

Lesson 1

Genesis 1-2

Creation of the Heavens and the Earth (1:1-2:3)

1. What (or who) was in existence even before the “beginning”? (v. 1).
2. List what was made on each day.
 - a. The first day--
 - b. The second day--
 - c. The third day--
 - d. The fourth day--
 - e. The fifth day--
 - f. The sixth day--
3. What do we learn from chapter one about the power of God’s word? See also Psalm 33:6-9.
4. How does man differ from the animals?
5. In what position was man put in relation to the rest of creation?

Man in the Garden (2:4-17)

6. What material did the Lord use to make man?
7. Which two trees in the garden are specifically named?
8. What job was man given?
9. What command did God give to man?

Making of Woman (2:18-25)

10. Why did God make woman?
11. What did God use to make the woman?
12. Where in the New Testament is Genesis 2:24 quoted? (Hint: It may be in several places.)

Lesson 2

Genesis 3-5

Temptation and Fall (3:1-3:24)

1. Who was at work in the form of the serpent? See also Revelation 12:9. How is the serpent described in v. 1?
2. What question does the serpent ask the woman in v. 1?
3. What does the serpent say about God's reason for not allowing them to eat of this tree? (vv. 4-5).
4. What is the curse upon the serpent? The woman? The man?
5. In being driven from the garden, Adam and Eve were denied the right to eat of what tree?

Cain and Abel (4:1-4:15)

6. What does this story teach about our worship to God? See Hebrews 11:4.
7. Cain was angry when he learned about God's displeasure. What should have been his reaction?
8. Why did Cain murder Abel? See 1 John 3:11-12 for help.
9. What was Cain's punishment?

Cain's Descendants (4:16-26)

10. What was the name of Adam's third son, through whom he also had descendants?
11. Look carefully at what is said about some of Cain's descendants. Were they a very good group?

Descendants of Seth (5:1-5:32)

12. How does 4:26 introduce this line of descendants?
13. Who was the oldest man?
14. Describe Enoch and what happened to him. See Genesis 5:21-24 and also Hebrews 11:5.

Lesson 3

Genesis 6-9

Corruption of the Earth (6:1-12)

1. Just how corrupt had people become? (v. 5).
2. Why did Noah find favor with God? How was he different from other people around him?

The Threat of Judgment (6:13-7:5)

3. What did God determine to do about all the corruption in the world?
4. What did God command Noah to do? Did Noah obey God completely?
5. How were the animals preserved for the world after the flood?

Coming of the Flood (7:6-24)

6. How long did the rain last? How long did the water prevail on the earth?
7. What were the two sources of the flood waters?
8. How is the salvation of Noah compared to our salvation in the New Testament? See 1 Peter 3:20-21.

End of the Flood (ch. 8)

9. Where did the ark land?
10. What did Noah use to find out if the flood waters had receded?
11. What was the first thing Noah did after coming out of the ark?

After the Flood (ch. 9)

12. What command did God give to Noah and his sons? (v. 1).
13. What covenant did God make with Noah? (vv. 8-17).
14. Will the world ever be destroyed again? See 2 Peter 3.

Lesson 4

Genesis 10-13

Descendants of Noah (ch. 10)

1. How is this chapter related to the command in 9:1, 7?
2. Read Acts 17:26. Did all the nations really come from “one blood”?

Tower of Babel (11:1-9)

3. Why did men want to build a city and a tower?
4. What did God do to prevent this from happening?
5. Why was God displeased with this building project?

Descendants of Shem (11:10-26)

6. What important Bible character is introduced in this list of Shem’s descendants?

Descendants of Terah (11:27-32)

7. To what land does Abram’s family move?
8. Whom did Abram marry and what is said about her?

God’s Promises to Abram (12:1-9)

9. List the promises made to Abram.
10. To what land did Abram and his family go?

Abram in Egypt (12:10-20)

11. Why did Abram go to Egypt?
12. Did Abram commit a sin? Explain.

Abram and Lot (13:1-13)

13. Was Abram wealthy?
14. What problem developed between Abram and Lot?

Renewed Promises to Abram (13:14-19)

15. Looking back to 12:1-3, which of those promises are now repeated to Abram?

Lesson 5

Genesis 14-17

Lot's Captivity and Rescue (ch. 14)

1. What was one of the consequences of Lot's decision to live in Sodom? (vv. 1-12).
2. How did Abram help? (vv. 13-16).
3. Who was Melchizedek?
 - a. What did he do for Abram?
 - b. What did Abram do in return?
 - c. Can you find any references to Melchizedek in the New Testament?
4. What offer did the king of Sodom make to Abram? Why did Abram refuse the offer?

Renewed Promises to Abram (ch. 15)

5. What problem did Abram present to God? (vv. 2-3). What was God's answer?
6. How long would it be before Abram's descendants would inherit the land? Why so long? What would happen to his descendants in the meantime?

Birth of Ishmael (ch. 16)

7. As time passed, Abram and Sarai still did not have the son promised by God. How did they decide to take matters into their own hands?
8. Did Sarai's plan turn out well? Explain.

God's Covenant With Abram (ch. 17)

9. Why was Abram's name changed to Abraham?
10. What covenant did God make with Abraham and his seed? (vv. 7-8).
11. Read Romans 4:16-21. How does Paul describe Abram's faith at this point?
12. What was the purpose of circumcision?
13. Through which son of Abraham were God's chosen people to come?

Lesson 6

Genesis 18-21

Abraham Visited By Three Angels (ch. 18)

1. How did Abraham entertain his guests?
2. What promise is renewed to Abraham?
3. What was Sarah's reaction to this promise?
4. How did Abraham intercede on Sodom and Gomorrah's behalf? (vv. 16-33).

Destruction of "The Cities of the Plain" (ch. 19)

5. How did the men of Sodom treat the angels that visited Lot?
6. How did Lot's son-in laws react to his warning about impending destruction?
7. Did Lot and his family leave immediately when the angels told them to leave?
8. What happened to Lot's wife?
9. What happened between Lot and his two daughters in the latter part of this chapter?

Abraham and Sarah in Gerar (ch. 20)

10. Did Abraham sin in what he said about Sarah?
11. By whom was Sarah taken? How did God intervene?
12. Had anything like this happened to Abraham before?

Birth of Isaac (21:1-7); Dismissal of Hagar and Ishmael (21:8-21); Covenant at Beersheba (21:22-34)

13. What important promise is fulfilled?
14. Why did Sarah want Hagar and Ishmael to be cast out?
15. Describe the covenant made between Abraham and Abimelech.

Lesson 7

Genesis 22-25:11

Abraham's Greatest Trial (ch. 22)

1. Read the command given to Abraham in v. 2. Is there more than one reason why this would be difficult for Abraham?
2. Read the last part of v. 5 very carefully. Do you see anything important? Compare this with Hebrews 11:17-19.
3. Was Abraham really going to go through with it?
4. What did all of this show about Abraham's attitude toward God? See especially v. 12.

Death of Sarah (ch. 23)

5. How old was Sarah when she died? How long was this after she had given birth to Isaac?
6. From whom did Abraham buy the field at Machpelah?

A Wife For Isaac (ch. 24)

7. What kind of wife did Abraham desire for Isaac? (vv. 3-4).
8. Where did Abraham's servant meet Rebekah? (vv. 10-21).
9. How did Isaac and Rebekah meet?
10. What was Rebekah's attitude in this matter? (vv. 55-59).

Death of Abraham (25:1-11)

11. Who was Abraham's second wife?
12. How old was he when he died? Who buried him? Where?

Lesson 8

Genesis 25:12-28:22

Descendants of Ishmael (25:12-18)

1. How many sons did Ishmael have?
2. How old was Ishmael when he died?

Birth of Esau and Jacob (25:19-26)

3. What statement is made concerning the future of these two boys? (v. 23).
4. How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah?

Selling of the Birthright (25:27-34)

5. Read the following passages on the subject of birthrights: Genesis 49:3; Deut. 21:17; 2 Chron. 21:1-3. Was it a big deal?
6. What kind of person does this show Esau to be? See Hebrews 12:14-17 for help.

Isaac in Gerar and Beersheba (ch. 26)

7. Where was Isaac forbidden to go?
8. What trouble did Isaac have with Abimelech?
9. Why did Abimelech want to make a covenant with Isaac?

Isaac's Blessing Intended For Esau but Given to Jacob (27:1-40)

10. What request did Isaac make of Esau?
11. What did Rebekah tell Jacob to do?
12. Briefly tell how Jacob deceived his father and received the blessing.

Jacob Sent to Padan Aram (27:41-28:9); Jacob's Dream at Bethel (28:10-22)

13. For what two reasons was Jacob sent away?
14. List the three main promises, first spoken to Abraham, then repeated to Isaac and now to Jacob (vv. 13-14).

Lesson 9

Genesis 29-33

Marriage to Leah and Rachel (29:1-30)

1. How many years did Jacob serve Laban for his daughters?
2. Would you say that Jacob is being repaid for some of his earlier deeds?

Jacob's Children (29:31-30:24)

3. Name the sons born to Jacob in Haran.

Jacob's Bargain With Laban (30:25-43)

4. What request did Jacob make of Laban?
5. What kind of bargain did Jacob make with Laban?

Jacob's Departure From Padan Aram (ch. 31)

6. What were the reasons for Jacob's decision to return to the land of Canaan?
7. After Laban caught up with Jacob, what kind of covenant did they make?

The Return to Canaan (chs. 32-33)

8. What report did Jacob's messengers bring about Esau?
9. What good attitudes did Jacob show in his prayer? (32:9-12).
10. Name the place where Jacob wrestled all night with an angel.
11. What new name was given to Jacob?
12. Did Esau and Jacob have a peaceful meeting?

Lesson 10

Genesis 34-37

Dinah Avenged by Simeon and Levi (ch. 34)

1. How did Dinah get herself into trouble?
2. Which of Jacob's sons murdered the people of Shechem?
3. Was Jacob pleased with their actions?

Return to Bethel (35:1-15)

4. Where does God tell Jacob to go?
5. What had to be done before they set out for Bethel?
6. Jacob's name was changed to what? So what would his descendants be called?

Death of Rachel; Sons of Jacob; Death of Isaac (35:16-29)

7. Which son of Jacob was born in Canaan?
8. What sin did Rueben commit? Did his sin have any consequences? See Genesis 49:3-4.
9. How old was Isaac at his death?

Descendants of Esau (ch. 36)

10. What nation came from Esau?
11. Where did Esau's descendants settle?

Joseph Sold Into Egypt (ch. 37)

12. Why did Joseph's brothers hate him?
13. Which of Joseph's brothers intended to save him? Which persuaded the others to sell him into slavery?
14. Where and to whom did the Midianites sell Joseph?

Lesson 11

Genesis 38-41

Judah and Tamar (ch. 38)

1. To whom was Tamar married? What happened to him?
2. Did Judah realize that he was committing adultery with Tamar?
3. How many children did Tamar have by Judah?

Joseph in Potiphar's House (39:1-18); in Prison (39:19-23)

4. What was Joseph's reply to Potiphar's wife when she said, "Lie with me"? Did she make any more advances?
5. Describe the events that led up to Joseph being imprisoned.
6. How was Joseph treated in prison?

Joseph, Interpreter of Dreams (ch. 40)

7. Describe the dreams of Pharaoh's butler and baker. What did Joseph say was going to happen to each of them?
8. What request did Joseph make of the butler? Was the request granted?

Joseph's Rise to Power (ch. 41)

9. Describe Pharaoh's dream?
10. What did Pharaoh do for Joseph? Should Pharaoh get all the credit for Joseph's rise to power?
11. Whom did Joseph marry? What two sons did she bear?

Lesson 12

Genesis 42-45

The Brothers Sent To Egypt for Food (ch. 42)

1. What dream of Joseph's was fulfilled in this chapter? Compare v. 6 with Genesis 37:5-11.
2. What did Joseph accuse his brothers of being when they came to buy grain?
3. Were all the brothers permitted to return to Canaan?

Second Trip to Egypt (ch. 43)

4. On what condition did Jacob's sons agree to go to Egypt a second time?
5. Were the brothers glad when they were brought to Joseph's house?
6. What did Joseph say to Benjamin when he first saw him?

The Brothers Recalled To Egypt (ch. 44)

7. When Joseph wanted to keep Benjamin, who spoke on Benjamin's behalf?

Joseph Reveals Himself (45:1-15); Pharaoh's Invitation (45:16-21); Jacob and the News Concerning Joseph (45:21-28)

8. Did God have a purpose in Joseph's going to Egypt?
9. What did Joseph reveal about his plans for the future of his people?
10. What was Pharaoh's reaction to all this?
11. What did Joseph send to his father?
12. What was Jacob's reaction when he learned about Joseph?

Lesson 13

Genesis 46-50

The Move To Egypt (ch. 46)

1. What did God promise Jacob at Beersheba?
2. Where in Egypt would the Israelites live?
3. What would tend to keep the Israelites separated from the Egyptians?

Jacob Before Pharaoh (47:1-12); Results of the Famine in Egypt (47:13-26); Jacob's Last Days (47:27-31)

4. In v. 9, Jacob describes his days as being "few and evil." The word evil refers to hard times. What hard times do you think Jacob had in mind?
5. After reading vv. 13-26, who do you think was better off—the Egyptians or Jacob's family?
6. How long was Jacob in Egypt?
7. What request did Jacob make of Joseph?

Jacob's Blessing upon Joseph's Sons (ch. 48)

8. Describe the mix-up over the blessings given to Ephraim and Manasseh.

Jacob's Prophecy Concerning His Sons (49:1-27)

9. Why did Reuben lose the blessing that usually belongs to the firstborn?
10. Read carefully the prophecy concerning Judah and his descendants. Do you see any reference to Christ?

Jacob's Death (49:28-50:3); Burial of Jacob (50:4-14); Joseph's Kindness to his Brothers (50:15-21); Death of Joseph (50:22-26)

11. Where was Jacob buried?
12. What did Joseph's brothers fear after Jacob was dead?
13. Before Joseph died, what did he request about his bones?