

GENESIS

NAME: “Genesis” is a Greek word meaning “beginning.” The book tells of the beginning of everything except God who is without beginning or end.

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DATE: 1500 BC Moses lived about as far on the other side of Christ as Columbus, who discovered America, lived on this side of Christ.

OUTLINE: (*Learn*)

- A. History of the human race (Gen. 1–11)
 1. Creation
 2. Fall
 3. Flood
 4. Tower of Babel (Nations)
- B. History of the chosen race, the Jews (Gen. 12–50)
 1. Abraham
 2. Isaac
 3. Jacob
 4. Joseph

	Human Race	Abraham and the Chosen Race		
Genesis	ch. 1 to ch. 11 2000 years (?)	ch. 12	to 315 years	ch. 50

HISTORY OF THE HUMAN RACE—GENESIS 1–11 CREATION (GENESIS 1–2)

Genesis 1 outlines creation as a whole

Genesis 2 retells creation especially emphasizing man’s place

I. THE CREATOR

A. *List what you discover about God from these chapters*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

B. The Bible reveals God as a “trinity” (one God yet three persons), God the F _____, God the S _____, and God the Holy _____.

Notice the pronouns in Genesis 1:26.

Which person in the Godhead is mentioned in Genesis 1:2? _____

Was the Son of God present in creation? _____ (Read John 1:1–3; Col. 1:16).

II. THE CREATION

A. The word “create,” meaning to make out of nothing, is used three times in Genesis 1.

Genesis 1:1 God created matter (the material universe)

Genesis 1:21 God created animal life

Genesis 1:27 God created human life

B. *Name in order what God did each of the days of creation week:*

1st day _____ 5th day _____

2nd day _____ 6th day _____

3rd day _____ 7th day _____

4th day _____

- C. Which day did God bless and sanctify? (2:1-3) _____
- D. How long do you think these days were? _____
- E. What does “after his kind” mean in Genesis 1:11, 12, 21, 24? _____
- _____
- F. Have you known any other explanation for the creation of the world? _____
 (In your thinking and reading, distinguish between the proved FACTS of science and the unproved THEORIES.)

Professor Dana said of this first chapter in the Bible, “I find it to be in perfect accord with known science.” To a graduating class at Yale he said, “Young men! As you go out into the world to face scientific problems, remember that I, an old man who has known only science all my life long, say to you, that there is nothing truer in all the Universe than the scientific statements contained in the Word of God.”

III. CREATION’S CLIMAX—MAN

- A. Man’s beginning:
1. Of what two things was man created? (2:7) _____
 2. In whose image was man made? _____
 3. Why did God make man? (Read Isa. 43:7, Rev. 4:11) _____
 4. How do we know that God planned for man to work? (2:15) _____
 5. Who named the animals and fowls that God made? _____
- B. Man’s first home: The Garden of _____
1. This garden was probably located in the Mesopotamian plain.
 The name of what river is familiar to you? (2:11-14) _____
See the probable location on the map, page 13.
 2. In those days how was the earth watered? (2:6) _____
 3. What did God give man and animals for food? (1:29-30) _____
 4. What two unusual trees were in the garden? 1. _____
 2. _____
 5. What one restriction or test of obedience was given to man? (2:17) _____

- (In the garden there was health, happiness, and holiness.)
- C. Man’s wife: Called _____ (2:23), _____ (3:20), and _____ (5:2)
1. Why was she made? _____
 2. How was she made? _____

MAN’S FALL INTO SIN (GENESIS 3-4)

I. WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT SATAN

“That old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan” (Rev. 12:9) apparently was first created as one of the **cherubim** (Ezek. 28:12-15), having great position and authority. He fell from his heavenly estate through his rebellious attitude of **pride** (Isa. 14:12-15).

After the creation of the earth he tempted mankind likewise **to act in self-will** instead of God’s will. (Gen. 3:1-6). His **plan is to dethrone God** in His universe and in the hearts of men. God promises **Satan’s ultimate destruction** through the “seed of the woman,” Christ (Gen. 3:15).

Three times Jesus called him “**the prince of this world**” (John 14:30, etc.). As “the prince of the power of the air” (Eph. 2:2) he heads a vast host of demons. The present world system organized upon the principles of force, greed, selfishness, ambition, and sinful pleasure is his work. In His own time, **God’s full judgment will come upon Satan** (Rev. 20:10) and the absolute, undivided sovereignty of God over His whole universe will be restored.

II. TEMPTATION OF ADAM AND EVE

1. What did Satan cause Eve to doubt? _____

2. How did Satan do this? _____

3. What are some of the things Satan tempts us to doubt about God? _____

4. How did Jesus meet Satan’s temptations? (Read Luke 4:1–13) _____

III. THE RESULTS OF SIN

1. For the serpent? (3:14–15) _____
2. For the woman? (3:16) _____
3. For the man? (3:17, 19) _____
4. For the ground? (3:18) _____
5. Has spiritual and physical death resulted from sin? _____
6. How can we escape spiritual death? (Rom. 6:23) _____

7. How did Adam and Eve try to cover their sin and nakedness? _____

8. How did God clothe Adam and Eve? _____
9. By driving Adam and Eve from Eden, God, in kindness, kept them away from what? (3:24) _____

IV. THE FIRST PROMISE OF A SAVIOR (GENESIS 3:15)

Quote and memorize _____

V. CAIN AND ABEL

1. Why was God pleased with Abel’s offering? (Heb. 11:4) _____

2. List all of Cain’s sins in the order they occurred _____

3. Whom do you think Cain married? _____
4. What were the occupations of the early descendants of Cain? (4:20–22) _____

5. What son was given to Adam and Eve to take Abel’s place? _____

VI. WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT SIN

(Memorize as assigned by the teacher)

- A. What is sin?
1 John 3:4 “Sin is the _____”
John 16:7–9 “The Comforter . . . will reprove the world of sin . . . because they _____
_____ on me (Jesus).”

- B. Who has sinned?
 Romans 3:23 “_____ have sinned.”
 Isaiah 53:6 “_____ we like _____ have gone astray; we have turned every one to _____”
- C. Consequences of sin:
 Romans 6:23 “_____ of sin is _____.”
 John 3:36 “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son _____; but the _____ abideth on him.”
 Revelation 20:15 “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was _____ into the _____.”
- D. Provision for forgiveness:
 John 3:16 “For God so _____ the _____ that he _____ his only begotten _____, that whosoever _____ should not _____, but have everlasting _____.”
 1 John 1:7 “The _____ of Jesus Christ his Son _____ us from _____.”
Also see 2 Peter 3:9, Hebrews 9:22, 26, 28; Isaiah 53:5, 6; 1 John 2:2; Galatians 3:13.
- E. Conditions of forgiveness:
 John 1:12 “But as many as _____ Him (Jesus), to them gave he power to become the _____, even to them that _____ on his name.”
 1 John 1:9 “If we _____, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to _____ us from _____ unrighteousness.”
Also see Romans 10:9, 10; Revelation 3:20; Matthew 7:13, 14; John 3:7.
- F. When can one be saved?
 2 Corinthians 6:2 “_____, _____ the day of salvation.”
 Proverbs 27:1 “Boast not thyself of _____; for _____ what a day may bring forth.”
- G. Can one know he is saved?
 1 John 5:13 “These things have I _____ unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may _____, and that ye _____ of the Son of God.”

THE FLOOD (GENESIS 5-9)

- How old was Adam when he died? (5:5) _____
- Who is the oldest man in this chapter and in the Bible? (5:27) _____
- Who walked with God and did not die? (5:24) _____
- Why did God decide to destroy man? (6:5) _____

- Describe Noah:* _____

- The ark was to be made of _____ wood, _____ cubits long, _____ cubits broad, and _____ cubits high, with _____ stories, a window, and a door.
William Matthew Petrie gives the ancient cubit as equal to 22.5". This would make the ark 562' 6" long by 93' 9" wide by 56' 3" high with 2,958,000 cubic feet of space, which equals the carrying load of 1,000 freight cars. The ark was six times long as it was wide. Some of the finest ships afloat are built in proportion to the ark.
- How many of each clean animal were taken into the ark? (7:2) _____
- How many of each unclean animal were taken into the ark? _____
- Who were the eight people in the ark? _____

10. How long did it rain? _____
11. On what mountain did the ark rest? (8:4) _____
12. What two birds were sent out of the ark to test whether the water was down? _____
13. What did Noah do immediately after he left the ark? _____

After reading Genesis 6–8 write a short story, or letter, or diary, or news report telling about the flood, pretending you were one of Noah’s family. Use vivid, reverent imagination.

Noah’s household were in the ark 1 year and 17 days, as follows:

- 7 days in the ark before the rain began
- 40 days it rained day and night
- 110 days more, the ark rested on Mt. Ararat
- 73 days more, the mountain tops were visible
- 40 days more, Noah sent out a raven
- 7 days more, Noah sent out a dove; it returned
- 7 days more, Noah sent out another dove; it returned
- 7 days more, Noah sent out another dove; it did not return
- 29 days more, the covering of the ark was removed
- 57 days more, Noah went out of the ark

14. What did God now give man for food? (9:3) _____
15. Did God ever command capital punishment? (9:6) _____
16. What is the meaning of the rainbow? _____

ORIGIN OF NATIONS (GENESIS 10–11)

GENESIS 10–DESCENDANTS FROM NOAH’S SONS

Shem’s descendants settled chiefly in Central Asia.

Ham’s descendants settled chiefly in Africa.

Japheth’s descendants settled chiefly in Europe.

GENESIS 11–TOWER OF BABEL

1. Why did the people want to build the Tower of Babel? (11:4) _____
2. How did the Lord stop the building of the tower? _____
3. *Locate the Tower of Babel. It was probably near the Babylon of later years. See the map, page 13.*

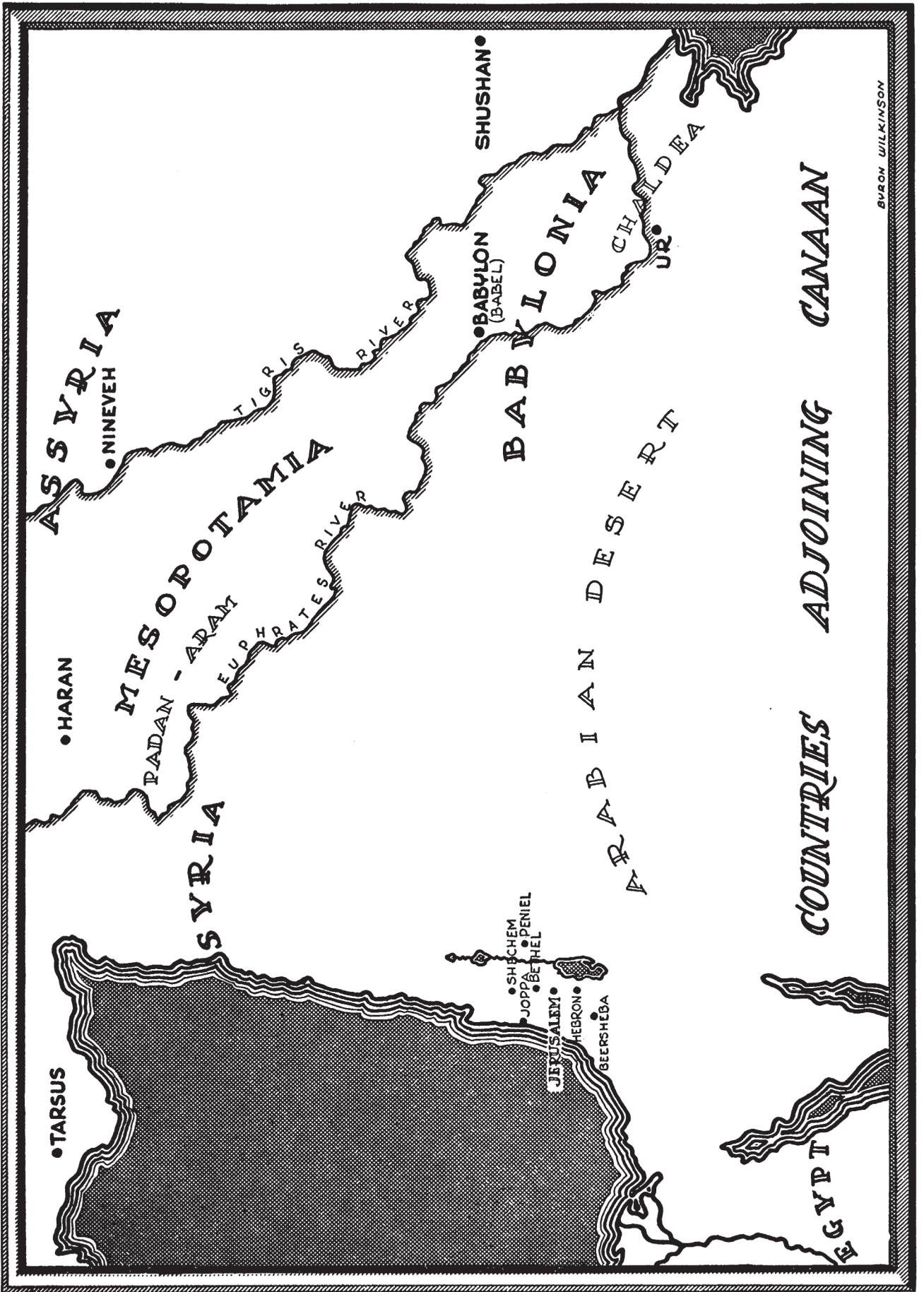
HISTORY OF THE CHOSEN RACE—GENESIS 12–50

THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION

As the events of the Old Testament progress there is the continuous development of God’s plan to bring into the world the Redeemer through the chosen race, Israel, in the chosen land, Palestine. *Notice how the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph are connected with this plan of redemption.*

THE PURPOSE OF HAVING ONE CHOSEN RACE WAS:

1. To keep alive the worship of the one true God.
2. To illustrate to other nations the blessedness of serving the true God.
3. To receive and preserve God’s Word, the Bible.
4. To give birth to the Messiah, Jesus Christ.



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THE FATHER OF THE CHOSEN RACE—ABRAHAM

Date: Abraham lived about 2000 B.C.

Adam	Abraham	Christ	Today
4000 BC	2000 BC		AD 2000

Hammurabi was living at the same time as Abraham. *Use a reference material to find out who Hammurabi was* _____

Honor: Abraham is today honored by:

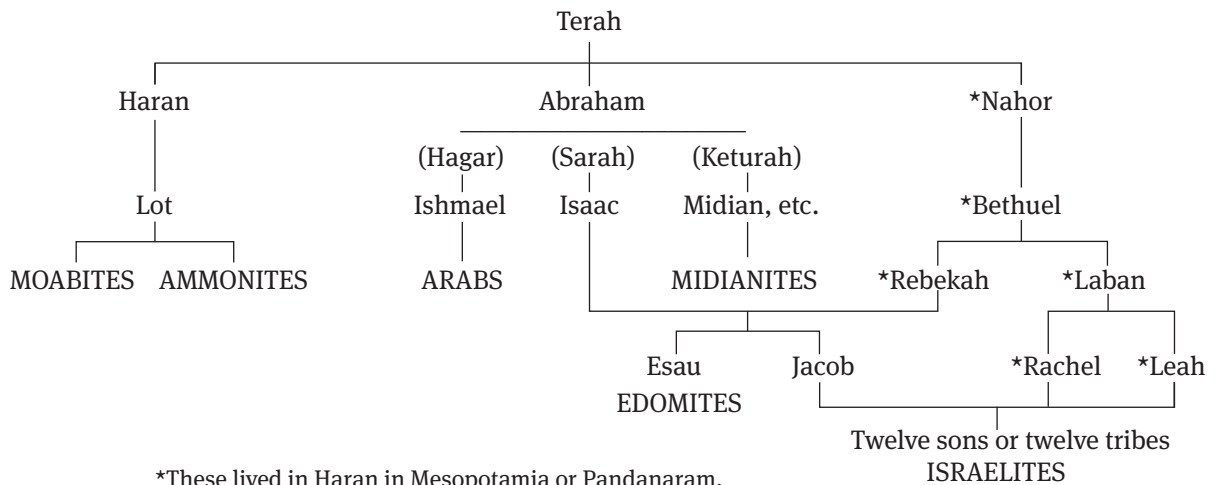
JEWS as the father and founder of the Hebrew race.

CHRISTIANS as the father of all who believe God. (Gal. 3:6–9, 29)

MUSLIMS as the father of Ishmael.

Abraham is called _____. (James 2:23)

Family tree:



QUESTIONS ON ABRAHAM AND ISAAC (GENESIS 12–25)

- Where was Abraham's home: (11:28, 31) _____
What is known of this city? Use a reference material. _____
- From which of Noah's sons did Abram descend? (11:10) _____
- Memorize the *SECOND PROMISE* of the SAVIOR in Genesis 12:2, 3.
- When Abram was on his way from Ur to Canaan where did he stop? (11:31) _____
- From what place to what place did Abram go at 75 years of age? _____
- What happened at the first stop in Canaan at Sichern (or Shechem)? (12:6–7) _____
- Who traveled with Abram? (12:5) _____
- How did Abram worship at Bethel? _____
- Why did Abram go to Egypt? _____
(The great pyramids had been standing for centuries before Abram went to Egypt.)
- In what way did Abram and Sarai deceive the Egyptians? _____
- To what place did Abram return to build an altar and worship? (13:3–4) _____

12. Why did Abram and Lot separate? _____

13. What did Lot choose? (13:11–12) _____
14. What kind of people lived in Sodom? _____
15. What marvelous promise did God make to Abram? (13:14–17) _____

16. In what town did Abram finally settle? (13:18) H _____ in the plains of M _____
17. *Trace Abram's journeys from Ur here. See the map, page 13.*
18. When four kings fought against five kings what relative of Abram's was captured? (14:1–16)

19. Aside from his confederates, how many in Abram's own army of trained servants went with him to rescue the captives? (14:14) _____
20. What did Melchizedek do for Abram? (14:18–20) _____

21. What did Abram give Melchizedek? T _____, a word which means _____
(*Read Hebrews 7 and find who is compared to Melchizedek in the New Testament. Notice verse 22.*)
22. What did the rich man Abram lack and want? (15:3) _____
23. The vision in Genesis 15 was to prove to Abraham that God would keep his promise. What did God say would happen to Abraham's seed some day? (15:13–16) _____

24. What happened to Hagar? (16) _____

25. When Abram was _____ years old God made a _____ with him. His name was changed to _____, which means _____. He promised him the land of _____ as an _____ possession. God promised Abraham a son, _____ by his wife, _____ who was then _____ years old. Her name was changed to _____, which means "princess." The covenant was to be with Abraham's son, _____, not with _____. The sign of this covenant was circumcision. (17)
26. What message did the heavenly visitors bring Abraham? (18) _____

27. Did Sarah laugh at this news in a spirit of belief or unbelief? (18:10–15) _____
28. Why did Abraham want God to spare Sodom from punishment? _____

29. Did the people of Sodom believe God would destroy their city? (19:14) _____
30. Who did escape from Sodom? (19:16) _____
31. Why did Lot's wife become a pillar of salt? (19:17, 26) _____

32. Sodom is known as "the filthiest city of antiquity." Did the filth of Sodom cling to Lot's family?
33. *Name three things you admire about Abraham.* _____

34. *Name three things you dislike in Lot.* _____

