



Read Through The Bible In A Year

Week 2 - Genesis 10-24

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:36

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1. Looking Back

Genesis is a book of beginnings. In the Beginning God created. . . Universe, earth, animals, marriage, mankind. Unfortunately, man used his free will to disobey God and sin entered the world and fell from what God designed him to be. Then God inaugurated a plan by establishing covenant with Abraham for the creation of a nation of people and for man's ultimate redemption and re-creation. God led Abraham out of Babylonia into the land of Canaan. Abraham fled to Egypt. Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed. Though a patriarch, Abraham like many other men of God act deceitfully and selfishly.

About the book.

Genesis was probably written by Moses during the wilderness wanderings between 1446 and 1406 B.C. It is truly a book of beginnings.

2. What happened in this week's reading

- a. Dispersion of the Human Family
- b. The Beginning of Nations
- c. Descendants from Shem to Abram
- d.. Job, the Righteous Sufferer
- e. Period of the Patriarchs – The Call of Abram
- f. Abram Dishonors Himself in Egypt
- g. Separation of Abram and Lot
- h. Defeat of the Kings
- i. God's Covenant with Abram
- l. Birth of Ishmael Through Hagar
- k. Names and Circumcision As Signs of Covenant
- l. Appearance of Heavenly Visitors
- m. Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah
- n. The Scheme of Lot's Daughters
- o. Abraham deceives Abimelech
- p. The Birth of Isaac
- q. Abraham and Abimelech Settle Dispute
- r. Expulsion of Hagar and Ishmael
- s. Abraham's Ultimate Test of Faith
- t. News Regarding Nahor's Family
- u. Sarah's Death and Burial
- v. Abraham Arranges Wife for Isaac

3. What does it mean?

a. The Fallible Faithful. List some of the “unpatriarchial” activities of these heroes of the faith that we have read about so far.

b. God is Faithful but he sometimes asks us to respond in ways that seem unreasonable

Build an ark	Kill your first born?
Create a nation of people	For us today?

c. God wants to have a relationship with us, but the depth is up to us. Gen. 32:24-32 (p. 66)

1) Jacob flees Esau – Dream at Bethel. Stairway to heaven

2) 20 years later returns

3) Wrestles with Angel “God”

d. Names – “What is your name?” Gen. 32:27

1) Bethel. “El” = God “Beth” = house

2) Israel – “he struggles with God”

Name changes. Significance

Abram – Abraham	<u>Saul</u>
Sarai – Sarah	<u>Peter</u>
Jacob – Israel	

4. Going deeper. The importance of covenants

A covenant is an agreement between two parties of equal or unequal authority. Genesis 15:1-6 (p. 29); 15:17-21 (p. 30)

Provision for Abraham

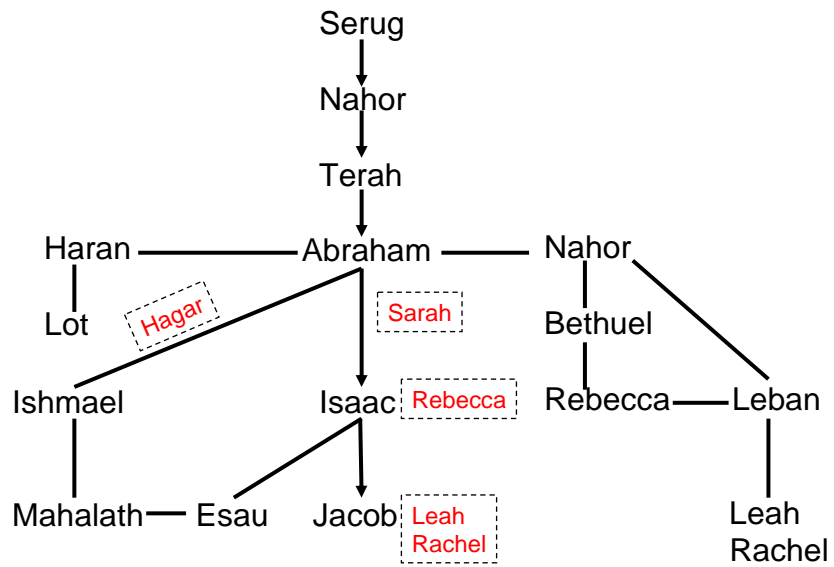
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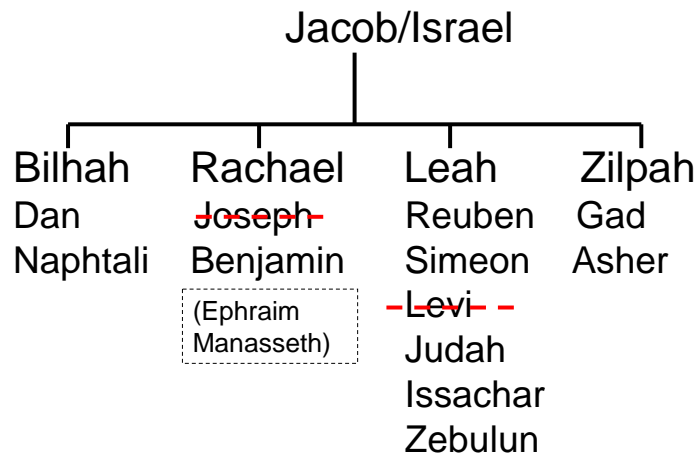
What kind of Covenant? Gen 17:7,8 (p. 33) Everlasting

5. How will you use what you have learned this week?

6. **Looking Ahead** – The Children of Israel end up in Egypt



Jacob's Sons or The Children of Israel



Covenants in the Bible

Covenant	Scripture	Participants	Purpose	Sign
Noahic	Gen 9:8-17	God and Noah and his descendants	Promise never to destroy earth by natural catastrophe	Rainbow
Abrahamic 1	Gen 15:9-21	God and Abram and his descendants	Unconditional divine promise of a land (Israel)	None
Abrahamic 2	Gen. 17	God and Abraham	Father of many nations; A large number of people	Circumcision
Sinaitic	Ex. 19-24	God and nation of Israel	Conditional pledge to be Israel's God	10 commandments (Ark of Covenant)
Davidic	2 Sam 7:5-16	God and David	Unconditional divine promise to maintain David's kingdom	Nation of Israel
New	Jer 31:31-34	God and Israel	Unconditional divine promise to unfaithful Israel to forgive her sins and establish a new relationship	Jesus Christ

	Old	New
Purpose	Establishes a group of people - Genesis 17:1-8	<u>Fulfills</u> the old Matt 5:17-20; Jeremiah 31:31-34
Enacted	God to man	Jesus' <u>death on the cross</u>
Sign	Ark, 10 commandments, rainbow, circumcision	Jesus on the cross and <u>The Lord's Supper</u>
Provision	Obedience leads to righteousness Deuteronomy 6:25	<u>Grace</u> through <u>faith</u> leads to salvation Ephesians 2:8-10
Based on	Observing the Law Galatians 3 esp. v. 5	God's <u>grace</u> Romans 3:22-26

