

Genesis

A Study Guide

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Lesson 1 – Read Genesis 1-4

1. List for each day everything God created. (Genesis 1)

2. By what were all things made? (John 1:1-4; Hebrews 11:3)

4. From what did God make man? (Genesis 2:7)

5. Why do you think Christ is called the last Adam? (1 Corinthians 15:20-22; 45-49)

6. From what tree in the garden was man not allowed to eat? Why? (Genesis 2:15-17)

7. How was woman created? (Genesis 2:18-24)

8. What did the serpent say was the reason God had forbidden the fruit of the tree? (Genesis 3:1-5)

9. What happened when Adam and Eve ate the fruit? (Genesis 3:6-8)

10. What was the curse upon the serpent? Eve? Adam? (Genesis 3:14-19)

11. What do you think is the meaning of Genesis 3:15?

12. Why did God accept Abel's offering, but not Cain's? (Genesis 4:1-5; Hebrews 9:22)

13. What was Cain's punishment for murdering Abel? (Genesis 4:9-14)

14. Who is the first musician mentioned in the Bible (Genesis 4:21) _____

Unit 2

Read Gen. 5-9

1. How long did Adam live? (Gen. 5:5) _____
2. Describe what the Bible says about Enoch. (Gen. 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5)

3. How long did Methusaleh live? (Gen. 5:27) _____
4. Who were Noah's three sons? (Gen. 5:32) _____

5. What do you think is meant by Gen. 6:1-4?

6. Why did God decide to destroy man? (Gen. 6:5-13) _____

7. Why was Noah spared? (Gen. 6:8-9; 7:1) _____

8. How many people were in the ark? (Gen. 7:13) _____
9. How long did it rain? (Gen. 7:11-12) _____

10. How long was the earth covered with water? (Gen. 8:1-3)

11. To what does the New Testament compare the story of the flood? (Matthew 24:32-39; 2Peter 2:1-9)

12. What covenant did God make with Noah after the flood? (Gen. 8:21-22; 9:8-17)

13. Why did Noah curse Ham's son, and bless Shem and Japheth? (Gen. 9:20-27)

14. Why did God scatter men abroad upon the face of the earth? How? (Gen. 11:1-9)

15. Who was probably the king of Babel? (Gen. 10:8-10)

16. From which of Noah's sons was Abram descended? (Gen. 11:10-26)

Unit 3

Read Gen. 12-16

1. What is the first recorded promise to Abram from God? (Gen. 12:1-3)

2. To what land did God lead Abram? (Gen. 12:1-7)

3. What problem did Abram and Lot encounter when they came back from Egypt? (Gen. 13:1-7)

4. How did they solve the problem? (Gen. 13:8-13)

5. What did God promise Abram in Gen. 13:14-18?

6. Briefly describe events in Gen. 14:1-16.

7. Who was Melchizedek and why did Abram pay tithe to him?
(Gen. 14:18-20)

8. What do you think is meant by Psalms 110:1-4? (see also Hebrews 7.)

9. What happened when Abram believed God's promise?
(Gen. 15:1-6)

10. In Genesis 15:13-16, God makes a prediction to Abram concerning his offspring. What is it, and why would it happen?

11. Why did Hagar flee from Sarai? What happened to her after she had fled? (Gen. 16:1-13)

UNIT IV

Read Gen. 17-19

1. Why was Abram's name changed to Abraham? (Gen. 17:1-6)

2. What did God give to Abram as a sign of the covenant? (17:9-14)

3. Why did God change Sarai's name to Sarah? (17:15-16)

4. What did Abraham do when God told him Sarah would have a son? (17:17)

5. With which of Abraham's sons did God make his covenant? (17:19-21)

6. What did Sarah do when she heard the men tell Abraham that she would have a son? What did God say about this? (18:9-15)

7. Why did God decide to destroy Sodom? (19:1-13)

8. Who was brought out of Sodom by the angels? (19:14-16)

9. Why was Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt? (19:17-26)

Read Gen. 21-22

10. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? (21:1-5) _____

11. Why were Hagar and Ishmael cast out? (21:9-14) _____

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12. To what does Paul compare the story of Hagar (Agar in the New Testament) and Sarah? (Galations 4:22-31)

13. Why did God tell Abraham to offer his son as a burnt offering? (22:1-2)

Why did Abraham obey God? (Hebrews 11:17-19)

15. What happened when Abraham started to obey God and offer Isaac? (22:3-18)

16. In Genesis 22:16-18, Abraham is blessed for not withholding his only son. What might this foreshadow in the New Testament?

Unit 5

Read Gen. 24-28

1. Who was Abraham unwilling for Isaac to marry? (Gen. 24:1-9)

2. What did Isaac think of Rebekah? (Gen. 24:61-67)

3. Who were Abraham's sons by Keturah? (Gen. 25:1-2)

4. How old was Abraham when he died? (Gen. 25:7-10)

5. What was the prophecy concerning Rebekah's unborn sons? (Gen. 25:23)

6. Compare Jacob and Esau. (Gen. 25:27-28)

7. For what did Esau sell his birthright? (Gen. 25:34)

8. Why was this wrong? (Hebrews 12:14-17)

9. What did Esau do to grieve his parents? (Gen. 26:34-35)

10. How did Jacob trick his father? (Gen. 27:1-29)

11. What blessing did Isaac pray that Jacob would receive?
(Gen. 27:28-29)

12. What did Isaac and Esau do when they learned of Jacob's deception? (Gen. 27:30-41)

13. Where did Jacob go to flee from Esau? (Gen. 27:41-45)

14. What promise did God give to Jacob? (Gen. 28:13-15)

15. Why did God choose Jacob and not Esau to be heir to the promise to Abraham? (Romans 9:1-16)

16. What was Jacob's vow? (Gen. 28:20-22)

UNIT VI

Read Gen. 29-33

1. What did Jacob do when he met Rachel? (29:9-12)

2. For what price did Jacob agree to work for Laban?
(29:15-20)

3. What happened when Jacob thought he had married Rachel?
(29:21-26)

4. How did Laban react to Jacob's anger? (29:25-30)

5. Who was the firstborn son of Jacob? (29:31,32)

6. Name the eleven sons born to Jacob while he lived with
Laban. (29:31-30:24)

7. Why did Jacob leave Laban? (31:1-3)

8. What did Rachel steal from her father when Jacob left?
(31:17-19)

9. Why was it not found? (31:25-35) _____

10. What word did Jacob send to Esau? (32:4-5) _____

11. What did the messengers tell Jacob when they returned? (32:6-8) _____

12. Describe briefly the events of Gen. 32:24-29. _____

13. What happened when Esau met Jacob again? (33:1-9) _____

Read Gen. 35

14. What was God's promise to Jacob in Gen. 35:9-12? _____

15. Who was the son born to Rachel as she died? (35:16-20) _____

16. What sin did Reuben commit? (35:22) _____

UNIT VII

Read Gen. 37

1. Why would Jacob love Joseph and Benjamin more than his other sons?

2. Why did Joseph's brothers hate him? (37:1-4)

3. What were Joseph's two dreams? (37:5-11)

4. What did Joseph's brothers decide to do after throwing him into the pit? (37:23-27)

5. What happened instead? (37:28)

6. How did the brothers convince their father of Joseph's death? (37:31-35)

Read Gen. 39-41

7. Why was Joseph made overseer of Potiphar's house? (39:1-6)

8. Why did Potiphar's wife accuse Joseph of trying to rape her? (39:7-20)

9. What happened to Joseph in prison? (39:20-23)

10. What was the meaning of the butler's dream? the baker's? (40:1-23)

11. What were Pharoah's two dreams? (41:1-8)

12. What was the interpretation of Pharoah's dreams? 41:25-36

13. How did Pharoah reward Joseph? (41:37-44)

14. What did Joseph do for the first seven years? (41:46-49)

15. Who were Joseph's two sons? 41:50-52

16. How wide spread was the famine? (41:53-57)

Unit 8

Read Gen. 42-46

1. Why did Benjamin not go to Egypt with his brothers? (Gen. 42:1-5)

2. Of what did Joseph accuse his brothers when they came before him? (Gen. 42:6-14)

3. What did Joseph tell his brothers to do to prove they were not spies? (Gen. 42:15-20)

4. What did Joseph do that filled his brothers' hearts with fear? (Gen. 42:25-28)

5. How did Jacob react to the news that his sons brought back to him? (Gen. 42:36-38)

6. How did Judah convince Jacob to allow Benjamin to go to Egypt? (Gen. 43:1-14)

7. How did Joseph react to seeing Benjamin? (Gen. 43:29-31)

8. What did Joseph's brothers say when accused of stealing Joseph's silver cup? (Gen. 44:1-10)

9. What did Joseph command concerning Benjamin? (Gen. 44:17)

10. How did the brothers react when Joseph told them who he was? (Gen. 45:1-3)

11. Who did Joseph tell his brothers had caused him to be sent to Egypt? (Gen. 45:8)

12. How did Jacob react to the news that Joseph was alive and governed all Egypt? (Gen. 45:25-28)

13. What did God tell Jacob about going to Egypt? (Gen. 46:1-4)

UNIT IX

Read Gen. 48-50

1. What did Jacob tell Joseph about his sons? (48:5)

2. Why was Joseph displeased when Jacob blessed Ephraim above Manasseh? (48:15-19)

3. For what purpose did Jacob gather his sons? (49:1-2)

4. Why, according to Jacob's prophecy, would Reuben not do well? (49:3-4)

5. Why were Simeon and Levi to be scattered? (49:5-7)

6. What great things were prophesied of Judah? (49:8-12)

7. What do you think is meant by Gen. 49:10?

8. What animal is Dan compared to? (49:16-18)

9. What are the families of the sons of Jacob called in Gen. 49:28?

10. Where was Jacob buried? (50:12-14)

11. What did Joseph's brothers fear after Jacob's death? (50:15-18)

12. How did Joseph react to his brothers' fear? (50:19-21)

13. What did Joseph charge the children of Israel to do when God visited them? (50:24-26)
