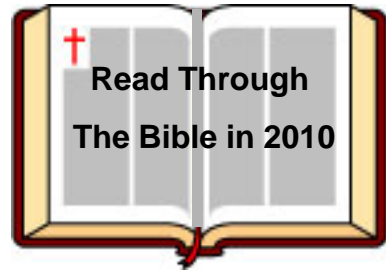




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Reading Plan

If you don't have a Daily Bible:

Jan 1-3 Gen. 1 - 9
 Jan 4-10 Gen. 10 - 24
 Jan 11-17 Gen. 25 - 38
 Jan 18 - 24 Gen. 39 - Ex. 11

Remember Outlook devotional

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Objective

1. Read through the Bible in 2006 "All 66 in 2006"
2. Understand the broad concepts and events
3. Dig deeper for spiritual application
4. Have fun

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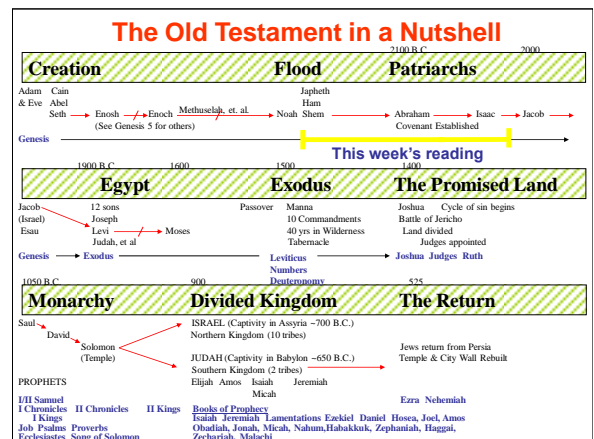
Old Testament 39 Books

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 Genesis
 Exodus
 Leviticus
 Numbers
 Deuteronomy

History
 Joshua
 Judges
 Ruth
 1&2 Samuel
 1&2 Kings
 1&2 Chronicles
 Ezra
 Nehemiah
 Esther

Poetry
 Job
 Psalms
 Proverbs
 Ecclesiastes
 Song of Solomon

Prophecy
 Isaiah
 Jeremiah
 Lamentations
 Ezekiel
 Daniel
 Hosea
 Joel
 Amos
 Obadiah



A Biblical Soap Opera

- As the World Turns
 - Days of our Lives
 - One Life to Live
 - Young and the Restless
 - All My Children
- Old Testament Patriarchs

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What happened in this week's reading

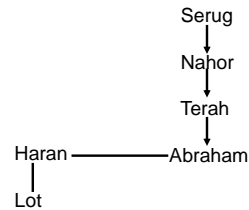
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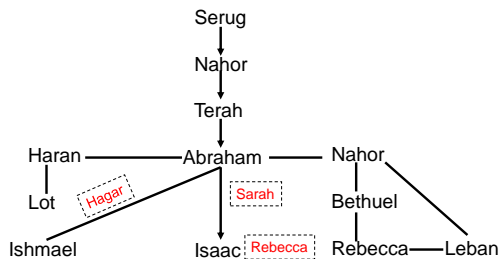


- Dispersion of the Human Family
- The Beginning of Nations
- Descendants from Shem to Abram
- Job, the Righteous Sufferer

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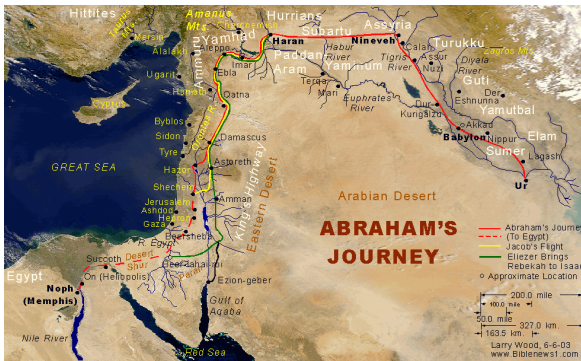
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- Period of the Patriarchs – The Call of Abram
- Abram Dishonors Himself in Egypt
- Separation of Abram and Lot
- Defeat of the Kings

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- i. God's Covenant with Abram
- j. 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



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- 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
 - God requires Abraham to sacrifice son
 - Go to Mt. Moriah (Mt. Zion)
 - Spared at last moment
 - Ram offered as substitute



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What does it mean?

- a. The Fallible Faithful

Abraham lies to Abimelech,
 Isaac repeats sin
 Jacob deceiving father with mother's help
 Jacob deceives his brother
 Jacob deceives his father
 Hagar/Ishmael expelled
 Laban and Jacob cheat
 Rachael steals father's idols

What does it mean?

- b. God is Faithful but he sometimes asks us to respond in ways that seem unreasonable.
 - A nation of people
 - Kill your first born?
 - For us today?
 - Turn the other cheek
 - Forgive 7X70
 - Do good to those who persecute you

Going deeper

God is Faithful – he keeps his covenants
 Isaac and the New Covenant
 When we are fickle, He is faithful
 - Isaac to Jacob "Who is it?"
 - God to Jacob: "What is your name?"



Covenants

1. 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
 Verse 5 **Numerous offspring**
 Verse 18 **Large amount of land**
 What kind of Covenant? Gen 17:7,8 (p. 33)

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“Everlasting” – Replacement theology.

Gen: 17:7 I will establish my covenant as an **everlasting** covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. 8 The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an **everlasting possession** to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

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Major Covenants in the Old Testament

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

Comparison of Old and New Covenants

	Old	New
Purpose	Establishes a group of people - Genesis 17:1-8	Fulfills 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 through 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