time Joseph did everything that God had said. The grain was stored and there was so much they could not keep up with it all.

Joseph had two sons during these seven years. The first was named Manasseh (making to forget). God had made Joseph to forget all the toll and pain of family, slavery and prison. The second was named Ephrim (to be fruitful). God had certainly cause Joseph to be fruitful and prosper.

It is strange how things turn out. It seems as God had been great to Joseph. This is true, but all this was done to serve God’s purpose. The famine would bring about some strange events. What happens next? We will see.

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**LESSON 19**

**From Prison to Prince**

**Genesis 40-41**

**Joseph Interprets**

**Dreams**

1. Why did Joseph find himself in prison?

2. How do we know that the Lord is with Joseph even in prison?

3. What was the butler’s dream and what was the interpretation that Joseph gave to him with God’s help?

4. What did Joseph ask the Butler to do?

5. What was the baker’s dream and what was the interpretation that Joseph gave to him with God’s help?

6. What happened to the butler and the baker on the third day?

7. What was the occasion for these events?

8. Did the Butler remember Joseph? (Trick question)

Explain your answer.

9. How had two other dreams and what were they?

10. Who all did Pharaoh call to interpret these dreams?

11. Who finally remembered Joseph to the Pharaoh?

12. What was the Lord’s interpretation to Joseph of the Pharaoh’s dreams?

13. What did Joseph advice Pharaoh to do?

14. Who was chosen for this position?

15. How old was Joseph when he appeared before Pharaoh?

16. In placing Joseph in this position, what did it mean and what all was he given?

17. During the years of plenty, Joseph had two sons named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. How do their names show that God had been with Joseph all along?

**LESSON 20**

**Joseph Reunited with his Brothers**

**Genesis 42-43:25**

**Memory Verse Gen.** 42:3A "The man who is lord of the land spoke rough to us, and took us for spies of the country."

Joseph was 30 years old when he stood before pharaoh. Pharaoh changes Joseph's name to an Egyptian name. Joseph was now in charge of the years of plenty. He was second ruler in the land

Now was the time of the seven years of great famine. The famine was great all over. Jacob back in Canaan saw that there was grain to be had in. Egypt. So he sent 10 of his sons to Egypt to buy grain that they might live and not di e. Jacob had already lost Joseph. He did not let Benjamin go for fear of losing him also.

Joseph was governor of all Egypt. On this day, ten men appeared before him to buy grain. The men were all bowed low before Joseph. To Joseph’s surprise he recognized them as his brothers. He mind went back to the dreams that he had as a boy. Joseph’s brothers did not recognize the Egyptian before them.

Joseph spoke rough to his brothers. They said they were from Canaan to buy food. Joseph accuse them of being spies come to study the country in its weak condition. The brothers did not understand Joseph as he spoke and an interpreter spoke to translate the words of Joseph.

The brothers assured Joseph that they were just 10 of 12 brothers of one man with one at home and one lost to them. They only came to buy food to survive.

Joseph answered, "I have charged you with being spies: here is how you can prove you are not. By the life of Pharaoh, you will not leave here unless your younger brother comes. Send one of you to go get your brother, but the rest of you will be bound. This way we will know whether you are spies or not," and he put them all in prison for three days.

After the three day, Joseph said to them, "I have decided what we are going to do. I fear God, so if you are indeed sincere men, let one of your brothers be bound and left here while the rest of you carry grain for the famine your families are suffering. Then you bring your youngest brother to me, and your words will be proven, and you won't die."

Not realizing that Joseph could understand them, his brothers said to one another: "We are truly guilty over what we did to our brother, because we saw his anguish and yet would not listen to him.

That is why we are having this trouble."

Reuben said, "Didn't I tell you not to sin against the boy, and you wouldn't listen? God is paying us back."

Joseph understood what they were saying, but he was moved to tears by their words and turned away to weep. When he returned, he took Simeon from among them and bound him as they watched. Then Joseph commanded that their vessels be filled with grain and that every man's money be put back in his sack, and to give them supplies for their journey.

As the brothers were on their way home, one of them opened a grain sack to feed the asses, and he found the money they had paid for the grain. He said to the rest, "My money has been given back It is right here in my sack."

At this they were frightened and said, "What has God done to us?"

When they arrived home they told their father all that had happened, about how they had been accused by the Egyptian governor of being spies, and how Simeon had been kept. They also said, "He told us that if we would bring our youngest brother he would know we were telling the truth and are not spies and would restore our brother Simeon to us."

Then, as each one emptied his sack, they discovered that all of them had their money returned, and they were very afraid.

Jacob was very upset and said, "You have bereaved me of my children. Joseph is gone, Simeon is gone, and you would take Benjamin away. All these things are against me."

Reuben said to his father, "Kill my two sons, if I do not bring him back to you."

But Jacob answered, "My son will not go down with you. His brother is dead, and he only is left (of his mother). If something happened to him on the trip, then you would bring my gray head to Sheol (the grave) in sorrow."

After a while the grain was gone. Jacob told his sons to go back to Egypt. The brothers told Jacob that there was no need to go back without Benjamin. Jacob could not understand why the brothers had told the Egyptian ruler about Benjamin. They told how he questioned them.

Judah spoke up, "Send the young man with me, and we will go down so that we can all live, we and our little ones. I will guarantee his return. If I don't bring him back to you, then let me bear the blame for ever. If we hadn't ignored this issue, we would already have returned."

Seeing he had no choice, Jacob said, "If it must be so, do this: take some nice gifts from the land here, a little balm, some honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds, and take double money, including the money that was returned. Maybe it was an oversight. Take your brother also and go again to the man, and may God Almighty give you mercy in the eyes of the man so that he will release to you your other brother and Benjamin. And if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

So the brothers gathered the present for the governor, took their money, and Benjamin, and returned to Egypt to stand before Joseph.

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**LESSON 20**

**Joseph Reunited with his Brothers**

**Genesis 42-43:25**

**Joseph’s Brother Pitch Their Tents in Egypt**

1. Joseph had adapted to the life of an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. While back in Canaan the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had affected his father, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and his brothers.

3. There were to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years of plenty and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years of famine.

4. Why did Jacob send sons to Egypt?

5. How many did he send and why not all?

6. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his brothers. He remembered the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he had as a youth. His brothers did not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Joseph.

7. Joseph accuses his brothers of being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and put them in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for three days.

8. Joseph presented the brothers with a plan to prove they were not spies. Tell the plan.

9. The brothers felt like they deserved this treatment because of what they had done to their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

10. When the brothers left, tell about the grain that was given to them.

11. What was Jacob’s reaction to the story that the brothers told him?

12. Which brother speaks up?

13. What was the plan to go back to Egypt?

**LESSON 21**

**Joseph Forgives**

**Genesis 43:26-45:15**

**Memory Verse Gen.** 45:7 **“**And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.”

Once again the brothers appear before the ruler of Egypt. Joseph saw that Benjamin was with the brothers before he spoke with them. He told his steward, "Bring the men to my house and prepare a feast because they will eat with me at noon."

When the steward brought Joseph's brothers to his house, they were afraid and thought something was badly wrong. "It is because of the money that was returned in our sacks the first time we were here. He is setting us up to get us in trouble, to take what we have and make us slaves."

To prevent the trouble they feared, the brothers spoke to the steward and said, "O, fly lord, the first time we were here, on our way home, when we opened our grain sacks, we found our money, but we have brought it back"

The steward said, "Don't worry about it. Your God, the God of your fathers, has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money."

After bringing Simeon to them, the steward gave them water to wash their feet, and he saw that their donkeys were fed. Meanwhile, everything was being prepared for the feast at noon.

When Joseph arrived, the brothers gave him the present they had brought and bowed themselves low before him. Joseph asked how they were and said, "Is your father well, the old man you told me about?"

"Your servant our father is well," they replied.

Then Joseph looked at Benjamin and, realizing that this was his full brother, his mother's other son, he said, "Is this your youngest brother you told me about?" He said to Benjamin, "I hope God will be gracious to you, my son." Then Joseph hurried out to his chamber because his emotions arose in his heart, and he had to find a place where he could weep.

After a time, Joseph washed his face and got himself under control and said to his servants, "Set the meal out."

Joseph ate at a table alone, as befitted his awesome dignity; the Egyptians who ate with him ate at another place, and his brothers ate at still a third table. The Egyptians would not eat with Joseph's brothers because it was an abomination to them to eat with Hebrews.

The brothers of Joseph were seated according to age, from the firstborn down to the youngest. Joseph's brothers marveled with one another, wondering how this Egyptian governor could know their ages. (Remember the ages of the brothers were much too close together for anyone to be able to tell their order just by observation.)During the meal, food was served from Joseph's table to each of the brothers, but Benjamin's serving was five times as much as any of theirs. But the meal was a pleasant one, with plenty to eat and drink for all.

By showing Benjamin obvious preference, Joseph prepared to conduct his test of his brothers. He gave his steward his instructions: "Fill every man's sack full, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. Put my cup, the silver cup(#10), in the mouth of the sack that belongs to the youngest, along with his grain money." The steward followed Joseph's instructions exactly.

Next morning, as soon as it was light, the brothers were on their way. They were not far out of the city, however, when the steward, following further instructions from Joseph, overtook them and said, "Why have you returned evil to my master when he did you good? Is not this cup the one from which my lord drinks and by which he foretells the future? How could you do such a thing?"

The brothers were shocked and said, "Why do you make such accusations against us? We would not do such a thing. We brought back the money we found in our grain sacks. Would we do that if we were the type to steal? If you find it on anyone of us, let him be put to death, and we will be slaves to your master."

The servant said, "Let it be as you have said except that whoever has the cup will be my lord's slave, and the rest of you will be free."

Hurriedly, the sacks were taken from the donkeys and placed on the ground, and every sack was untied. The steward began searching with the sack of Reuben and searched until he came to the sack

of Benjamin - ten sacks with no silver cup. By this time, the brothers were probably feeling smug and a little indignant. Then the steward pulled the cup out of Benjamin's sack. Of course, no one of the brothers, including Benjamin, knew how the cup had gotten in the sack. They were shocked and upset; they rent their clothes, loaded the grain back on the donkey and returned to the city.

When Judah and his brothers returned to Joseph’s house, he was still there, and they fell before him on the ground (remember the dream?). Joseph said, "How could you do such a deed? Did you not know that a man such as I have the power to know what men do?"

Judah answered, "What shall we say? We have no way to clear ourselves. God has uncovered our iniquity. We are your slaves, both we and he who had your cup in his possession."

Joseph replied, "O, far be it from me to keep you all. No, I will keep only the guilty one. The rest of you can go in peace to your father."

Then Judah came closer to Joseph and said:

O, my lord, let me say a few words for you to ponder, and I hope you will not get angry, because you are as Pharaoh. You asked us whether we had a father or a brother when we were here the first time. We told you that we had a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, just a young fellow. "His brother is dead," we said, "and he is the only child left of his mother, and his father loves him."

Then you said to us, "Bring him down to me, so that I can see him." But we told you that the lad could not leave his father because, if he did, his father would die. But you said, "Unless your youngest brother comes down, you will not be allowed to see me."

When we got home, we told our father what you said. After a while our father said, "Go again, and buy us a little food." But we said, "We cannot go down; if you let Benjamin go with us, then we will go; if not, there is no point in going because we will not be able to see the man."

Our father answered, "You know my wife gave me two sons. One I have lost, apparently torn to pieces, and if you take this one also, and something bad happens to him, you will bring my gray hairs down to Sheol (the grave)."

You see, I became surety for the lad. I said, "If I do not bring him back to you, then I will bear the blame forever." Therefore, I beg you, let me remain with you as your slave, and let the lad return to his father. How can I go back to my father if the lad is not with me? I could not stand to see the calamity and grief of my father if I did such a thing.

When Judah made this emotional speech, Joseph could restrain himself no longer. He ordered everyone out but his brothers. Then he gave vent to the pent-up emotions of twenty-two years and wept aloud. The Egyptians heard, and also the house of Pharaoh.

Joseph said, "I am Joseph. Does my father still live?" But his brothers were absolutely stunned, unable to speak because of his presence.

He said to them, "Come near, please." They came closer and he said, "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. Don't be grieved, or angry with yourselves that you sold me here. It was God who sent me before you to preserve life. This famine has been upon the land two years, and five more years remain. God has sent me before you to save you, and He has made me a provider for Pharaoh and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry home, therefore, and tell my father, this is what your son Joseph said: 'God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me without delay. You will dwell in the land of Goshen, and you will be with me, you and your children and your grandchildren and your flocks and herds and everything you have. I will nourish you because there are still five years of famine.' You and Benjamin can see for yourselves that it is really I who speaks to you. Tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and hurry and bring him here."

Joseph hugged Benjamin and wept. Then he kissed all his brothers and wept. Afterward, his brothers talked with him.

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**LESSON 21**

**Joseph Forgives**

**Genesis 43:26-45:15**

**Joseph Breaks Bread**

**With His Brothers**

This is a beautiful story. Please read the lesson. Tell the story in your own words. Name the brothers by age to be sure you could have seated them. ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**LESSON 22**

**God’s Family Moves**

**To Egypt**

**Genesis 45:16-46**

**Memory Verse Gen.46**: 30 And Israel said to Joseph, “Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive.”

When Pharaoh heard the news, he was very pleased and said for Joseph to tell his brothers to go to Canaan and get his father and all his family and bring them to Egypt Pharaoh said, "I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and you will have everything you need. Take wagons from Egypt for your children and for your wives. Do not worry about your household furniture because everything in Egypt is yours."

Joseph's brothers did as they were told and took wagons. Pharaoh gave them supplies for their journey. He also gave them changes of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of clothes. To Jacob he sent ten donkeys loaded with good things from Egypt and ten more loaded with grain and bread and other provisions for the journey. Joseph sent them off with the warning not to have a quarrel on the way.

The brothers made their way back to Canaan, and they rushed in to tell Jacob, "Joseph is yet alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." Jacob fainted, not able to believe his ears. But they told him all Joseph had said, and he saw the wagons Joseph had sent. So Jacob took heart and said, "it is enough: Joseph my son is still alive, and I will go and see him before I die.'

Leaving Hebron (25:27), Jacob came to Beersheba, the point of departure from Canaan to go to Egypt. There he offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.

At Beersheba God appeared to Israel in the night and told him, "Fear not to go down into Egypt because there I will make of you a great nation. I will be with you and will surely bring you up again, and when you die, Joseph will be there to close your eyes."

Jacob arose, and his sons carried their father, their children and their wives in the wagons Pharaoh sent. They brought all their cattle and their goods into Egypt.

Jacob sent Judah ahead to get directions from Joseph to the land of Goshen. When Joseph learned they had come, he made his chariot ready and went down to meet Israel his father in the land of Goshen. He presented himself to him and hugged his father and wept a good while.

Israel said to Joseph, “Now let me die, since I have seen your face and know you are alive.”

Joseph hugged and greeted his family. (#11) Joseph told his father and brothers: “I will go to Pharaoh, and I will say, ‘My brothers and my father’s whole family have come to me. They are shepherds and keepers o cattle, and they have brought their flocks and herds.” Then when the Pharaoh asks what is your occupation, you will say to him, ‘we have been shepherds all our lives, both we and our forefathers.’ That way you will be able to live in the land of Goshen, because every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.”

God had a plan for Joseph’s life. Joseph came to Egypt as an outcast prisoner, because of his brother’s hatred toward him. But this was only beginning of the plan. With God’s help, Joseph rose to power. Again God’s providence is at work. Because of a famine, Israel’s family ends up in Egypt. They are placed in a distinct section of the land where they can grow and prosper separate from the Egyptian.

**This too is a**

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**LESSON 22**

**God’s Family Moves**

**To Egypt**

**Genesis 45:16-46**

**Israel Reunites**

**With Joseph**

1. When Pharaoh heard the story of Joseph’s family, what did he tell Joseph to tell them?

2. How good was Pharaoh to Joseph’s brothers?

3. How did Jacob react to the word about Joseph?

4. Did Israel remember the God of his father Isaac?

5. What happened to Jacob at Beersheba?

6. Tell of Joseph’s and Israel’s reunion.

7. What was the plan for Joseph’s family?

8. Even if his brothers did not see it, did they help God with the things they did? Why do you think Joseph understood?

**LESSON 23**

**Joseph Rules During the**

**Famine**

**Genesis 47**

**Memory Verse Gen.47**: **29**when the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, “Now if I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt,

Joseph went in before Pharaoh and said, "My family has come from Canaan and are presently in the land of Goshen." With him, Joseph had five of his brothers, and he presented them to Pharaoh.

Pharaoh asked, "What is your occupation?"

They said, "We are shepherds, both we and our ancestors. We have come to stay for a while in Egypt because there is no pasture for our flocks in Canaan. We would like to have permission to live in the land of Goshen.”

Pharaoh replied, speaking to Joseph: "Your family has come, and the land of Egypt is before you. Let them live in the best part of the land; let them stay in Goshen, and if you know any diligent men among them, then put them in charge of my cattle."

Joseph brought in his father Jacob and presented him to Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. Pharaoh asked Jacob, "How long have you lived?"

Jacob answered, "The years of my pilgrimage are 130 years. Few and hard have my years been, and I have not lived as long as my ancestors did during their pilgrimages." So Jacob blessed Pharaoh and left his presence. '..

The famine continued unabated, and the suffering of the Egyptians and other people was in strong contrast with the prosperity of the Israelites.

The famine continued for fie more years. Joseph continued to sell grain to the Egyptians until their money was all in the hands of Pharaoh. Then the people came to him and said, "Give us bread. Why should you watch us die? Our money is gone."

Joseph answered, "Give your cattle in exchange for grain if your money has run out." That year the people exchanged hones, flocks, and herds for bread.

The next year the people came and said, "Our money is spent, and our cattle belong to my lord; we have nothing left but our bodies and our land. Buy us and our land for bread. We and our land will be for the service of Pharaoh, and give us seed so that we can live and so the land will not be desolate."

Therefore Joseph bought all the land for Pharaoh. He resettled the people from one end of Egypt to another. The land of the priests was not sold, however, because Pharaoh gave them a certain allowance.

Joseph said to the people, "See, I have bought you this day, and your land, for Pharaoh. Now here is seed for you to plant. When you harvest your crops, you will give a fifth to Pharaoh. The other four parts will be your own, for seed and for food for your families."

The people were grateful and said, "You have saved our lives. We hope to please you, and we will serve Pharaoh."

Joseph made it a statute, which lasted until the days when this account was written, that Pharaoh’s portion would be a fifth, except for the lands of the priests.

The Israelites continued to live in Goshen and grew in their possessions, and also multiplied exceedingly in number.

Jacob lived in Egypt seventeen years, so that his life was 147 years. When the time drew near for him to die, Jacob called Joseph in to see him and said, "If I have found favor with you, please swear to me and promise you will deal kindly and truly with me. Do not bury me in Egypt. When I am dead, carry me out of Egypt and bury me with my ancestors."

Joseph said, "I will do as you have said."

Jacob replied, "Swear unto me," and Joseph swore to him. Then Jacob bowed himself (in worship) upon his staff (or toward the head of the bed).

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**LESSON 23**

**Joseph Rules During the Famine**

**Genesis 47**

**God Provides**

1. Joseph made arrangements with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for his family to settle in the land of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. When standing before Pharaoh, what did the brothers say that their profession was?

3. What special thing did Pharaoh ask of Joseph?

4. What did Jacob do when he met Pharaoh?

5. The famine continued for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more years.

6. What happened to the people as the famine continued?

1. They spent their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. They exchanged for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ..
3. They only had left their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Joseph gave the people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and they had to give a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ back to Pharaoh.

7. Joseph had saved his people, but he also saved the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

8. Joseph caused \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to prosper also.

9. What was Jacob’s last request and what did Joseph swear?

**LESSON 24**

**Jacob Prepares for Death**

**Genesis 48-49:27**

**Memory Verse Gen.49:10b** The scepter shall not depart from Judah,  
Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes

After Jacob's burial arrangements were made, word came to Joseph that his father was sick. Therefore Joseph brought his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, to be blessed.

Someone told Jacob, "Look, your son Joseph is coming," and Israel was strengthened and sat up on his bed.

Jacob spoke to Joseph and said, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me and said to me, “I will multiply your descendants and will give this land to your seed after you for an ongoing possession.' Now your two sons, who were born in Egypt before I came, are mine. Just as Reuben and Simeon, Ephraim and Manasseh will be my sons. Any further sons you have will be yours and will be considered a part either of Ephraim or Manasseh. Thus you are my firstborn, the son of Rachel. To my sorrow she died in the land of Canaan just a little distance from Ephrath (or Bethlehem)."

Though Israel's eyes were dim with age, he could make out the two sons of Joseph standing by, and he said, "Who are these?"

Joseph answered, "They are my two sons, whom God has given me here."

'Bring them near, if you will, and I will bless them." Joseph brought his sons closer to the bed, and Jacob hugged them. Then he said, "Here I had given up all hope of ever seeing you again, and now I have seen not only you but your sons also."

Joseph brought his sons out from Jacob's embrace and bowed with his face to the earth. Taking Manasseh on his left hand and Ephraim on his right hand, he moved them near to Jacob to receive the blessing - thus placing Manasseh the oldest on his father's right side.

But as Israel reached out to lay his hands upon his grandsons, he crossed his hands so that his right hand was upon Ephraim, and his left was upon Manasseh. He said, 'May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has fed me all my life until this day, the angel who has delivered me from all evil, bless these young men; let my name be named upon them, and the names of Abraham and Isaac, and let them grow to be a multitude in the earth."

When Joseph saw that his father's right hand was upon Ephraim, and his left upon Manasseh his firstborn, he lifted his father's hands to move them and said, "No, Father, not that way, because this one is the firstborn. Put your right hand upon his head."

But Jacob refused saying, "I know it, my son. He, too, will become a people, and he also will be great; however, his younger brother will be greater than he. His seed will become like that of a nation."

Jacob continued his blessing saying, "The day will come when the people of Israel will bless by saying, 'May God make you to be as Ephraim and as Manasseh."'

Then to Joseph himself Israel said, "I am dying, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your ancestors. Moreover, I have given to you one portion of land above that of your brothers which will be taken out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow."

Israel called for his sons to all come so he could tell of the things which will happen later on and to bless his sons with their inheritance. Joseph was the first born of his favorite wife, Rachel. He was given a double portion through his two sons.

Reuben was the first born of Jacob and to him belonged the pre-eminence. But it was already known that Reuben had lost his birthright because of the abomination he did with his father’s concubine.

Simeon and Levi are likewise passed over because of the shame they brought upon Israel by smiting the village of Shechem to avenge the seduction of their sister Dinah. The consequence of their deed was that they would not be given a separate portion of land, but would be scattered throughout Israel.

The important blessing came to Judah. Judah’s name means Jehovah be praise. (Gen. 29:35) Israel says to Judah, “Your brothers will praise you. Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your brothers will bow down to you.” Judah had already showed leadership and would in the future.

Most important, the family of David was of Judah, and since the Christ was from David, He was also from Judah. "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet until Shiloh (peace) come; and unto him shall the obedience of the peoples be" (Gen. 49:10). The scepter was the sign of ruling authority of a king. Therefore, in prophecy, Jacob was saying the kings of Israel would be of Judah until Shiloh come. Jesus was the Peace that would come.

The blessings to the rest of Leah’s and the two concubine’s sons are short and not very noteworthy. Yet more verses are devoted to Joseph than to any other son. By this the grateful love of Jacob for his beloved firstborn of Rachel is shown. He compares him to a fruit tree planted by a fountain. Though many would be the afflictions faced by his descendants, yet they would be fruitful and strong and would overcome.

Finally, according to Jacob's prophecy the Benjamites would show themselves to be warlike and very adept at warfare. This prophecy finds ample fulfillment in the history of the tribe (Judg. 20:16).

This would be the last of the Patriarchs. Abraham their father was called out of Ur to go with God where so ever He would lead. He was the first to receive the promises of God. His son Isaac was given the promise and through God’s providence the promise would then go to Jacob. Here at his making ready to die he sees the future to come through his sons.

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**LESSON 24**

**Jacob Prepares for Death**

**Genesis 48-49:27**

**End of the**

**Patriarchs**

1. Jacob is old and dying. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brings his two sons \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be blessed by his father.

2. What strange thing did Jacob do during their blessing?

3. How and why were the first three sons passed over for the blessings of pre-eminence?

3. Judah means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. List some of the things Jacob to Judah.

5. Must important \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would come through Judah.

6. Remember that Jacob’s last two and favorite sons, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were born to his favorite wife \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. What were his last words about Joseph?

8. What were his last words about Benjamin?

**LESSON 25**

**Death of the Patriarchs**

**Genesis 49:28-50:26**

**Memory Verse Gen. 50:20 0**But as for you, you meant evil against me;

*but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day,

to save many people alive.

When Jacob finished blessing his sons he said, "I am about to die. Bury me with my fathers in the Cave of Machpelah in the field of Ephron the Hittite, which Abraham bought for a burial place. There they buried Abraham and his wife Sarah; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah, and there I buried Leah." When Jacob finished saying these things he lay back, lifted his feet back onto his bed and died.

Jacob, Israel, was 147 when he died. Joseph was 56. Joseph embraced the dead body of his father and wept over him and kissed him. Then he commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. The time required for the embalming was forty days. The Egyptians themselves mourned for Jacob for seventy days.

When the days of weeping were past, Joseph went to Pharaoh and said, "If I have pleased you, grant me a favor. My father made me swear that I would bury him in the land of Canaan. Therefore, please let me go and bury my father, and I will return."

Pharaoh gave his permission and sent a great host of Egyptian dignitaries to Canaan with the family. Joseph and the other members of Jacob's family, except the children, went up with chariots and cavalry; it was a very large group. They came up the east side of the Jordan to a place called the threshing floor of Atad. When the Canaanites saw the great procession of Egyptians, and their lamentations, they said, "This is a serious lamentation (ebel) to the Egyptians." Therefore they called the place Abel-mizraim.

Joseph and his brothers took the body of their father to Hebron and buried it in the Cave of Machpelah, just as he has promised. Then they returned to Egypt along with everyone else who had come with them.

Now that Jacob was dead, the brothers of Joseph said to one another, "It may be that now Joseph will hate us and will pay us back for all the evil we did to him."

So they sent a message to Joseph which said, "Your father gave us a command before he died that we should ask you to forgive us of our transgression. We ask you, therefore, to forgive us the evil we did to you."

Joseph wept when they said these things to him. His brothers fell on their faces before him and said, "Look, we are your servants."

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Do I stand in God's place? It is true that you intended evil against me, but God meant it for good to save our people. So don't be afraid; I will take care of you and of your little ones." Thus Joseph comforted them and spoke very fervently to assure them.

Joseph continued to live in Egypt, he and his father's family. He lived to see Ephraim's great grandchildren and Manasseh's grandchildren through Machir. As he was approaching death, Joseph said to his brothers, "I am dying, but God will surely come to your rescue, and you will carry my bones with you when you go." So Joseph died at 110 years old and they embalmed him, and he was placed in a coffin (or sarcophagus) in Egypt to one day be taken back home to Canaan. It would be 400 years later before that could be done.

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**LESSON 25**

**Death of the Patriarchs**

**Genesis 49:28-50:26**

**Take Me Home**

1. Where did Jacob want to be buried?

2. How old was Jacob and Joseph when Jacob died?

3. How did Joseph react?

4. What happened to Jacob’s body?

5. How long did they mourn?

6. What special thing did Joseph ask Pharaoh?

7. Where was Jacob buried, who bought the land and who was buried there?

8. Why do you think that some of the people were left back in Egypt?

9. Why do you think the brothers had some fears?

10. What did he do? What did Joseph say to put their fears to rest?

11. Joseph too wanted to be buried in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

12. Was he taken back to Canaan then?

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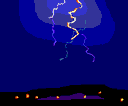
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