

# Genesis: Overview and Breakdown of Passages

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## 1 – Overview: The created world, it families and nations – a history of response to revelation

1.1-2.3	Creation of heavens and the earth, the creatures and the man and the woman.
2.4-25	Man, garden, animals, the woman, marriage
3	Temptation and Fall: the curse as a result
4.1-24	Cain's crime and his family genealogy
4.24-5.32	Genealogy of Adam: introducing the Seth line [Abel substitute]
6.17, 8-22	Decision to Flood the earth: Noah to build ark
7.1-5, 6-24	Noah enters the Ark: The Flood
8.1-19	Flood subsides
8.20-9.17	Noah's worship: Lord's covenant with Noah and the earth
9.18-29	Cursing of Ham; blessing of Shem and Japheth
10.1-32	Ancient nations descended from Noah
11.1-9, 10-32	Babel: Shem's genealogy as far as Abram

## 2 - Patriarchs

### *Abram*

12.1-9,10-20	Call of Abram: his visit to Egypt
13.1-18	Separation of Abram and Lot
14.1-24	Rescue of Lot by Abram from the five Kings
15.1-21	The Covenant of Promise
16.1-16	Birth of Ishmael
17.1-27	Circumcision as a sign of the Covenant already trusted
18.1-15	Abraham receives 3 angelic visitors: Intercedes for cities
19.1-38	Destruction of the cities of the plain: Lot's daughters [Moab/Ammon]
20.1-18	Abraham's stay in Gerar: deceives Abimelech
21.1-7,8-21,23-34	Birth of Isaac: Hagar: Treaty with Abimelech
22.1-19,20-24	Sacrifice of Isaac: Other children of Abraham
23.1-20	Death and Burial of Sarah
24.1-67	Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah
25.1-18	Abraham's genealogy

### *Isaac*

25.19-26,27-34	Birth of Esau and Jacob: Esau's birthright sold
26.1-33	Isaac's dealings with Abimelech

### *Jacob*

26.34-27.41	Jacob steals Esau's Blessing
27.42-28.22	Jacob flees to Paddam Aram
29.1-30	Jacob's contract with Uncle Laban for Rachel and Leah
29.31-30.25	Twelve sons born to Jacob
30.26-31.16	Jacob and Laban: the breeding of the flocks
31.17-55	Jacob leaves; makes covenant with Laban at Mizpah
32.1-21	Jacob fears Esau
32.22-32	Wrestles with the angel of God: Israel = striven with God
33.1-17	Jacob's reconciliation with Esau
33.18-34.31	Massacre at Shechem over the rape of Dinah
35.1-20	Jacob in Canaan: called Israel
35.21-29	Genealogy of Jacob
36.1-43	Genealogy of Esau

### *Joseph*

37.1-36	Joseph's dreams and their consequences: sold to Egypt
38.1-30	Judah and Tamar
39.1-23	Joseph promoted: Potiphar's wife: jailed in Egypt.
40.1-23	Joseph interprets dreams in prison

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41.1-57	Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams: elevated: Manasseh & Ephraim born to Joseph
42.1-38	First Journey of Joseph's brothers to Egypt
43.1-34	Second Journey with Benjamin
44.1-34	Judah pleads with Joseph to let Benjamin return with them
45.1-28	Joseph reveals himself to his brothers
46.1-47.12	Jacob journeys to Egypt; they settle in Goshen
47.13-26	Results of the Famine
47.27-31	Jacob sick and about to die
48.1-22	Jacob blesses Manasseh and Ephraim: reversing the order
49.1-27	Jacob blesses his twelve sons: twelve tribes of Israel
49.28-50.14	They bury Jacob
50.15-26	Joseph interprets his life and dies at 110

## 3- The Genealogies in Genesis

1. [a] Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth, [b] subdue it [Ex 1.3]
2. Genealogies:
  - 4 – Cain - activity of works, will commitment, shows the line and development of the family: shows the movement from the forefathers
  - 5 – Abel [and the replacement Seth] leads us to Noah [=finds grace]
  - 10 – Nations descended from Noah because he comes through the floodSeparation into blessing [Shem & Japheth] and cursing [Ham].

Both the blessing and the cursing are presented as a result connected to actions done by them.

Israel and the nations are distinguished with the call of Abraham

25.1-18	Abram [12-24] Covenant, [I]faith, revelation –land, blessing seed magnanimous action with Lot Covenant [II] cut concerning Land [15] Covenant [III] [17] Sacrifice of Isaac [22] Isaac [25-27]
35.21-29	Jacob [27-37] Israel – wrestled angel of God for blessing
36.1-43.1	Genealogy of Esau
36.1-44	Joseph [38-50] revelation [prophetic gift] rejected by brethren sold [loss of glory] misunderstood goaled, prophetic gift lifted up vindicated saviour figure [rescue] lord figure [government and security]

All shows background of the gospel and rejection of Jews. This is repeated in the person of Moses, whom God vindicates.