

**OT1: Genesis (Gen: 50 Chapters) The Law****Theme: Beginnings**

**Genesis** is the first book of the Bible and explains the creation of the universe and life on earth. It includes Adam and Eve, the Fall, the Flood, and the dispersion of mankind. Then comes the account of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the origin of God's people Israel.

Brief Outline:

- Gen 1-2: I. Material Universe and Man
- Gen 3-5: II. Sin & Salvation
- Gen 6-9: III. Devastation & Deliverance
- Gen 10-50: IV: Confusion & Covenant
  - Gen 10-11: A. The Line of Confusion
  - Gen 12-50: B. The Line of the Covenant
    - Gen 12-24 Abraham
    - Gen 25-26 Isaac
    - Gen 27-36 Jacob
    - Gen 37-50 Joseph & His Brothers
- **Prayers in Genesis**
  - Cain-for mercy Gen 4:13-15
  - Abraham-for a son Gen 15:1,6
  - Abraham-for Ishmael Gen 17:18-21
  - Abraham-for Sodom Gen 18:20-32
  - Abraham-for Abimelech Gen 20:17
  - Hagar-for consolation Gen 21:14-20
  - Abraham's servant-for guidance Gen 24:12-52
  - Isaac-for children Gen 25:21
  - Rebekah-for understanding Gen 25:22, 23
  - Jacob-for deliverance (from Esau) Gen 32:9-12
  - Jacob-all night Gen 32:24-30

Expanded Outline

- I. Gen 1-2 Material Universe & Man
  - Gen 1. "In The beginning God" - The 6 day creation account
    - 6 Days of Creation: 1.Light: Night and Day, 2. Expanse between the waters: Heaven and Water 3. Separate Earth and Sea. Vegetation, 4.Lights: Sun & moon & stars 5. Sea Creatures and birds 6. Beasts of the Earth & man in His own image (1:27)
      - Gen 1:2 "The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."
      - Gen 1:26 "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.""
    - 1:28 – 30 Creation Mandate (see also Gen 9)
  - Gen 2. Day of rest (2:1-3), Recap of Man & Woman Creation
    - Gen 2:17 Covenant of Works initiated

- Gen 2:24 Marriage Principle
- II. Gen 3-5 Sin & Salvation
  - Gen 3. vs 15 “and I will put enmity” – the Fall and the curse. Expulsion from the garden
  - Gen 4. Cain & Abel; Birth of Seth
  - Gen 5. Descendants from Adam to Noah. Adam dies at 930. Enoch who walked with God, “God took him” (5:24). Enoch>Mehtusalah (969)>Lamech>Noah. Noah was 500 yrs old when he fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
  - Gen 6. 1-4 The Nephilim vs 5-6 “every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”
    - Gen 6:8 “But Noah found favor (grace) in the eyes of the LORD.” First use of word “Grace”
    - Gen 6:18 “But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.”
- III. Gen 6-9 Devastation & Deliverance
  - Gen 7 vs 19 “all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered”
    - Waters prevailed 150 days. Rained 40 days and nights. Noah was 601 at leaving the ark.
  - Gen 8. vs 19 “went out by families from the ark” vs 20 – 9:17 God’s covenant with Noah and all living things
    - Gen 8:21-22 “And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, **for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth.** Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. 22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.””
  - Gen 9. vs 1-7 Creation Mandate (also in Gen 1) vs 5-6 warrant for Death Penalty [God giving man the Sword to execute justice based on the Imagio Dei – see Rom 9] vs 18-29 Ham’s (father of Canaan) disgraceful action. Noah dies at 950
    - Gen 9:8-17 God’s second reference to His covenant with Noah
- IV. Gen 10-50 Confusion & Covenant
  - A. Gen 10 – 11 The Line of Confusion
    - Gen 10. Nations Descending from Noah (genealogies)
    - Gen 11. The Tower of Babel. Shem – Terah – Abraham, Haran, Nahor. Lot son of Haran. Abraham marries barren Sarai. Terah begins migration to Canaan, stops in Haran and dies at 205.
  - B. Gen 12 – 50 The Line of the Covenant
    - Gen 12 – 24 Abraham
      - Gen 12. Abraham Called by God; Leaves with Lot & Co for Canaan; Egypt Experience – 1<sup>st</sup> “Sister” deception
        - Gen 12:3 **“I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”**
      - Gen 13. Abraham (Canaan) & Lot (Sodom or Jordon Valley) Separate. God Reaffirms His promises to Abraham. Abraham moves to Hebron.
      - Gen 14. Abraham rescues Lot, and is blessed by Melchizadeck.
        - Gen 14:20 “and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything” but he accepted no plunder from the King of Sodom.
      - Gen 15. God’s covenant with Abraham. An heir promised. Halfened Animal ritual
        - Vs 6 “and he believed the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness”
        - vs 13 – God’s Prophecy about Israel’s sojourn in Egypt.
      - Gen 16.
        - Birth of Ishmael through Hagar; 1<sup>st</sup> Hagar Banishment, Ishmael prophecy.

- Abraham is 86.
- Gen 17. “And I will establish my covenant”; circumcision introduced; names changed. Abraham is 99. Abraham Laughs.
- Gen 18. Visit of 3 Theophany
  - Vs 12 “So Sarah laughed to herself. Vs 14 “Is anything too hard for the Lord?”
  - Abraham intercedes for Sodom (Lot). Vs 25 “Shall not the judge of all the earth do what is just?”  
Judge = Angel of the Lord = Jesus
- Gen 19. Sodom & Gomorrah
  - Vs 16 “But he (Lot) lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city”
  - Birth of Moab & Ben –ammi (Ammonites)
- Gen 20. Abimelech: 2<sup>nd</sup> “Sister” deception
- Gen 21. Birth of Isaac. (21:1: Sounds like immaculate conception)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Hagar Banishment
- Gen 22. “Take your son, your only son” Moriah Sacrifice
- Gen 23. Sarah Dies. Abraham purchases field from Ephron the Hittite in Machpelah, east of Mamre (in Hebron).
- Gen 24. Abraham’s servant is led to Rebekah; Isaac marries Rebekah
- Gen 25- 26 Isaac
  - Gen 25. Abraham marries Keturah. Abraham Dies at 175.
    - Esau & Jacob Born.
    - Esau despises his birthright
  - Gen 26. Isaac “Sister” deception with Abimelech
    - The Lord appears to Isaac at Beersheba
    - Esau marries Hittite women
- Gen 27 – 36 Jacob
  - Gen 27. Jacob and Rebecca trick Isaac and Jacob receives blessing, then flees Esau.
  - Gen 28. Jacob’s Ladder at Bethel.
    - Jacob vows a tenth to God.
  - Gen 29. Marries Leah then Rachel. The children begin.
  - Gen 30. Striped, Speckled, and Spotted Flock. Jacob’s Prosperity
  - Gen 31. Flees Laban. “Rachel stole her father’s household gods..” “but God came to Laban”
  - Gen 32. Nervous preparation for encounter with Esau.
    - Wrestles with God.
    - Jacob’s name changed to Israel.
  - Gen 33. Reunion with Esau; settlement in Canaan
  - Gen 34. Dinah raped, Slaughter upon Hamor, Shechem & males by Simeon and Levi
  - Gen 35. God blesses Jacob and names him Israel again.
    - Benjamin is born and Rachel dies. Jacob’s Family is complete:
    - Gen 35:22 Reuben sleeps with Bilhah, and Jacob hears of it
    - Jacob’s Descendants:

- Leah: Reuben (1<sup>st</sup> born), Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun
- Zilpah (Leah's servant): Gad & Asher
- Rachel: Joseph & Benjamin
- Bilhah (Rachel's servant): Dan & Naphtali
- Isaac dies at 180.
- Gen 36. Essau's descendants
- Gen 37-50 Joseph & his brothers
  - Gen 37. Coat of many colors, Dreams of greatness, sold to Ishmaelites, goes to Egypt
  - Gen 38. vs 1- 9 Wicked Er & Onan killed by God. Vs12- 30 Judah and Tamar
  - Gen 39. Potiphar's House. Joseph to prison
  - Gen 40. Prisoners Dreams: Cupbearer lives, baker dies. Cupbearer forgets Joseph...
  - Gen 41. 2 yrs later: Pharo's dream: 7 yrs of plenty, 7 yrs of famine = 7 fat cows eat 7 gaunt cows and 7 fat corns eat 7 gaunt corns. Cupbearer remembers & Joseph is exalted at 30 yrs old. Joseph Marries Asenath, and they have Manasseh and Ephraim.
  - Gen 42. 10 Brothers to Egypt. Simeon is held in custody.
  - Gen 43. Return to Egypt with Benjamin. Judah: "If I do not bring him back to you...then let me bear the blame forever"
    - They dine at Joseph's house.
  - Gen 44. Silver Cup – Judah intercedes for Benjamin. Vs33 Judah: "Please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers."
  - Gen 45. Joseph Reveals himself. Vs5 "God sent me before you to preserve life"
  - Gen 46. Jacob & Co of 70 to Goshen.
    - Gen 46:3-4 "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt" "I myself will go down with you to Egypt and I will bring you up again"
    - Jacob and Joseph reunited.
  - Gen 47. Jacob at 130 blesses Pharaoh.
  - Gen 48. vs 11 And Israel said to Joseph "I never expected to see your face; and behold, God has let me see your offspring also". Ephraim the younger blessed before Manasseh the older
  - Gen 49. Jacob Blesses his sons and dies at 147. Buried in the field of Ephraim the Hittite w. Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca, & Leah
    - Gen 49:10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples."
  - Gen 50. vs 18-20 "And now please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him, and said "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."
    - Joseph dies at 110, after prophesying about the coming Exodus.