

TIMELINE OF GENESIS

Creation (Approximately 4000 BC)

Creation Days 1-4	Genesis 1:1-19
Creation Days 5-7	Genesis 1:20-2:3
Creation of Mankind	Genesis 2:7-25
The First Sin	Genesis 3:1-7
Promise of Salvation	Genesis 3:8-24
Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-16
Noah Called	Genesis 6:5-22

The Flood (Approximately 2300 BC)

The Flood	Genesis 7:1-24
The Flood Ends	Genesis 8:1-9:17
Tower of Babel	Genesis 11:1-9

First Pyramids Built in Egypt (2080 BC)

Call of Abraham	Genesis 12:1-8, 13:5-18
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The Great Pyramid Built (1900 BC)

Hagar Gives Abraham a Son	Genesis 16:1-16
Covenant of Circumcision	Genesis 17:1-17
God Visits Abraham	Genesis 18:1-15
Abraham Pleads for Sodom	Genesis 18:16-33
Sodom Destroyed	Genesis 19:1-29
Isaac is Born to Abraham	Genesis 21:1-20
God Tests Abraham	Genesis 22:1-18
Jacob and Esau are Born	Genesis 25:20-34
Jacob Steals Esau's Blessing	Genesis 27:1-45
Jacob at Bethel	Genesis 28:10-22
Jacob Marries Two Sisters	Genesis 29:1-29
Jacob Returns Home	Genesis 31:1-3, 32:3-21, 33:1-11
Joseph Sold as Slave	Genesis 37:1-36
Joseph in Potiphar's House	Genesis 39:1-23
Joseph in Prison	Genesis 40:1-23
Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dream	Genesis 41:1-57
Jacob's Sons Go to Egypt	Genesis 42:1-38
Jacob's Sons Return to Egypt	Genesis 43:1-34
Joseph Plans to Punish His Brothers	Genesis 44:1-34
Joseph Forgives his Brothers	Genesis 45:1-28
Jacob's Family Moves to Egypt	Genesis 47:1-12, 27-31
Jacob and Joseph Die	Genesis 50:12-26

Book of Genesis Ends (About 1600 BC)

About this Pamphlet

Many Christians begin the task of reading the Bible with the best of intentions. They pick up the book with eager hands. At Genesis 5, however, they come to the listing of Generations. After reading an entire chapter of "begats," they begin to realize this may be more daunting task than they had imagined. By the time they have struggled through the laws of Exodus and the listing of tribes in Numbers, most have put down the book in confusion.

The Bible was never meant to be read like a novel. It is, in fact, a collection of more than 60 books containing a wide variety of literary styles. It has narrative, poetry, and historical records all jumbled together. It is no wonder the modern reader, unused to this style of writing, has trouble making headway

The purpose of this little series of pamphlets is to give you a boost to get you going as you approach the daunting task of reading the Bible. Each will have a map, a picture or two, and a few comments to help you get started reading one or two books of the Bible. The heart of the pamphlet, however, is the list of Bible stories and timeline. The timeline will give you some idea of what was happening in the world during the events of the book you are reading. And the list of Bible stories will direct you to the meat of the book. These are all narrative portions of the Bible and by reading through them, instead of trying to take in the whole book, you will get a good skeleton outline. You will learn the major events and become familiar with the people to whom they occurred. In this way, you will have a foundation you can use to build upon later if you choose to go back and read the more complex portions of Scripture.

May God bless you as you read through the Bible and open your eyes to His message of mercy.

Genesis

The Beginning



Genesis means, "the beginning." In this book we find the beginning of the world, the first sin, the new beginning following the great flood. Most importantly, as the great cultures of Egypt and Mesopotamian are laying their foundations, our attention is directed to a small plot of land on either side of the Jordan River, called Canaan. Here God lays the foundations of His own plan – a plan which will culminate in the birth, death and resurrection of our Savior over 2000 years later. This is the account of Abraham, the ancestor of Christ. This is where our faith begins....

The Land:

Called to leave Mesopotamia, the cradle of civilization and the most advanced culture of the day, Abraham and his family journey to Canaan where God intends to use them as His witnesses to the world.

Canaan was ideally placed for this task as it lay on all the major trade routes between Egypt and the great empires of Mesopotamia. People from both cultures would hear of the work of God as Caravans brought news from the land of Canaan.

Before they can carry out their calling, however, the family of Abraham must be strong enough to stand against the temptations of the Canaanite cultures. Genesis ends, then, with the descendants of Abraham in Egypt where they would have the opportunity to grow physically and spiritually.

Mesopotamia

Genesis

Canaan

Egypt

The People

Genesis is the book of the Patriarchs, the fathers of the Israelites. The nation of Israel would be formed of 12 tribes, each descended from one of the great-grandsons of Abraham. By no means poor, Abraham and his family nevertheless lived in tents as nomads do today. For four generations Abraham's family would own no more of the land God had promised them than a small plot of land Abraham bought to bury his

The Promise

The very first promise of a Savior is made in the 3rd Chapter of Genesis. This entire book centers around God laying the foundation for the fulfillment of that promise. God gives many signs to Abraham to help him trust in God's promise. Perhaps the most important of these is circumcision. Replaced by baptism in the New Testament, circumcision reminded the Jewish people that one of their descendants would be the promised Savior. Circumcision and Sacrifice, the two sacraments of the Old Testament would continue to point the people of Israel to faith in God