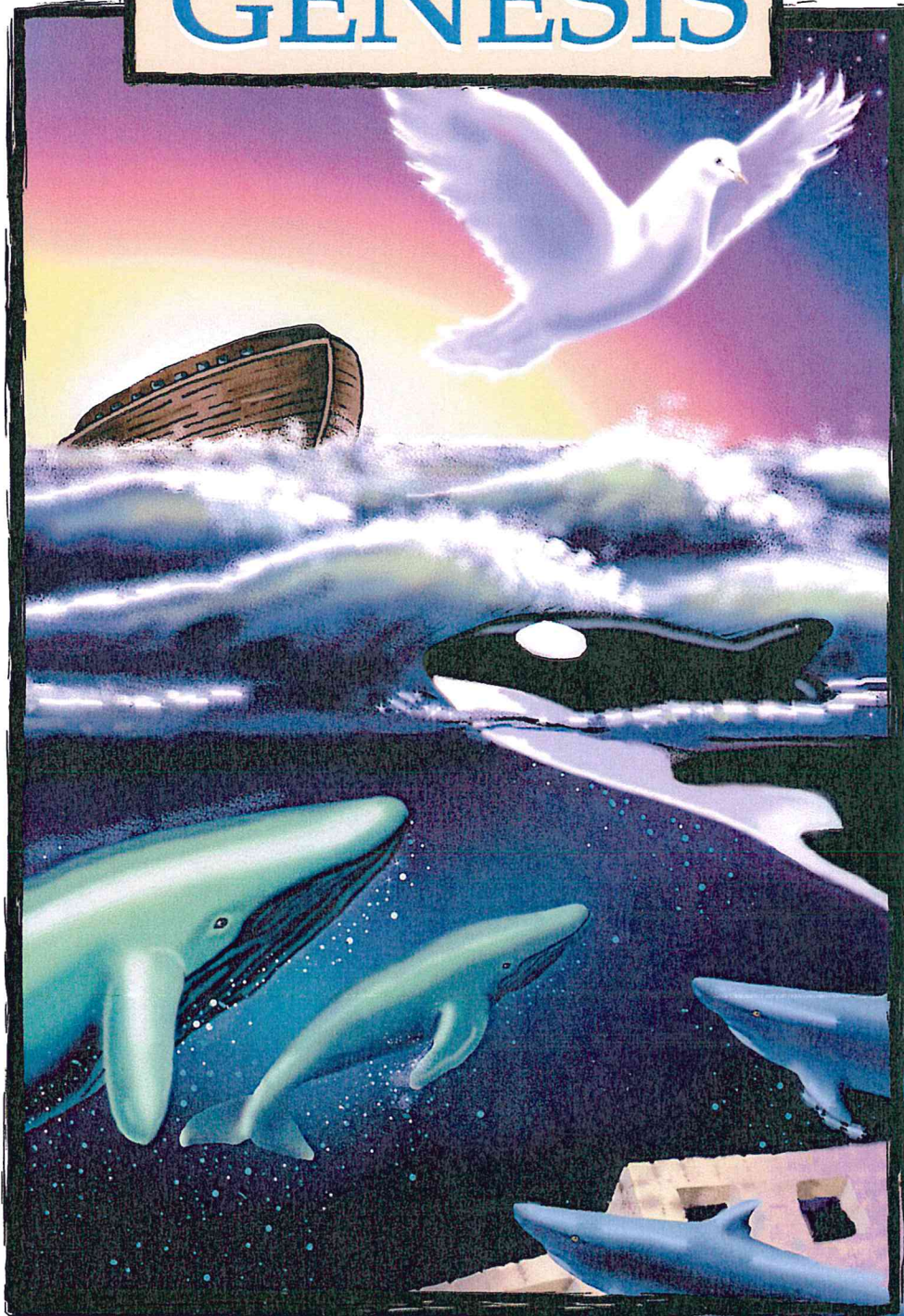


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Sunday School
Curriculum for Kids

GENESIS



Rocks of the Wild Goats In the Wilderness of En Gedi.

(David's cave of refuge from King Saul)

The "En" in En Gedi is a word meaning "spring" or "fountain." The full name means "Spring of the kid" or "Fountain of the young goat."

En Gedi is situated upon the West shore of the Dead Sea about midway between the North and the South ends, and was included in the territory of Judah.

²⁰ This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families: ⁶¹ in the wilderness: Beth Arabah, Middin, Secacah, ⁶² Nibshan, the City of Salt, and En Gedi: six cities with their villages. (Joshua 15:20, 61-62)

Cascading waterfalls thrive in this desert oasis not far from the lifeless shores of the Dead Sea. En Gedi, a network of craggy limestone cliffs and deep chasms, is brought to life by water. The spring at En Gedi is the only water source for miles around. The spring, itself, pours out of the limestone cliff high up towards the top of the plateau which rises about 2,000 feet above the Dead Sea. The pool of the spring is about 1,350 feet below. The water is quite warm with published estimates being 80-83 F. The water used to flow all the way from its pool down to the Dead Sea, but the water is now diverted and full utilized before leaving the ravine. *Lion Tracks Ministries; <http://www.bibleistrue.com/qna/pqna28.htm>,*

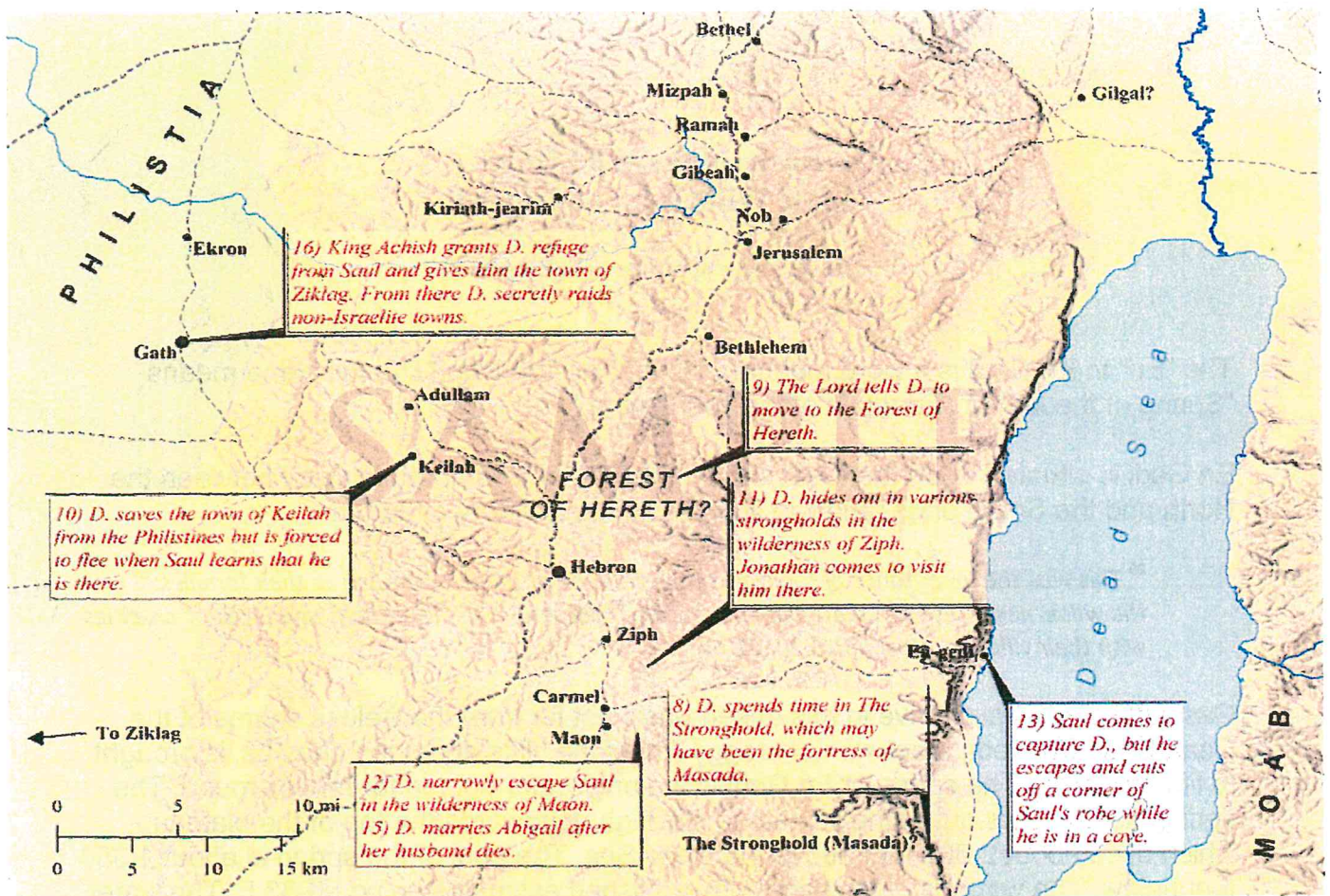
David fled to this oasis to escape the wrath of King Saul.

² Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats. (1 Samuel 24:2)

In the time of Solomon palms and vines were cultivated there.

¹⁴ My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blooms in the vineyards of En Gedi. (Song of Solomon 1:14)

By the fourth century, archeologists say En Gedi was a thriving community. Slowly, however, En Gedi's prosperous community began to decay. By the 19th century, the region was considered a wild land populated by just a few nomadic families. After the creation of Israel in 1947, highly organized agriculture returned, and today a small community — about 500 people — lives in the area. But En Gedi is perhaps better known as a wildlife sanctuary. In 1972, the government created a 7,000-acre reserve that is home to an array of plants and animals — including the horned Nubian ibex, the animal that probably gave the area its Biblical name: "Rocks of the Wild Goats." *Lost World of the Holy Land Ancient Ein Gedi; <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/episodes/lost-world-of-the-holy-land/ancient-ein-gedi/2746/>*



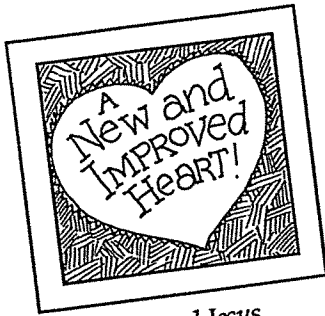
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Teachers
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Apply Within For Kids - Genesis Introduction



They too, need Jesus
and a new heart!
They must be born again!



God loves them!
He's got a picture of
them in His wallet!

Introduction: Changing Hearts; Not through worldly wisdom, but by the Word of God.

We have but one goal; and that is to teach the simple Word of God with the New King James Bible as a textbook. We've chosen the New King James Bible because we think that children will more easily understand what the Lord has to teach them if they don't have to struggle with the King James language. We believe the Word of God is all sufficient. We don't need to prove the infallible Word of God by means of fallible worldly wisdom and endless scientific theories.

We believe the Word of God should be taught verse by verse, so as to leave nothing out—teaching the whole counsel of God. We have chosen to pull selected verses from each section of Genesis that best illustrate the story being told. Our intent and desire is that each teacher teach verse by verse through the Bible while using our material as a teaching-aid only. Of course God, the Holy Spirit, is the teacher!

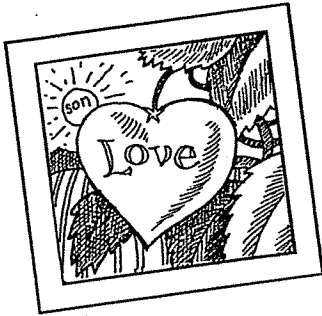
The Word of God that changes lives, so the Word must be the focus. *"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."* -Romans 1:16

A changed heart will not come by worldly wisdom but only by being born again, hearing the Word of God, and then "applying it within." We must not rob children of hearing the Gospel by replacing it with the wisdom of this world (vain philosophy and sciences which are ever-changing). *"For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.' Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?"* - 1 Corinthians 1:17-20 *"...the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."* - 1 Corinthians 1:25

We trust the Word of God, rather than science, which is ever-changing. *"O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge (KJV says, science)-by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith."* - 1 Timothy 6:20

"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, Who is the head of all principality and power." - Colossians 2:8

Apply Within For Kids - Genesis Introduction



The fruit of the Spirit is love. Love is the only acceptable reason to teach.

Teaching children;
of such is the kingdom of God.

Jesus said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes." - Matthew 11:25

Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." - Mark 10:15

Love; the only acceptable motivation.

Love must be the motivation behind the use of any gift of God. We believe that a teacher should be called by the Lord since teaching is a spiritual gift (1 Corinthians 12:28). Sunday school should not be considered anything less than teaching the Word. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 says, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing." God is love.

We want to obey Deuteronomy 6:5-7;
"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

We love Him because He first loved us. God is love.
"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." - 1 John 4:7-11

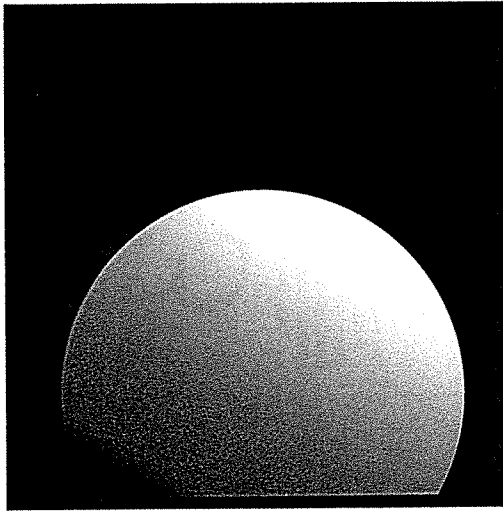
Children need to know that God loves them. They too, must be born again (John 3:3). It is our desire to show them Jesus throughout the scripture, both Old Testament and New Testament.

God adds to His church daily (Acts 2:47). Our job is to teach the Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Word of God will not return to Him void (Isaiah 55:10-13). Apart from Jesus we can do nothing! It is His work through us, and the Holy Spirit is the One Who teaches us all!

<h1>DAY 1</h1>	<p>"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day."</p> <p>- Genesis 1:1-5</p>	
<h1>DAY 2</h1>	<p>"Then God said, 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.' Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day."</p> <p>- Genesis 1:6-8</p>	
<h1>DAY 3</h1>	<p>"Then God said, 'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear'; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth'; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day."</p> <p>- Genesis 1:9-13</p>	
<h1>DAY 4</h1>	<p>"Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth'; and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day."</p> <p>- Genesis 1:14-19</p>	
<h1>DAY 5</h1>	<p>"Then God said, 'Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.' So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abound, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' So the evening and the morning were the fifth day."</p> <p>- Genesis 1:20-23</p>	
<h1>DAY 6</h1>	<p>"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind'; and it was so. (See Genesis 1:24) Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness: Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them..."</p> <p>- Genesis 1:26-28 (See also Genesis 1:28-30.)</p>	
<h1>DAY 7</h1>	<p>"Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work, which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."</p> <p>- Genesis 2:1-3</p>	

In the Beginning God Created...

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."
- Genesis 1:1-2



It has been said that if you have trouble with the first five words of the Bible, you will have trouble with all of it! God created everything in the beginning. When was the beginning? God knows and scientists speculate and argue, but we walk by faith and simply believe the Bible. Science is a religion of ever-changing speculation which cannot prove or disprove God! Men will be without an excuse on judgment day because though they looked at the creation, they did not acknowledge the Creator or give Him the credit. It's like a person admiring a painting every day and then claiming that the painter doesn't exist! Jesus wasn't only a nice man who showed up two-thousand years ago. He has been alive forever and existed before the creation, and the creation was made by Him. Jesus said to John in Revelation 1:8; *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,"* says the Lord, *'who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.'* Jesus is Almighty God, the Creator. Colossians 1:16-18, says that He made all things visible and invisible.

Jesus said, *"And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."*
- John 6:40. God knew you before you were born and the reason for your life is so that you can become a child of God and walk with Him now and forever. Because He loves you, He became flesh and died so you can live. He loves you. Are you born again?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."
- John 1:1-5

"That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."
- John 1:9-14

"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have preeminence."
- Colossians 1:16-18

"For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,..."
- Romans 1:20

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."
- Revelation 4:11

The First Five Days of Creation

1 DAY ONE

"Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day."

- Genesis 1:1-5

2 DAY TWO

"Then God said, 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.' Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day." - Genesis 1:6-8

3 DAY THREE

"Then God said, 'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear'; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth'; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day." - Genesis 1:9-13

4 DAY FOUR

"Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth'; and it was so.

Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day." - Genesis 1:14-19

5 DAY FIVE

"Then God said, 'Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.' So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." So the evening and the morning were the fifth day." - Genesis 1:20-23

How did God create the heavens, the earth, and all the things that we see? On each day of creation, we read; "God said,..." and what ever things He commanded were done. "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses." -Psalm 33:6-7

"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible." - Hebrews 11:3

By faith we believe that God created all these things. What is faith? Is it mental gymnastics to prove through science that God did it? No. Faith is the substance of things hope for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). We did not see God create all the things on this earth, but we believe He did it because He said He did. Each scientific theory that tries to disprove the Word of God will fail. This walk of ours not by proof, by science, or by sight, but by faith.

All the things that God made were good. And each thing reproduced and created things after its kind. Geese and ducks do not mate and produce offspring. Even when we mate a donkey with a horse, the result is a mule which is sterile and unable to reproduce! God knows what He's doing and has put up barriers so His creation will not become a freak show! Since the beginning, each thing reproduces its own kind, and that's how God planned it! That is something to consider as we consider cloning and the splicing of genes from one kind of creature into another kind of creature. What will happen in the long term?

Genesis

Chapter 1:1-31

Genesis is the Greek word that means origin, source, generation or beginning.

1. Read Gen. 1:1; Who was in the beginning?
2. Read John 1:1-3; Who was with God in the beginning?
3. Who created the heavens and the earth?
4. Read Gen. 1:2; Who was hovering over the waters?
5. Who is represented at the very beginning of creation?
6. Read Gen. 1:2; was there any kind of order in the universe?
7. Who was overseeing the unordered condition of the earth?
8. Who oversees our lives when we're a mess and think that we're all alone? Hebrews 13:5

Note: *The word 'created' is the Hebrew word 'bara,' when translated it means to create out of nothing. God simply spoke the world into existence (Psalm 33:9).*

Read Genesis 1:3-23 and specify as to which day of creation each was made, day 1, day 2, day 3, day 4 or day 5.

Day

_____ God divided the day and night by making two great lights in the firmament. The greater light to rule the day and lesser light to rule the night.

_____ God made the firmament in the midst of the waters and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters that were above the firmament. God called this firmament Heaven.

_____ God created the light and divided it from the darkness. Calling the light day and the darkness night.

_____ God created the sea creatures and every bird.

_____ God created the dry land and called it earth. He created the grass, herbs and fruit trees.

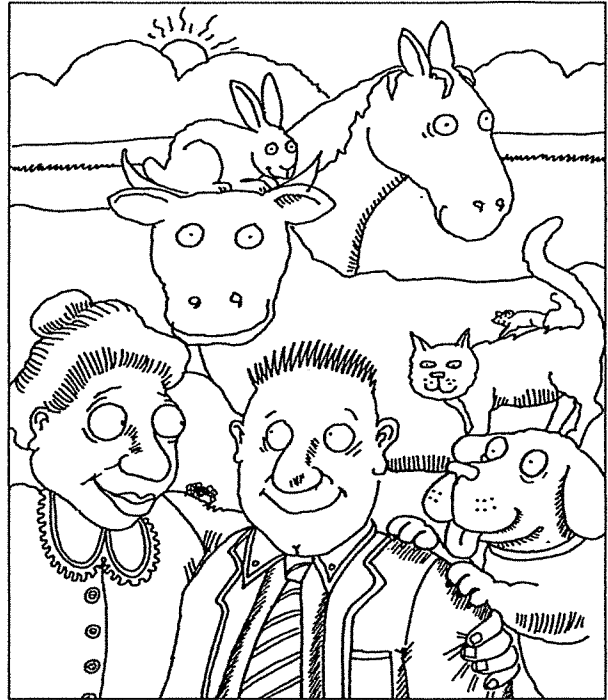
9. Read Gen. 1:24-25; what did God make on the sixth day?
10. Read Gen. 1:26-27; Who's likeness was man made in?
11. Who is God referring to when He says 'Us' ?
12. Who is present during the creation in Gen. 1:1-2?
13. What did man have dominion over?
14. Read Gen. 1:28; what did God say to the man and woman when He blessed them?
15. Read Gen. 1:29-30; what were they allowed to eat, was anything withheld from them?

The Sixth Day of Creation

DAY SIX

"Then God said,
'Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind'; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said,
'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.' And God said, 'See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food'; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day." - Genesis 1:24-31



On the sixth day, God made many of our favorite animals such as dogs, cats, horses, and cattle. He also made some of our least favorite animals, such as mice, snakes and spiders!! The grasses, herbs and trees were made before the sea creatures and birds. The birds are God's sowers! They carry grass seeds and drop them everywhere!! And God knows each time that the least of the birds falls to the ground! He owns the cattle on a thousand hills! The sun He made makes food for the plants, and the plants feed all His creatures.

We were made in God's image and likeness, unlike the other creatures. We can clearly see the Trinity in these verses. God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." Mankind was still pure and unblemished by sin at this point in Genesis. God said that everything He made was good. He made all things for His pleasure, and all of creation shows His handiwork, and His creatures praise Him. "And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: 'Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him Who sits on the throne. And to the Lamb, forever and ever!'" - Revelation 5:13

God made us to have dominion over the creatures. We are to reign and rule over them, but of course not by cruelty. It is good that we do not have packs of wolves running in our neighborhoods and that we have rangers who catch bears that misbehave and send them farther into the forest for their sake and ours! We are to train our dogs and have dominion over them for their good and ours. Through kindness we have leash laws which keep our pets out of ham's way. Cruelty is not of the Lord. God has created an order to this world, and He has placed us over all other things. If our dog bites someone, the authorities will come and talk to us about it. Our dogs are under our care and we answer for their behavior. We have dominion over them.

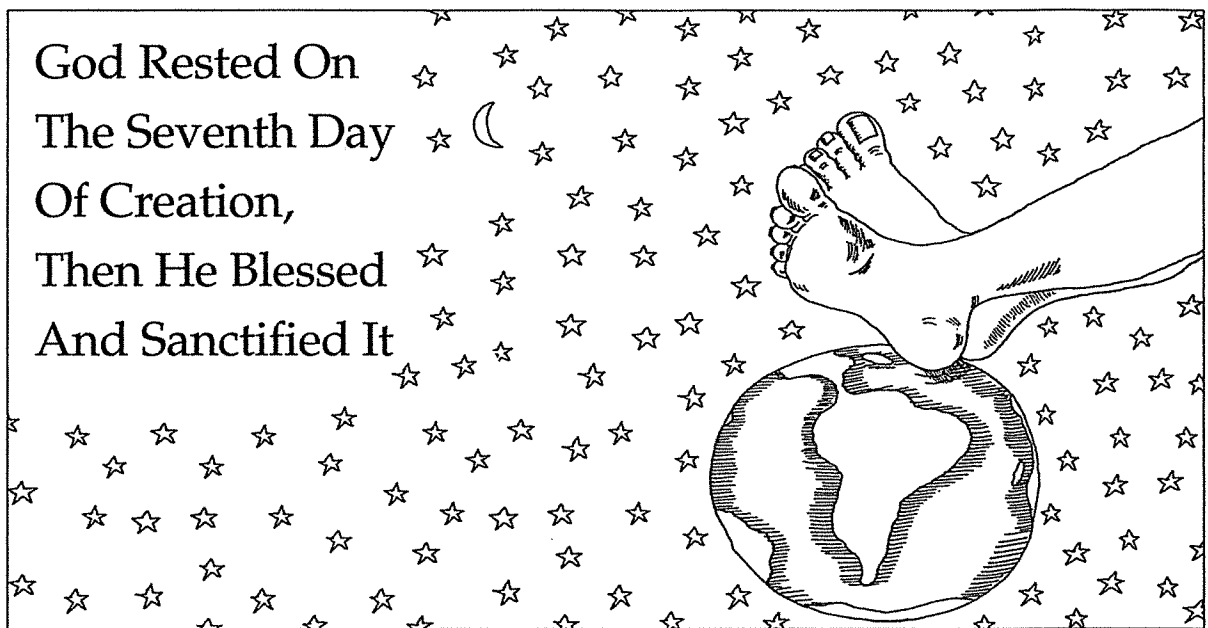
16. We're not told **how** God created the earth, only that 'God said' and 'it was so.' How are we to believe that God created all things, and that His Word is true? Hebrews 11:1-3
17. As Christians, how are we to walk on earth? 2 Cor. 5:7
18. What did God say about His creation after He was finished? Gen. 1-31

Memory Verse

"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God,..."

Hebrews 11:3a (NKJV)

Apply Within For Kids - Genesis Chapter 2:1-7



"... 'Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,...'" - Isaiah 66:1

DAY SEVEN

"Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." - Genesis 2:1-7

On the seventh day, God rested. He also blessed and sanctified it (set it apart). Colossians 1:16-17, says that all things were created through, and for Jesus Christ – even you! God planned you through your parents. No one is a mistake! Jesus said, "...*The Sabbath (the seventh day) was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.*" - Mark 2:27-28 The Sabbath was made for man, and it was meant to be a good thing and a day from labor, but Israel turned it into a chore! They devised formulas for how much a person was allowed to do on the Sabbath, and the religious leaders (Scribes and Pharisees), made the Sabbath a burden and a curse rather than a blessing to Israel. Even now, there are religions that condemn all who don't worship on Saturday. No one will be justified by keeping the Law (Gal. 2:16)! We're free and justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and we can worship God on any and every day! When we are born again, we enter His Sabbath rest! He is our Sabbath rest, and we can cast all our cares and affairs on Him! We can rest and lie down in green pastures, be led beside still waters and have our souls restored by Jesus Christ, Who loves us, died for us, and bears our burdens.

God formed man out of the dust of the earth, but in God's likeness mankind was made. "*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*" - Genesis 1:27 God took a lump of dirt from the earth and breathed the breath of life into it to make a living being. Our bodies contain the elements of this earth, sodium, potassium, etc. Scientists have divided the periodic table of elements, which lists all the elements of the earth that they have discovered. But we are so much more than dirt, because we have a soul and we have the breath of life. Though scientists assemble all the elements of a living being into a container, they cannot breathe life into something that doesn't already have life, and make it live! They can only form life from life. Jesus Christ is the Life. "*In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.*" -John 1:4

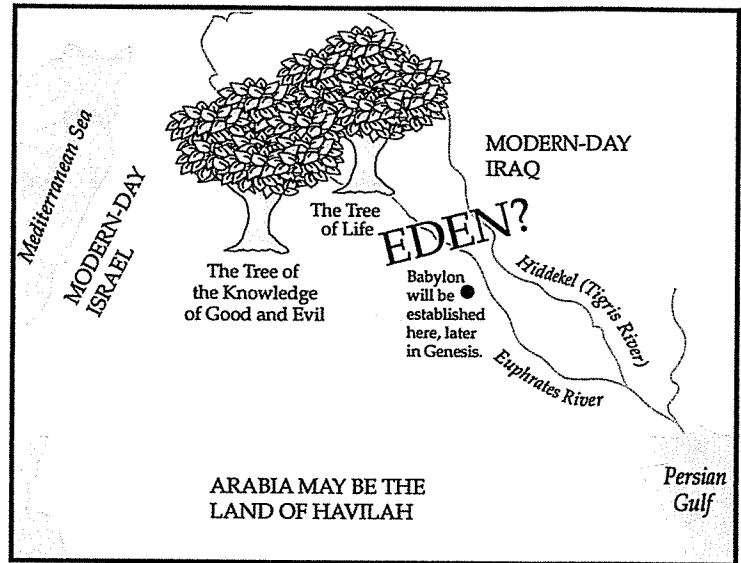
Eden-- God's Garden

"The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates. Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, *'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'*" - Genesis 2:8-17

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THE GARDEN OF GOD

No one knows for sure where the Garden of Eden was, but we do know the location of two of the rivers that are listed in Genesis. According to Holman's Bible Dictionary, the word "Eden" probably means "delight" or "pleasure." So Eden was the Garden of Delight, or Paradise. Before sin entered the human race, God and Adam walked and fellowshiped in the Garden of God. But sin separated us from God due to the fall of man in Genesis Three. But God loved us so much that He became a Man and died for our sins so we could have fellowship with Him. After Jesus died and rose again, He went to prepare a place for us (John 14:2). Just like the believing thief on the Cross, we too, will get to go and be with Him in Paradise (Luke 23:43).

THE RIVER

A river went out of Eden to water the garden. From there, it divided and became four riverheads. The names of the rivers were the Pishon (which means "freeflowing"), the Gihon (which means "gushing fountain"), the Hiddekel (Tigris River), and the Euphrates. Because Jesus died to pay for our sins, and rose again, we can be born again. And in His coming eternal Kingdom, there will be a river there called the River of Life. *"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb."* - Revelation 22:1

THE TREES

Ezekiel refers to the trees of Eden in Ezekiel 31:9, 16, & 18. What were the trees formed from? The ground, like mankind. God was concerned about beauty as well as feeding all His living creatures. He made many types of trees, but He specifically mentioned two of importance; the tree of life, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Many people will say that mankind sinned by eating from the tree of knowledge. Was that really its name?

Please study and remember God's command in verses 16 & 17.

Jesus made this promise to those in the church at Ephesus:

"... 'To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.'" - Revelation 2:7

Genesis

Chapter 2:1-25

Discussion Questions

Chapter One gives us a wide-angle view of the creation. Chapter Two zooms in and gives us a more detailed look.

1. Read Gen. 2:1-3; do you think God was tired and that's why He rested?
2. Why Did God rest? Gen. 2:2
3. What happened on the seventh day?

Note: *To sanctify something means to set it apart. The seventh day was blessed and set apart from work to give us rest.*

4. What does Jesus say about the Sabbath? Mark 2:27-28
5. Who is our Sabbath rest? Matt. 11:28-29
6. Who is God pointing to by making a Sabbath day of rest in the creation?
7. Read Gen. 2:4-6; what do you think the earth was like?
8. Read Gen. 2:7; what are we made of?
9. Read 2 Cor. 4:7; what does Paul say we are and why?
10. What did God do to man to give him life?

Note: *When we become born again God breathes life into us by giving us His Holy Spirit to dwell in us. We are alive spiritually because of the life that is given to us. Those who are not born again are dead to sin and are dead spiritually.*

11. Read Gen. 2:8-9; where did God put man? What was in the garden?
12. Where will WE see the tree of life? Rev. 22:2

Read Gen. 2:10-14; this gives us a picture of the rivers that surrounded the garden. The River of Life will also be in heaven. Rev. 22:1

13. Read Gen. 2:15; why did God put Adam in the garden?
14. Read Gen. 2:16-17; what is the only tree that Adam was not permitted to eat from? What would happen?
15. Why did God put a tree in the middle of the garden that was forbidden?

Note: *God wants us to choose Him. He didn't make mankind like robots without a free will. He gave mankind a free will so we would choose to follow Him. God will not force His love on us, He wants us to choose Him and receive His love willingly. True love demands a choice.*

16. Read Gen. 2:18; what need did God see for Adam?
17. Read Gen. 2:19-20; what job did God give Adam?
18. In naming all of the animals what did Adam notice? Gen. 2:20

The First Man, Woman, & Marriage-- All Were God's Idea!

"And the Lord God said,
'It is not good that man should be alone;
I will make him a helper comparable to him.'
Out of the ground the Lord God formed
every beast of the field and every bird of
the air, and brought them to Adam to see
what he would call them. And whatever
Adam called each living creature, that
was its name. So Adam gave names to
all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to
every beast of the field. But for Adam
there was not found a helper comparable
to him. And the Lord God caused a deep
sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and

He took one of his ribs, and closed up
the flesh in its place. Then the rib which
the Lord God had taken from man He
made into a woman, and He brought
her to the man. And Adam said;
'This is now bone of my bones and flesh
of my flesh; she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of man.'
Therefore a man shall leave his father
and mother and be joined to his wife,
and they shall become one flesh.
And they were both naked, the man
and his wife, and were not ashamed."

- Genesis 2:18-25



God gave mankind dominion over the animals, so Adam got the task of naming all of them. All things were formed out of the ground— people, animals and plants. Adam needed a helper who was comparable to himself. So God made a woman for Adam. A woman's role in God's plan is to be a helper to her husband. They are joined as husband and wife to become one flesh. Marriage is God's idea for two people of the opposite sex. But not everyone is called to be married.

19. Read Gen. 2:21-24; how was woman made?
20. What happens when a man and woman get married? Gen. 2:24
21. Read Gen. 2:25; why were they not ashamed of their nakedness?

Note: *Both Adam and Eve were yet without sin and they enjoyed a pure relationship. When we are in obedience to God we are not ashamed.*

Memory Verse

"There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His."

Hebrews 4:9-10 (NKJV)

Sin Enters The World

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, "You shall not eat of every tree of the garden"?"

And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

Then the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate." - Genesis 3:1-6

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For additional study, read Ezekiel 28:11-19, which discusses Satan's role in the Garden of Eden and how God created him to be full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. But iniquity was found in him and he was cast to the ground. Also see Revelation 12:7-12.

The Garden of Eden was a place where Adam and God could walk and talk together. God made all things for His pleasure. Jesus Christ created all things that we see and do not see. He made the animals, mankind, and even those who inhabit the unseen world, such as angels and other heavenly creatures.

What did God *really* say to Adam about the trees? "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'" - Genesis 2:16-17

What did Eve tell the serpent about what God said? Was she accurate about what God really said? "... 'We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

The serpent refuted God's Word and told Eve that she would not surely die! Then he said, 'For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' - Genesis 3:5
All cults and false religions use these same lies! Some teach that death is not real, but just an illusion. Or that death isn't real, but reincarnation happens. All twist or question the Word of God. Most teach that there is a secret knowledge or wisdom that can be attained which will make you as a god! Many of the New Age teachers want you to have your "third eye" opened so you can understand secret (occult) wisdom. And from this day in the Garden of Eden, both men and women have tried all sorts of things in order to become wise. But where is wisdom found? Proverbs 9:10. We want godly wisdom, not secret or occult wisdom from the teachings of those who oppose God and His Word. By understanding Genesis Three, we are able to clearly see who is behind all false teachings and religions!

Notice that sin, deception and disobedience can be enticing to the senses, but the result or wages of sin is death. Eve's eyes lured her in!

Spiritual Nakedness; Will You Cover Yourself With Fig Leaves (Works), or Will You Let God Cover You With His Son?

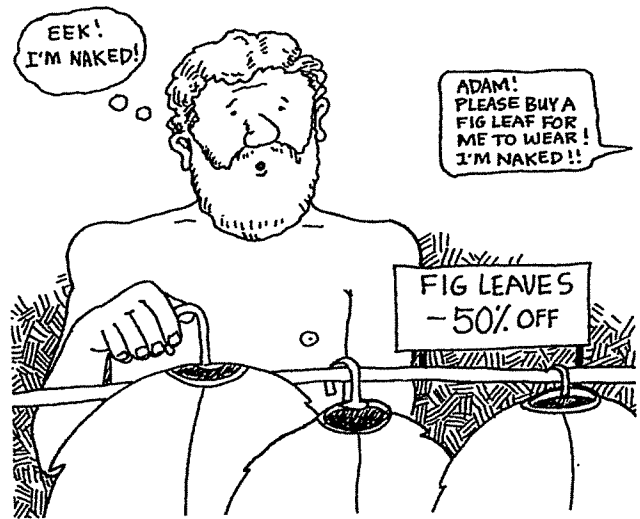
"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, 'Where are you?' So he said, 'I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.' And He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?' Then the man said, 'The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.' And the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate.'" - Genesis 3:7-13

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For additional study, read about three particular things that entice us to sin (1 John 2:16).

Just a verse about clothing:
"For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked."
- 2 Corinthians 5:2



Jesus said that those in the church at Laodicea had all sorts of wealth, yet they did not know that they were wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked (Rev. 3:17). That is the state of the unsaved person. A person can be naked physically as well as spiritually.

The woman was enticed through her eyes by the pleasant-looking fruit (sin can look pleasant for a season, but its result is death). James 1:13-15, says; "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death." The woman was also enticed by her desire to be wise, but true wisdom comes from the Lord.

Adam received the command from the Lord to not eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17). The woman knew about God's command, but somehow came to believe that God said not to even touch the fruit! But God did not say that to Adam. Our lesson here is to know the Word of God so that we recognize subtle twisting of words and meanings when someone either purposely, or accidentally misquotes the Bible. Once we hear the Word of God, we must also do it and obey it by the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Adam and Eve knew it, but didn't obey God's voice and command. We have the Holy Spirit as our helper.

Upon eating the fruit, their eyes were opened and they saw their nakedness. Earlier, they were naked and unashamed (Gen. 2:25). Sin and its wages—death, then entered mankind and all of creation (under man's dominion). Adam and his wife became separated from God by sin, so they hid and covered themselves with fig leaves! Many times when we sin, we hide ourselves in works and try to cover ourselves with holy-looking rituals. Sometimes we just blame others for our sins and misbehavior! What does the Word say about sin, and the nature of our God? "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- 1 John 1:9

All of us inherited Adam's fallen sin nature—a natural tendency toward evil and rebellion. But all have an opportunity to be redeemed from sin and death through Jesus Christ. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 6:23 God gave His Son to us. Jesus died for our sins, and by faith, we can inherit a new nature and receive everlasting life! Our bodies may die, but our spirits are made alive through faith in Jesus Christ, and will never die. Do you believe this? Are you born again?

Three Curses

1 "So the Lord God said to the serpent:
'Because you have done this, you are cursed
more than all cattle, and more than every
beast of the field; On your belly you shall go,
and you shall eat dust all the days of your
life. And I will put enmity between you and
the woman, and between your seed and her
Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you
shall bruise His heel.'"

2 To the woman He said:
'I will greatly multiply your sorrow and
your conception; In pain you shall bring forth
children; Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.'

3 Then to Adam He said,
'Because you have heeded the voice of your
wife, and have eaten from the tree of which
I commanded you, saying, "You shall not
eat of it": Cursed is the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your
life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring
forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of
the field. In the sweat of your face you shall
eat bread till you return to the ground, for
out of it you were taken; For dust you are,
and to dust you shall return.'"

- Genesis 3:14-19

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THE SERPENT'S CURSE & THE PROMISED MESSIAH

The serpent received the first curse by God. The curse mentions that there would be enmity (hatred) between the serpent and the woman, and enmity between the serpent's seed and her Seed. In that statement, God gives us a hint of the promise of the coming Messiah- the Seed. Jesus Christ was born from the seed of a woman, rather than a man. The Holy Spirit made His conception possible. God was, and is His Father. So even in the curse, God promised a blessing—a Savior—the Seed.

Did you know that the devil has children?! Jesus mentioned them in John 8:44. The unbelieving Pharisees wanted to kill Jesus. They wanted to carry out the desires of their father, the devil, who was a murderer from the beginning, and who does not stand in truth, but speaks lies (as he did to the woman). There are many nice people who are not born again, yet they are still the children of the devil. Unbelievers will persecute the children of God (see Galatians 4:29). How do you become a child of God? "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." - John 1:12-13 Anyone can become a child of God, but they must receive Jesus Christ first!

Jesus Christ has bruised the head of the serpent. Though he is not crushed yet, he will be shortly! "And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen." - Romans 16:20

THE WOMAN'S CURSE

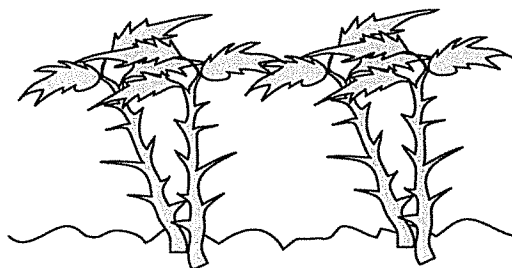
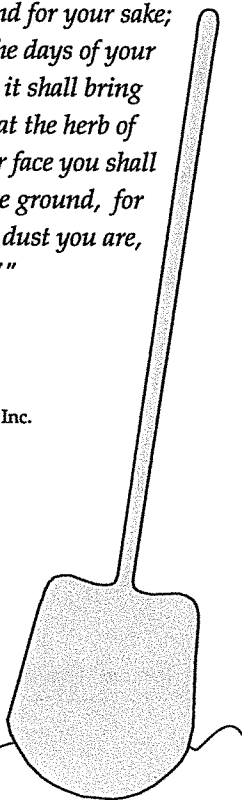
Women to this day have great pain in child-birth. But there is a promise given in the New Testament for the women who are born again. "For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control." - 1 Timothy 2:13-15

The woman is to be ruled by her husband.

"Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish." - Ephesians 5:22-27

THE MAN'S CURSE

Adam's role was to be the head of the household, but he let the woman lead him. She was deceived and he allowed her to lead him into disobedience to the command that God gave him. His curse includes hard work—by the sweat of his brow. Thorns and thistles complicate his labors. Work is our lot in life. "For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat." - 2 Thess. 3:10 But God promised blessings on all who obey Him (Deut. 28:1-14), and curses on all those who disobey (Deut. 28:15-68). Those blessings and curses were for Israel, but God still blesses obedience and the labors of His children, even in a world of thorns and thistles!



Genesis

Chapter 3:1-24

Discussion Questions

1. Read Gen. 3:1; who was Eve having a conversation with?
2. Do you think it was a good idea for Eve to be alone with Satan having a conversation with him? What does James 4:7 tell us to do?

Note: *It's interesting to note that Satan was questioning God's Word. Does he do that to us? There are many cults today that say God's Word isn't true, where does that originate from?*

3. Read Gen. 3:2-3; compare verse three with Gen. 2:17, what did God actually tell Adam and Eve?
4. Did Eve 'add on' to God's Word? What does Deut. 4:2 warn us not to do? Why do you think God doesn't want us to add on or take away from His Word?
5. Read Gen. 3:4-5; there are three lies in these verses that Satan uses, even today, to deceive. Can you name them?

Note: *The New Age movement always has and still does claim that; 1) We don't die, we come back in another life; 2) We can have enlightenment and our eyes will be open to the truth; 3) We can be gods. These are false claims that Satan uses in cults.*

6. Read Gen. 3:6; Eve was tempted in the same three ways that we are tempted. What are they? 1 John 2:16
7. Eve was *deceived* by Satan into eating the fruit. How did Adam eat the fruit? Gen. 3:6 and 1 Tim. 2:14
8. Read Gen. 3:7; what happened to Adam and Eve when they ate the fruit?
9. They ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. What does knowledge do to us? 1 Cor. 8:1
10. Read Gen. 3:8-9; do you think God didn't know where Adam was? What was He really asking him?
11. Read Gen. 3:10-11; when we are in sin and are ashamed of our spiritual nakedness, do we behave like Adam?
12. Gen. 3:11 shows us God's mercy; what was He trying to get Adam to do?
13. Read Gen. 3:12-13; instead of confessing their sin what did Adam and Eve do? Do we do that too?



God Covers Them And Sends Them Away From the Tree of Life

"And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, '*Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever*'—therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life."

- Genesis 3:20-24

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CLOTHING OF SKIN?

Notice that God clothed them. He didn't accept the works of their hands—clothes made of fig leaves. God clothed them in animal hides, which is a picture of the Messiah and His Blood sacrifice on the Cross as payment for our sins. "*And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.*" - Heb. 9:22 "*For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.*" - Leviticus 17:11 Sin is costly, and our own works (fig leaves) will not cover or atone for our sin! The blood of animals could not pay for sins either, but the sacrifices pointed to Jesus, the Lamb of God Who came to take away the sin of the world. "*For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.*" - Hebrews 10:4

"*And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.*" - Hebrews 10:11-14 No one is able to pay for the sins of another (Psalm 49:7-8), except God.

THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL

Upon eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Adam and Eve understood both good and evil. Before that, everything that God created was called good! But rebellion had already taken place in Eden before Adam and Eve fell into temptation. The devil and one-third of the angels rebelled against the Lord before Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden tree at the serpent's suggestion. Ezekiel 28:12-15 is interesting to read. It discusses the King of Tyre, who can be no one other than the devil. He was the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. He was in Eden, the garden of God. Though he was beautiful and full of wisdom, iniquity was found in him. He rebelled and took one-third of the angels with him. Then he deceived Eve and Adam followed her. All of the animal kingdom was under the dominion of Adam, and because he fell, all of creation under him also fell. It, like us, longs for the redemption (Romans 8:19-23). Like the children of God, creation itself will be delivered from the bondage of corruption (death) into the glorious liberty of the children of God! *Are you born again?*

THE TRINITY

God refers to Himself as "Us" because He is one God with three persons - called the Trinity. Many cults and false teachers deny the doctrine of the Trinity, but we see the Trinity throughout the Bible!

THE TREE OF LIFE

God's mercy kept them from the tree of life or they would have lived forever in a fallen and sinful state. Jesus Christ came and willingly died to pay for all your sins, and to once again make a way for you to have everlasting life and fellowship with Him. "*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.*" - Revelation 2:7

14. Read Gen. 3:14-15; this is the first of three curses that God gives. It is also the very first prophecy of the Messiah. Who was this curse towards?
15. Read Gen. 3:16; Eve was tempted by knowledge, and the lie that she would be like God, over her husband. What is part of the curse God put on woman?

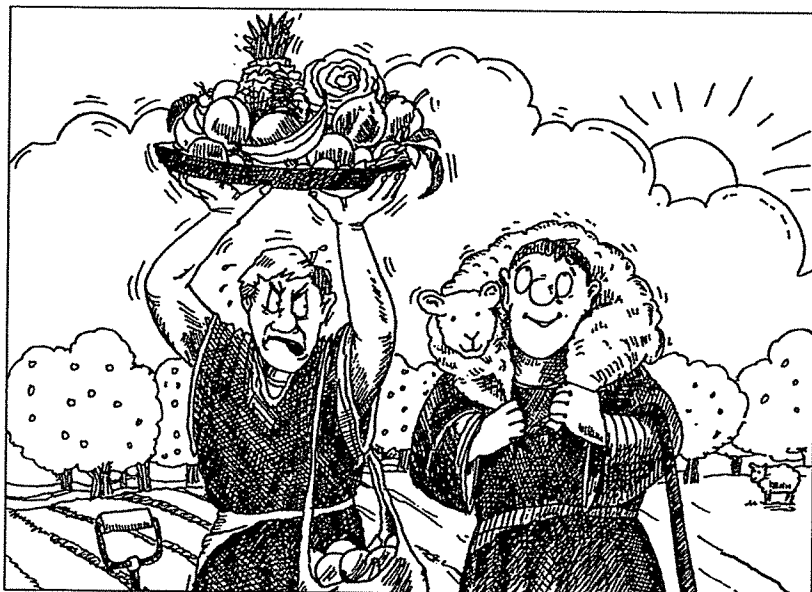
Note: *When God made woman from Adam He took her from his side, they were equal (Gen. 2:21). Now because of sin, woman's curse is always trying to rule over man. But God says that man will rule over the woman (Gen. 3:16). This causes a lot of strife today. God doesn't leave us without hope, He gives us His Holy Spirit and His Word to show us how husbands and wives are to live. Eph. 5:22-27*

16. Read Gen. 3:17-19; when God first put Adam in the garden (Gen. 2:15) it was for pleasure and recreation because man had dominion over everything (Gen. 1:26). Because of sin, what does man have to do?
17. Read Gen. 3:20-21; at first Adam put on fig leaves to cover his nakedness. But that wasn't good enough, what did God cover them with?
18. There had to be shedding of blood for God to cover Adam and Eve. When we are born again, our nakedness is covered, our sins are forgiven. How is this possible? Romans 5:8-9
19. Read Gen. 3:22-24; why did God drive out Adam and Eve from the garden?
20. Why didn't He want them to eat from the tree of life?

Memory Verse

" For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive."

1 Corinthians 15:22 (NKJV)



Cain--The First Murderer

"Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, 'I have acquired a man from the Lord.' Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the Lord said to Cain, 'Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door.

And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.' Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is Abel your brother?' He said, 'I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?' And He said, 'What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.' And Cain said to the Lord, 'My punishment is greater than I can bear! Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me.' And the Lord said to him, 'Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him seven-fold.' And the Lord set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him."

- Genesis 4:1-15

THE FIRST MURDER

It only took one generation to see the "fruit" of the fallen nature and for the first murder to be committed. Where does murder come from? Jesus said, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man." - Matt. 15:19-20 See what else Jesus said about murder in Matthew 5:21-24. Murder is listed in the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21). God respected Abel's offering, but not Cain's. Cain was very angry.

WHAT ABOUT ABEL AND HIS SACRIFICE?

Jesus described Abel as righteous (Matthew 23:35).

What do we know about Abel's offering to God?

"By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks." -Heb. 11:4 We know that without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). When people sacrifice, or give a gift to God, it should be out of love rather than just duty. Isaiah 1:11, says that God does not delight in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats. "For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." - Hosea 6:6

CAIN--CHILD OF THE WICKED ONE

"In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness in not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren, He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." - 1 John 3:10-15

The children of God and the children of the devil will grow up side-by-side like wheat and tares (weeds) until the Lord separates them. Are you born again? Are you a child of God? Jesus willingly sacrificed Himself to give you everlasting life. He loves you.

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Genesis

Chapter 4

Discussion Questions

At this point in time, Adam and Eve were kicked out of the garden because of their sin. God put cherubim at the gate to keep them from entering the garden and eating from the tree of life. They would never be allowed to go into the garden again.

1. Read Gen. 4:1-5; who's offering did God accept?
2. Let's have the Bible tell us about Cain and why his offering wasn't accepted. What do the following passages tell us about Cain and what kind of heart did he have? 1 John 3:11-12; Jude 11
3. Was Cain's offering rejected because it was from the ground, or because it wasn't from his heart?
4. What was Abel like? Read Hebrews 11:4.
5. How do we please God? Hebrews 11:6
6. Read 1 Sam. 15:22; what does God delight in?
7. How did Cain react when God rejected his offering? Gen. 4:5
8. What does God tell us not to do, even when we're angry? Eph. 4:26
9. Read Gen. 4:6-7; what did God give Cain an opportunity to do?

Note: Notice that God approached Cain when he was angry and in sin. God does that to us too, through His Holy Spirit. He convicts us when we sin and gives us a opportunity to turn.

10. What was the consequence waiting for Cain if he didn't change his heart? Gen. 4:7
11. Jesus said that what comes out of our mouth is what is really in our hearts (Matt. 15:18-19). We need to guard our hearts, how do we do that? Phil. 4:6-7
12. Read Gen. 4:8; because Cain did not turn away from his anger what happened?
13. Read Gen. 4:9; once again God comes to Cain and again gives him a chance to confess and repent. What does Cain do?
14. When we sin and cover it up with more sin, we're digging a deep pit for ourselves and it's very hard to climb out. Can you think of a time when you lied to cover a sin? David did the same thing when he sinned with Bathsheba and the consequences were for life.
15. What question did Cain disrespectfully ask God?
16. Are we supposed to be our brother's keeper? Gal. 6:2; 1 John 3:14-15
17. Read Gen. 4:10; Abel's blood cried out from the ground, Jesus' blood also cried out and was more righteous than Abel's (Heb. 12:24). What does Jesus' blood do for us? Eph. 1:7
18. Read Gen. 4:11-12; what did God do to Cain?
19. Read Gen. 4:13-15; Cain was sorry for what he did but it wasn't good enough. What is the only kind of sorrow that God recognizes? 2 Cor. 7:10

The Lineage of Cain

"Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son—Enoch.

To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech. Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah. And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. His brother's name as Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah.

Then Lamech said to his wives:

'Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, even a young man for hurting me. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.'"

- Genesis 4:16-24

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Seth: Messiah's Lineage

"And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, 'For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed.' And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the Lord." - Genesis 4:25-26



SEED OF THE SERPENT AND SEED OF THE WOMAN
Remember Genesis 3:15? We learned that there is a seed of the serpent (the devil's children) and the Seed of the woman (Jesus Christ). Those who are of faith in Jesus Christ are also the seed, or the children of God through the promises given to Abraham (Galatians 3:29).

Cain was of the wicked one—the devil (1 John 3:12). Because of God's love for us, He had a plan to deliver us from sin. The Messiah would need to be God because no man can redeem another man from sin (Psalm 49:7-9). The Messiah would also need to be a man to pay for the sins of mankind. Righteous Abel was murdered, so he could not be used in the lineage of the Messiah, so God gave Adam and Eve another son, Seth. Jesus Christ, the Messiah, came through Seth's lineage.

All through the Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation, you will see the devil try to corrupt or destroy those who are in the lineage of the Messiah. Righteous Abel was murdered by Cain, who was of the wicked one. Even now, the wicked persecute the godly, and those who are only born of the flesh nature persecute those who are born again by the Spirit of God (Galatians 4:29).

Cain went out from the presence of the Lord into the land of Nod, which means "wandering." He built a city and named it Enoch, after his son. But Cain's lineage did not continue beyond the flood of Noah, which we will be studying in a few chapters. The pre-flood ("antediluvian") descendants of Cain were gifted farmers, musicians and craftsmen who worked in bronze and iron.

20. Read Gen. 4:16-19; we have the first man to take two wives. Is that the way God intended it to be? How many wives did God give to Adam? Gen. 2:22,24
21. Read Gen. 4:20-24; not only was Lamech in sin because he had two wives, what else did he do? Did he boast of what he did? Gen. 4:24
22. Read Gen. 4:25; the first prophecy of the Messiah came in Gen. 3:15. But, righteous Abel was murdered, what line did Jesus come from?
23. Read Gen. 4:26; what did mankind begin to do?

Note: *This actually is the beginning of mankind coming together to worship and proclaim the goodness of God.*

Memory Verse

"By FAITH Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain,..."

Hebrews 11:4a (NKJV)

Apply Within For Kids - Genesis Chapter 5 - Names Supplement

What's In A Name?

In the Bible, names do have a special meaning, and many times God changed people's names and gave them new names after they became His children. Abram became Abraham, Sarai became Sarah, and Jacob became Israel. Jesus will give Believers a new name (Rev. 2:17, 3:12). Many times a name described a person's attributes. Nabal means fool, or wicked. He was a wicked and foolish person. Jesus' Name,

Immanuel, means "God with us." He is God, Who walked among us, and now walks with us, and He will one day dwell with us (Rev. 21:3).

Is there a hidden message? Some teachers say that there is a hidden message in the meaning of the names of these pre-flood men (listed below), when they are put together in a sentence. The message supposedly describes the coming of the Messiah. We've used *Abingdon's Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, to look up the names and meanings. There is no such message! Test all things!

Adam - ruddy, red faced, human

119: to show blood (in the face, i.e. flush or turn rosy):

--be (dyed, made) red (ruddy).

120: From 119; ruddy, i.e. a human being (an individual or the species, mankind, etc.):--x another, + hypocrite, + common sort, x low, man (mean, of low degree), person.

121: The same as 120; Adam, the name of the first man, also of a place in Pal.:--Adam.

Seth - substituted, placed and appointed

8352: from 7896; put, i.e. substituted; Sheth,

third son of Adam:-- Seth, Sheth.

7896: a prim. root; to place (in a very wide application):

--apply, appoint, array, bring, consider, lay (up), let alone, x look, make, mark, put (on), + regard, set, shew, be stayed, x take.

Note: Seth was substituted, put, placed, and appointed due to the loss of his brother Abel. (See Genesis 4:25.)

Enosh - a mortal man, or person

583: The same as 582; Enosh, a son of Seth:--Enos.

582: From 605; prop. a mortal (and thus differing from the more dignified 120); hence a man in gen.

(singly or collect.):--another, x [blood-] thirsty, certain, chap [-man], divers, fellow, x in the flower of their age, husband, (certain, mortal) man, people, person, servant, some (x of them), + stranger, those, + their trade.

It is often unexpressed in the Engl. Version, especially when used in apposition with another word.

Comp. 376.

Cainan - fixed dwelling, nest

7018: From the same as 7064; fixed; Kenan,

an antediluvian:--Cainan, Kenan.

7064: From 7077; a nest (as fixed), sometimes includ. the nestlings; fig. a chamber or dwelling:--nest, room.

7077: A prim. root; to erect; but used only as denom. from 7064; to nestle, i.e. build or occupy as a nest:--make nest.

Mahalalel - praise of God; praise

4111: From 4110 and 410; praise of God;

Mahalalel, the name of an antediluvian patriarch and of an Isr.:--Mahalaleel.

4110: From 1984; fame:--praise.

Jared - descent (descend), go downward, fall

3382: From 3381; a descent; Jered, the name of an antediluvian, and of an Isr.: -- Jared

3381: A prim. root; to descend (lit. to go downwards; or conventionally to a lower region, as the shore, a boundary, the enemy, etc.; or fig. to fall);

causat. to bring down (in all the above applications):

--x abundantly, bring down, carry down, cast down, (cause to) come (-ing) down, fall (down), get down, go (-ing) down (-ward), hang down, x indeed, let down, light (down), put down (off), (cause to, let) run down, sink, subdue, take down.

Enoch - initiated, narrow, discipline, train up

2585: from 2596; initiated;

Chanok, an antediluvian patriarch:--Enoch.

2596: a prim. root; prop. to narrow [comp. 2614];

fig. to initiate or discipline: --dedicate, train up.

2614: a prim. root [comp. 2596]; to be narrow;

by impl. to throttle, or (reflex.) to choke oneself to death (by a rope):--hang self, strangle.

Methuselah - adult, man of a dart, missile, sword

4968: From 4962 and 7973; man of a dart;

Methushelach, an antediluvian patriarch:--Methuselah.

4962: From the same as 4970; prop. an adult (as of full length);

by impl. a man (only in the plur.):--a few, x friends, men, persons, x small.

7973: From 7971; a missile of attack, i.e. spear; also (fig.) a shoot of growth, i.e. branch:--dart, plant, x put off, sword, weapon.

7971: A prim. root; to send away, for, or out (in a great variety of applications):--x any wise, appoint, bring (on the way), cast (away, out), conduct, x earnestly, forsake, give (up), grow long, lay, leave, let depart (down, go, loose), push away, put (away, forth, in, out), reach forth, send (away, forth, out), set, shoot (forth, out), sow, spread, stretch forth (out).

Lamech - uncertain meaning of the name(?)

3929: From an unused root of uncert. mean.; Lemek,

the name of two antediluvian patriarchs:--Lamech.

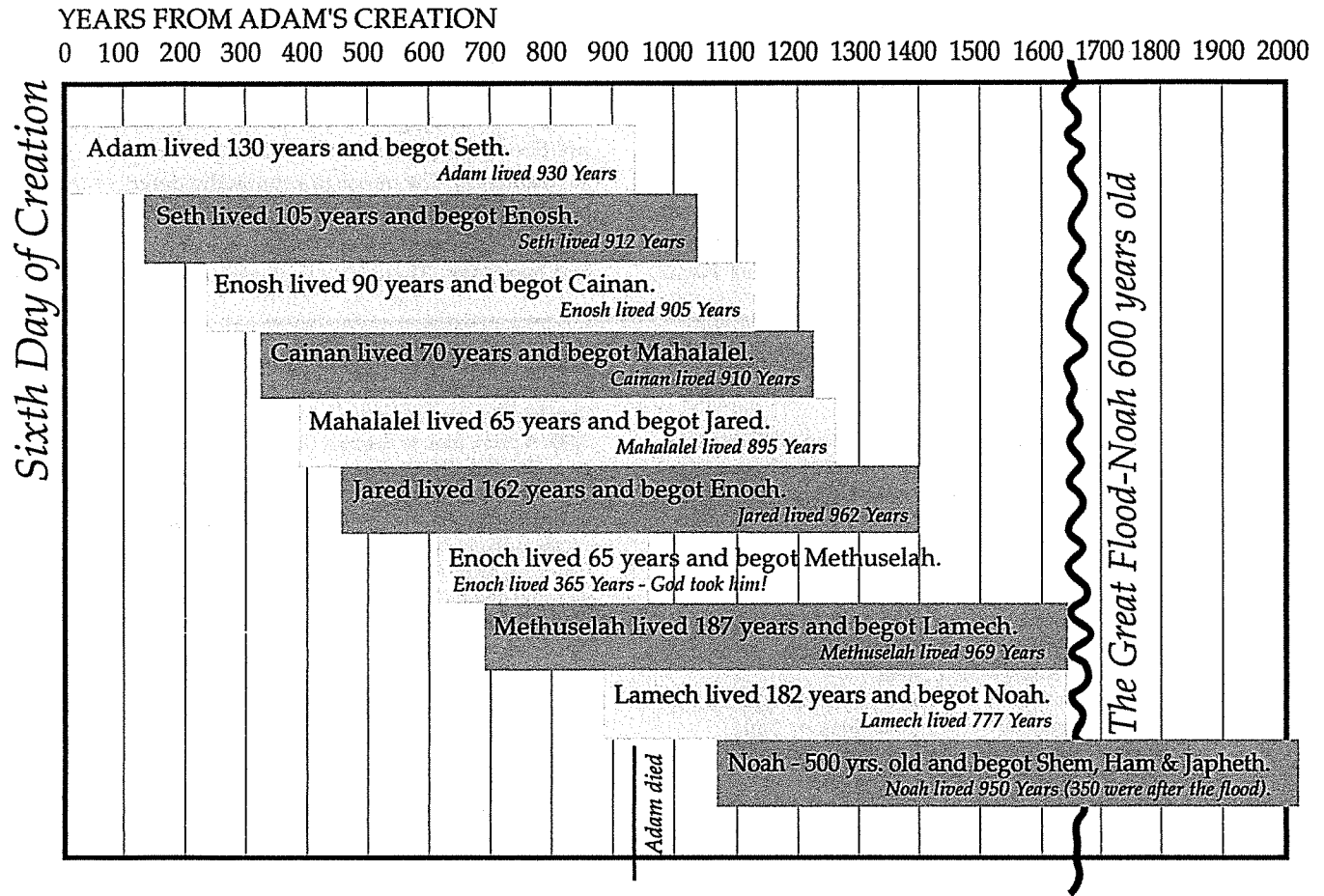
Noah - rest

5146: The same as 5118; rest; Noach, the patriarch of the flood:--Noah.

5118: From 5117; quiet:-- rest(-ed, -ing place).

5117: A prim. root; to rest, i.e. settle down; used in a great variety of applications, lit. and fig., intrans., trans. and causat. (to dwell, stay, let fall, place, let alone, withdraw, give comfort, etc.):--cease, be confederate, lay, let down, (be) quiet, remain, (cause to, be at, give, have, make to) rest, set down. Comp. 3241.

Apply Within For Kids - Genesis Chapter 5:6-32 - Timeline Supplement



Study the lifespans and the overlap of all these men! Adam met all his relatives except Noah! All of Adam's relatives died before the flood except for Noah. Methuselah lived longer than anyone ever lived! Enoch walked with God for 300 years and was taken in his 365th year. The flood must have taken place about 1,670 years after Adam was created.

How many years from the Sixth Day of Creation to the Flood?

Adam	130 (when he had Seth)
Seth	105 (when he had Enosh)
Enosh	90 (when he had Cainan)
Cainan	70 (when he had Mahalalel)
Mahalalel	65 (when he had Jared)
Jared	162 (when he had Enoch)
Enoch	65 (when he had Methuselah)
Methuselah	187 (when he had Lamech)
Lamech	182 (when he had Noah)
Noah	600 (he was 600 when the flood came)

Total 1656 from the 6th day of creation

Concerning Noah, Genesis 9:28-29, says;

"And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died." Noah lived 950 years, and had his three children when he was about 500 years old (Genesis 5:32). The flood happened when Noah was 600 years old (Genesis 7:11). Noah lived 350 years after the flood. Shem, Ham and Japheth were about 100 years old at the time of the flood.

All the nations of the earth came from Noah's three sons. The lineage of Cain was gone, and many from the lineage of Seth also must have died in the flood. Noah was preserved from the flood. He walked with God, just like his great-grandfather Enoch, who was taken at 365 years of age. He never died!

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The Lord is like the Potter, and we are like the clay. He has created us for His pleasure. If we are born again, He is able to mold us and make us into vessels for His use! He is conforming us into the image of His Son, and when we are changed in the resurrection or at the rapture, we will awake in His likeness (Psalm 17:15).

Adam; Made of Dust

"This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created. And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. After he begot Seth, the days of Adam were eight hundred years; and he had sons and daughters. So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died." - Genesis 5:1-5

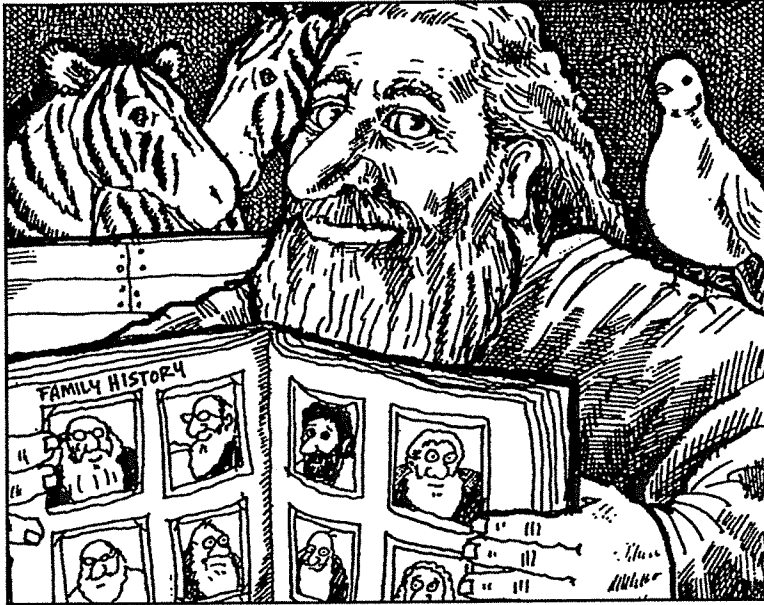
Adam and Eve were both created in the image and likeness of God, though Adam's body was formed from the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7), and Eve's body was formed from a rib that was taken from Adam (Gen.2:22). Because they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, death entered mankind (just as God warned in Gen. 2:17). Death also entered all of creation (under Adam's dominion), but God had a plan for redeeming and saving the world, because He so loved it (John 3:16 &17).

"For as by one man's (Adam's) disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's (Jesus) obedience many will be made righteous." - Romans 5:19 After Adam and Eve sinned, they bore children in their own likeness (Genesis 5:3), and their children inherited the fallen sinful nature, and death was the result. But Jesus Christ came and willingly died to pay for our sins and to redeem us from the "wages" of sin—which is death.

After we are born again and we have received Jesus Christ as our Lord and our Savior, God begins a work in our life. God begins conforming us into the image of His Son, Jesus. "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." - Romans 8:29 It is an inside change of the heart, and at the resurrection or the rapture, our bodies will be changed too! Our immortal body will be like Jesus' raised and resurrected body!

"The first man was of the earth (Adam), made of dust; the second Man (Jesus Christ) is the Lord from heaven. As was the man of dust (Adam), so also are those who are made of dust (us!); and as is the heavenly Man (Jesus Christ), so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust (Adam), we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man (Jesus Christ)." - 1 Corinthians 15:47-49

Apply Within For Kids - Genesis Chapter 5:6-32



The Pre-Flood Lineage of Jesus Christ From Adam, Through Seth

2nd
Generation

Seth lived one hundred and five years, and begot Enosh. After he begot Enosh, Seth lived eight hundred and seven years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years; and he died.

3rd
Generation

Enosh lived ninety years, and begot Cainan. After he begot Cainan, Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; and he died.

4th
Generation

Cainan lived seventy years, and begot Mahalalel. After he begot Mahalalel, Cainan lived eight hundred and forty years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years; and he died.

5th
Generation

Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and begot Jared. After he begot Jared, Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years; and he died.

6th
Generation

Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and begot Enoch. After he begot Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; and he died.

7th
Generation

Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

8th
Generation

Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech. After he begot Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died.

9th
Generation

Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed." After he begot Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; and he died.

10th
Generation

And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth."
- Genesis 5:6-32

All of Adam and Eve's children inherited the consequences of their sin, which is death. After the death of Abel, Seth was born to Adam and Eve. It was during the lifetime of Enosh, Seth's son, that men began to call on the name of the Lord (Genesis 4:26). Enosh's great-great-grandson, Enoch, walked with God for three hundred years and then God took him. "By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God." - Heb. 11:5 Many believe that Enoch is a symbol of true Believers who will be raptured before the Great Tribulation. Read more about Enoch in Jude 14-15.

Lamech named his son Noah, which means "rest" and said, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed." - Gen. 5:29 After the Great Flood of Noah, God promised to never curse the ground again (Genesis 8:21). Jesus Christ came through the lineage of Noah, and He brought rest and comfort to us by bearing our sins and becoming cursed on our behalf. Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28 God will remove the curse from mankind and the world in Revelation 22:2.

Note: Cain's family also included an Enoch and a Lamech.

Genesis

Chapter 5

Discussion Questions

1. Read Gen. 5:1; chapter five is described as what?
2. What is the importance of putting Adam's genealogy in the Bible?
3. Read Matt. 1:1; what is it about?

Note: Remember the Old Testament points to Jesus. It's God's grace and mercy in providing hope for us. Jesus is described as the last Adam. The first Adam brought sin and death, the last Adam brings us eternal life (1 Cor. 15:45-49).

4. Read Gen. 5:2-5; what happened to Adam after 930 years?
5. What was the lie that Satan told to Eve in Gen. 3:4?
6. Read John 8:44; what does Jesus call Satan?
7. Look at the lesson of the pre-flood lineage, all but one ends with the same thing, what is it?
8. Read Romans 6:23; what are the wages of sin? What is God's free gift to us?
9. What kind of relationship did Enoch have with God? It's mentioned twice! Gen. 5:22&24
10. Who is the oldest man recorded? How old did he live to be? Gen. 5:27

Apply Within For Kids - Genesis Chapter 6:1-8



Before the Flood, there was Great Wickedness on the Earth, but Noah Found Grace in the Eyes of the Lord

"Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

And the Lord said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.'

There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, 'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.' But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." - Genesis 6:1-8

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From Adam to Noah, people lived such long lives and because of people's longevity, there was a population explosion! God decided to shorten the years of a man to one hundred and twenty years. The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. No one really knows who the sons of God were, so there is a lot of speculation about their identity. Some teach that the sons of God were angelic beings, but no one really knows!

There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward (see Numbers 13:33, and remember Goliath (1 Samuel 17:4).

Why should we bother to examine the life and times of Noah? Because Jesus said that just before His Second Coming, it would be like the days of Noah, before the Great Flood. Jesus said, "*But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*" - Matthew 24:37

What were the days of Noah like? "*For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*" - Matt. 24:38-39.

What was the world like? It was wicked.

What was mankind like before the flood?

"...every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." That is how it will be in this world before Jesus comes. Noah pleased God because he trusted Him (Heb. 11:6-7). Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins? Each person makes a decision to trust Jesus Christ for their salvation or not. It is an individual thing. What causes God's judgment to come? "*Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it. Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,*' says the Lord God."-Ezekiel 14:13-14. You too, can be called righteous if you have trusted Jesus Christ. He's our righteousness by faith. Are you born again?

Noah Was a Just Man Who Walked With God

"This is the genealogy of Noah.
Noah was a just man, perfect in his
generations. Noah walked with God.

And Noah begot three sons:
Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

The earth also was corrupt before God,
and the earth was filled with violence.
So God looked upon the earth, and
indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had
corrupted their way on the earth. And
God said to Noah, *"The end of all flesh
has come before Me, for the earth is filled
with violence through them; and behold,
I will destroy them with the earth."*

- Genesis 6:9-13

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"By faith, Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith." - Hebrews 11:7

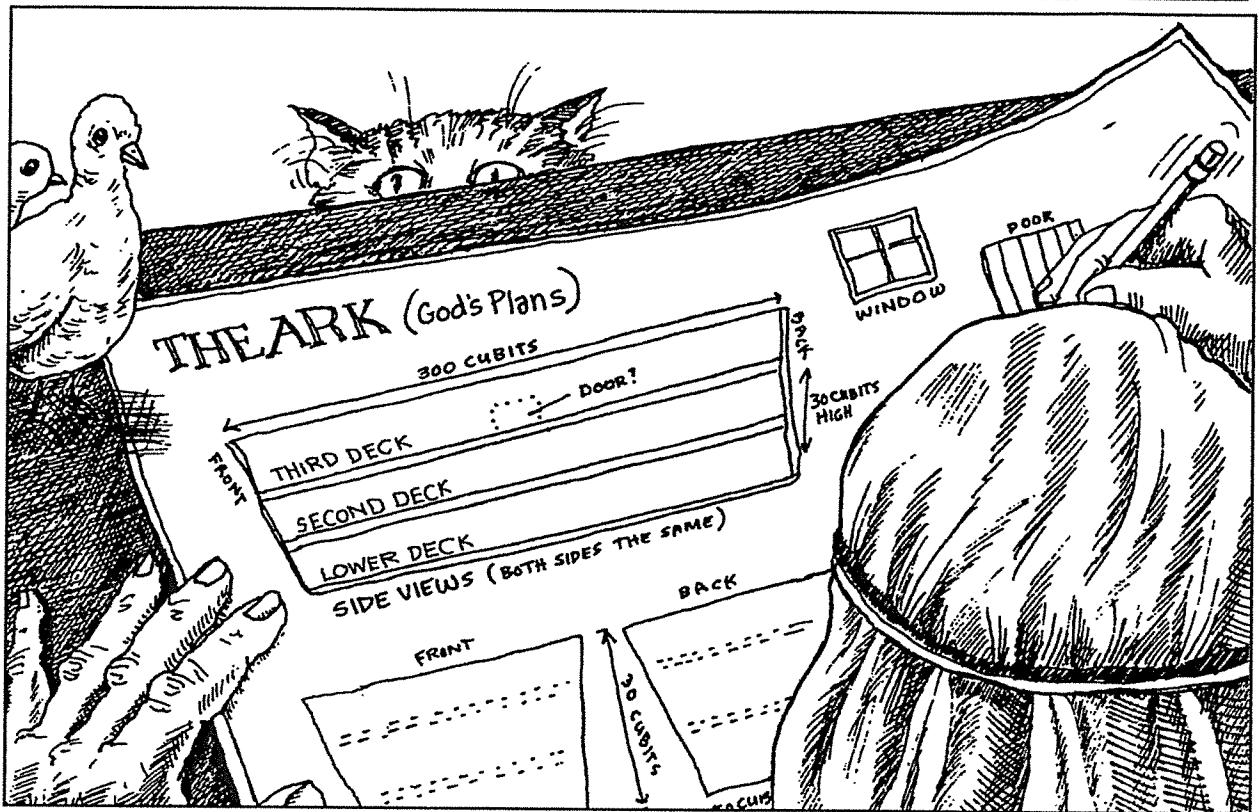
Noah believed God and His warning concerning the coming judgment and he acted to build an ark. Noah became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. Noah's righteousness was by faith because he believed God and acted accordingly! That is how we ought to be in our lives. We know that in past times, God's judgment came because of great wickedness. We can also know that because of great wickedness now, His judgment is coming again.

Are you born again, being an heir of righteousness according to faith? The days before Jesus returns will be like the days before the Great Flood. By reading a description of the last days, we can understand what it must have been like before the Great Flood came and swept the unrighteous away.

Read the following verse and think about how wicked it must have been, and also consider our times!

"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"

- 2 Timothy 3:1-5

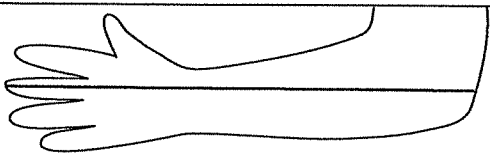


Noah Did According to All That God Commanded Him

"Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife,

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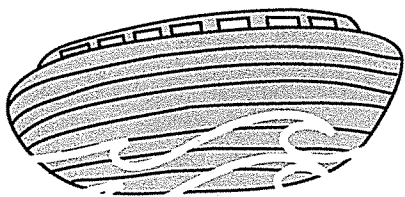
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The Waters Prevailed Exceedingly on the Earth, and All the High Hills Under the Whole Heaven Were Covered



Read Genesis 7:1-24, first!

Can you imagine water covering the whole earth, and even the mountain tops?! Why did God save Noah? Noah was righteous before God. Though Jesus Christ has always existed, the Old Testament people did not know Him as we know Him because He had not been born in the flesh yet. But they too, were saved by faith and by trusting and believing in God and His Word. Noah trusted the Lord, believed Him, obeyed Him, and walked with Him. True faith produces action, and Noah believed God enough to build a large boat when there was no rain in sight!! People must have thought he was crazy! Have you ever told your friends that Jesus Christ is coming again and that there will be judgment due to the wickedness on the earth (just as in Noah's day)? What was their response? A few may believe and be saved, but most will scoff and think you are crazy.

Did you notice that Noah took seven clean animals? He took three pairs plus one to be offered to the Lord later. He took only two (one pair—male and female) of the unclean animals in the ark. (See Leviticus 11, for a list of clean and unclean animals.)

The flood happened in the 600th year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month. The fountains of the deep were broken up and the windows of heaven were opened. Where could all the water have come from? *"Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so."* - Genesis 1:7

Some points to notice:

1. God shut the door of the ark!
2. The breath of life is in all creatures that God made.
3. It rained forty days and nights, but the waters prevailed on the earth for 150 days.
4. The waters prevailed fifteen cubits (over the mountain tops (1 cubit is about 18 inches)). Fifteen cubits would be exactly half of the ark's height (30 cubits). Remember that part of the ark would sit under water, too.

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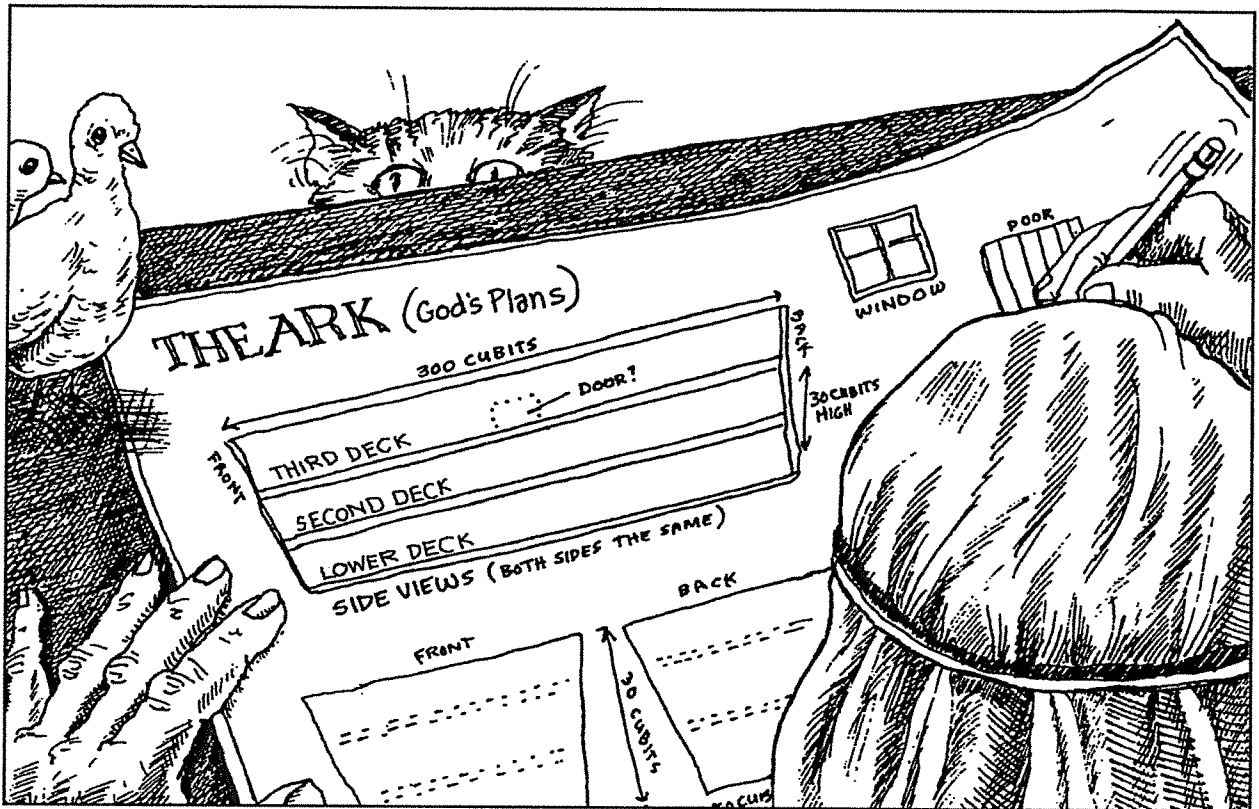
1. Read Gen. 7:1; what does God tell Noah to do? Did God tell Noah to "go" into the ark?
2. Let's compare God's command to Noah with Jesus' command to us who are born again. Read Matt. 11:28 and Rev. 22:17, what is the command?
3. What or whom does the ark symbolize?
4. Read Gen. 7:2-4; how many clean and how many unclean animals was Noah instructed to take? Why?

Note: The Law was not yet given, but the fact that Noah was to take seven of the clean animals means there were sacrifices to God at that time. Remember Cain and Abel brought sacrifices to God.

5. Read Gen. 7:5-7; Noah was obedient to do what God had commanded him to do. Do you think people made fun of him? Remember there wasn't rain on the earth yet and Noah was building an ark on dry land and preaching to the people while he was building it for 120 years. Noah was set apart by God, just as Christians are set apart. Does the world make fun of Christians because of the way we live?
6. Read Gen. 7:8-9; how did the animals get into the ark? Was it Noah that went out to get them? It was a supernatural event!
7. Read Gen. 7:10-12; where did the waters come from? Did it just rain from the clouds? (Gen. 1:7)
8. Read Gen. 7:13-15; notice that the animals went into the ark **TO** Noah. Noah was already in the ark. Who brought the animals into the ark?
9. Read Gen. 7:16; Who shut the door of the ark?
10. What was it like on the earth at the time Noah and his family entered the ark? (Luke 17:26-27; Gen. 6:5) Was it much like today?
11. Once Noah and his family were safely in the ark, **GOD** shut the door and they were protected from the coming devastation. If the ark is a symbol of Jesus Christ and we have our rest in Him, how are we protected from the outside world? (1 Peter 1:5)
12. Read Gen. 7:17-24; how long did it actually rain on the earth? How long did the waters "stay" on the earth?
13. During this time Noah and his family were on a dark cramped ark, being tossed around by the storm. What do you think they were feeling?

Note: Even though as Christians we are kept by God, we still get tossed about by the winds and the waves.

14. We can look at the flood as a type of baptism that washed away the wickedness of the world. Noah was kept safe in the ark (just as we are in Jesus) and was baptized by the flood. Read 1 Peter 3: 18-21; what does water baptism mean to us as Christians?

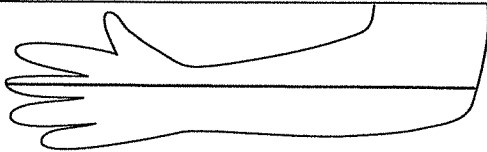


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- _____ What command does God give Noah? Gen. 7:1 A. 150
- _____ How many clean animals are taken into the ark? Gen. 7:2 B. Because he was righteous.
- _____ How many unclean animals are taken into the ark? Gen. 7:2 C. 40
- _____ How many days did it rain? Gen. 7:4 D. Come.
- _____ Why were Noah and his family the only ones who were saved? Gen. 7:1 E. 7 each
- _____ How old was Noah when the flood came? Gen. 7:6 F. 2 each
- _____ Who shut the door of the ark? Gen. 7:16 G. 600
- _____ How long did the waters stay on the earth? Gen. 7:24 H. God

Memory Verse

" 'Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' "

Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)

The Ark Rested on the Mountains of Ararat Five Months (150 Days), After it Began to Rain. On the First Day of the Tenth Month, the Tops of the Mountains Were Seen!

The rain began on the seventeenth day of the second month of Noah's 600th year. They left the ark on the seventeenth day of the second month of Noah's 601 year! Noah, his family and all the animals were on the ark 370 days which is one year and ten days! (Months were 30 days long.)



Read Genesis 8:1-19, First!

God considered Noah and all the animals with him. It must have seemed like a long time in the ark. The rain began in the second month on the seventeenth day. It rained for forty days and nights. The ark had begun to float when the waters had reached 15 cubits in height, and then they were adrift! Eventually all the mountains of the earth were below the surface! But in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day, the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat (which is a mountainous area north of Iraq, between Turkey, Iran and Russia). We can know that each month consisted of thirty days because five months were counted as 150 days.

The waters decreased continually until the tenth month, and on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains could be seen. Forty days after that, Noah sent out a raven, which did not return but kept going "to and fro" until the waters had dried up. Then he sent out a dove. It could not find a resting place, so it returned to Noah and the ark. After seven days, Noah sent the dove again, and this time the dove returned with a freshly plucked olive leaf in her mouth. So Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. He waited another seven days and sent the dove again. This time she did not return.

In the six hundred and first year (of Noah's life), in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth, and Noah saw dry ground. In the second month and the twenty-seventh day, the earth was dried, and God told Noah, his family and all the animals to leave the ark. He told them to be fruitful and to multiply on the earth.

Some points of interest!

1. Just as a note of interest; the raven is an unclean bird, and the dove is a clean bird (Leviticus 11). Ravens eat dead things, even garbage, while doves eat grain.
2. The dove with an olive branch is used as a symbol for peace all over the world, even to this day, but not many people probably know why!
3. The dove is used as a symbol for the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove (Matthew 3:16). Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and those who become the children of God are not appointed to wrath, but have obtained peace with God through Jesus Christ. Through Noah, God comforted us by sending Jesus Christ to give us rest. Noah's name means "rest" (Gen. 5:29).
4. The olive branch is used as a symbol for Israel.
5. Because of their limited understanding and their lack of belief in God's Word, many liberal scholars say that the flood was not world-wide, but Gen. 8:9, says it was on the face of the *whole* earth.

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Chapter 8

Discussion Questions

1. Read Gen. 8:1; did God "forget" about Noah? What do you think it means that God "remembered" Noah?
2. Read Gen. 19:29; God also remembered Abraham. What had just happened when God remembered Abraham? What had just happened when God remembered Noah?
3. Read Luke 22:14-20; how do we remember Jesus and what He did for us?
4. Did God remember Noah only? Who else did He remember? Gen. 8:1
5. What happened that the waters subsided? Gen. 8:1
6. John 3:8 compares the Holy Spirit with the wind. Read Gen. 1:2; in the beginning when God made the earth where was the Holy Spirit?
7. Read Exodus 14:21; how was the Red Sea parted?
8. Read Gen. 8:2-4; what happened to the ark?

Note: The seventeenth day of the seventh month is the same day Jesus rose from the dead.

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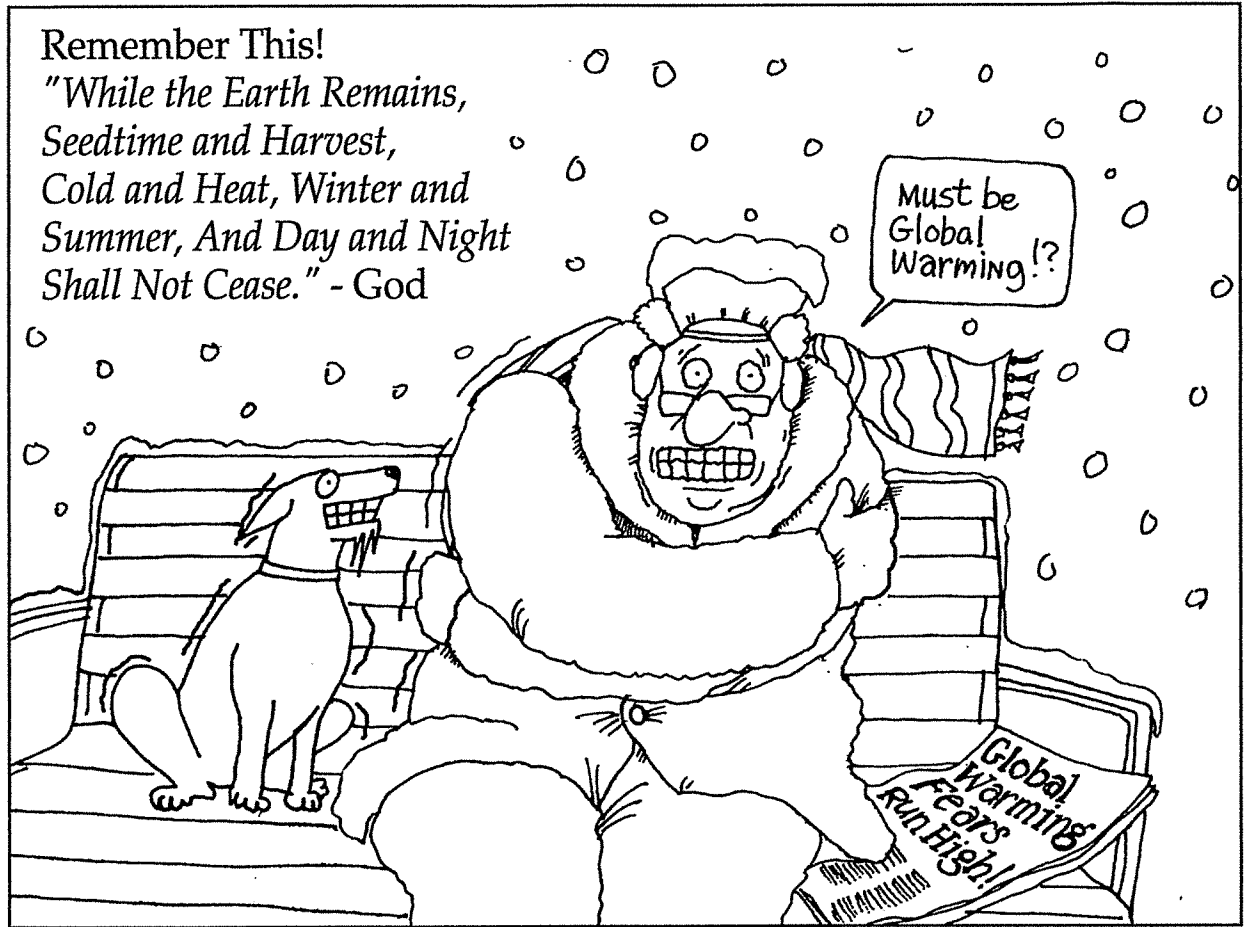
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10. Read Gen. 8:8-9; what happened to the dove? What did Noah do?

Note: When we are born again we invite (or draw in) the Holy Spirit into our hearts and lives. Just as Noah drew in the dove.

11. Read Gen. 8:10-12; what happened to the dove?
12. The dove (a symbol of the Holy Spirit) went out into the earth. Read John 16:7-8; what is the purpose of the Holy Spirit?
13. Read Gen. 8:13-16; what did God command Noah to do?
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15. Let's compare God's commands to Noah and Jesus' commands to us. Read Matt. 11:28 and Matt. 28:19-20.
16. Read Gen. 8:17-20; what was the first thing Noah did upon leaving the ark? Did God ask Noah to do this?
17. Read Gen. 8:21-22; what did God promise He would not do?

We end Chapter 8 with Noah, his family and all the animals in the ark entering into a new world that is cleansed with water and God's promise that He would never destroy every living thing again. When we are born again we are cleansed with the blood of the Lamb (Jesus) and water baptism is a symbol of the new life we have entered into.



Read Genesis 8:20-22, First!

Noah Worshiped and Gave Sacrifices to God.

When Noah and his family got off of the ark, Noah worshiped God and built an altar there. Then he took of every clean animal (he took seven of each clean animal on the ark), and offered burnt offerings to the Lord. God smelled a soothing aroma. Our prayers are like an offering to the Lord. Revelation 8:3-4, tells us that John saw a golden altar in heaven where incense was mixed with the prayers of the saints (Believers), and the smoke ascended before God.

Does God Delight in the Blood of Animals?

God says:

"If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all its fullness. Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." - Psalm 50:12-15 Also Read Isaiah 1:11-21.

God looks at the heart more than the actual gift. A sacrifice is a gift that costs the giver something of value, that is why it is called a sacrifice! Jesus died as a sacrifice for our sins. His sacrifice cost Him everything, even His life! We should give God a sacrifice only because we are thankful, not because we have to. Even praise is a sacrifice sometimes! God looks at the heart.

Man's Heart is Wicked

Though God destroyed all pre-flood life due to wickedness, He did not wipe all evil off the earth! God said that the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth (even as children, the imagination of our hearts are evil, so no one can blame their parents or society!). Though Noah walked with God, he was still a sinner like us! Evil is in the hearts of all of Adam and Eve's descendants!

God's Promises in this Lesson:

1. God promised to never again curse the ground for man's sake (Genesis 8:21).
2. God promised never to destroy every living thing (Genesis 8:21).
3. God promised that all the seasons would continue. *"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease."* - Genesis 8:22

Remember this verse when people tell you that we are changing the weather in our environment. God promised that the seasons will remain as long as the earth remains!!!

Take the Genesis Test (without peeking)

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| _____ What did God do to make the water subside? Gen. 8:1 | A. evil |
| _____ Where did the Ark rest? Gen. 8:4 | B. built an altar to the Lord |
| _____ What kind of bird did Noah send out first? Gen. 8:7 | C. wind to pass over the earth |
| _____ What did the dove have in its mouth? Gen. 8:11 | D. never again curse the ground |
| _____ What did God tell Noah to do when the ark was opened? Gen. 8:16 | E. Mt. Ararat |
| _____ What was the first thing Noah did upon leaving the ark? Gen. 8:20 | F. Go. |
| _____ What condition did God say our hearts are in? Gen. 8:21 | G. an olive leaf |
| _____ What did God promise He would never do? Gen. 8:21 | H. a raven |

Memory Verse

" 'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ' "

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

Life is Sacred to God

God Blessed Noah and His Sons,
Added Meat to Their Diet, and Instructed
Them About Their Relationship
With Other Creatures, and the Creation.

Read Genesis 9:1-7, First!

God blessed Noah and his sons, and told them to be fruitful and multiply, and to fill the earth! Look how many people there are on the earth now!

Man's Order in God's Creation:

Then God put the fear of man on all the animals. Try to catch a robin! God gave the animals into our hands and they are under our dominion. God said, "...Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'" - Genesis 1:26-28

We should be wise stewards of God's creation, but unlike pagan religions, we should not fall into the sin of worshipping the creation rather than the Creator (Romans 1:18-25).

Adam and Noah Had Different Diets!

Adam ate herbs and fruit! To Adam, God said, "...See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food'; and it was so." - Genesis 1:29-30

Noah ate herbs, fruit and meat! To Noah, God said, "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs." - Genesis 9:3 Don't let anyone tell you that eating meat is evil! In fact, forbidding someone from eating certain foods is called a doctrine of demons (1 Timothy 4:1-5). Most occult religions teach and practice vegetarianism for religious reasons. Other people abstain from certain foods for health reasons, and that is not evil. Every creature of God is good, but we are not to eat the blood of the creature, because that is its life. The life is in the blood (Lev. 17:10-14). Life is sacred to God, and mercy is one of God's main attributes.

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He Will Demand a Reckoning from both
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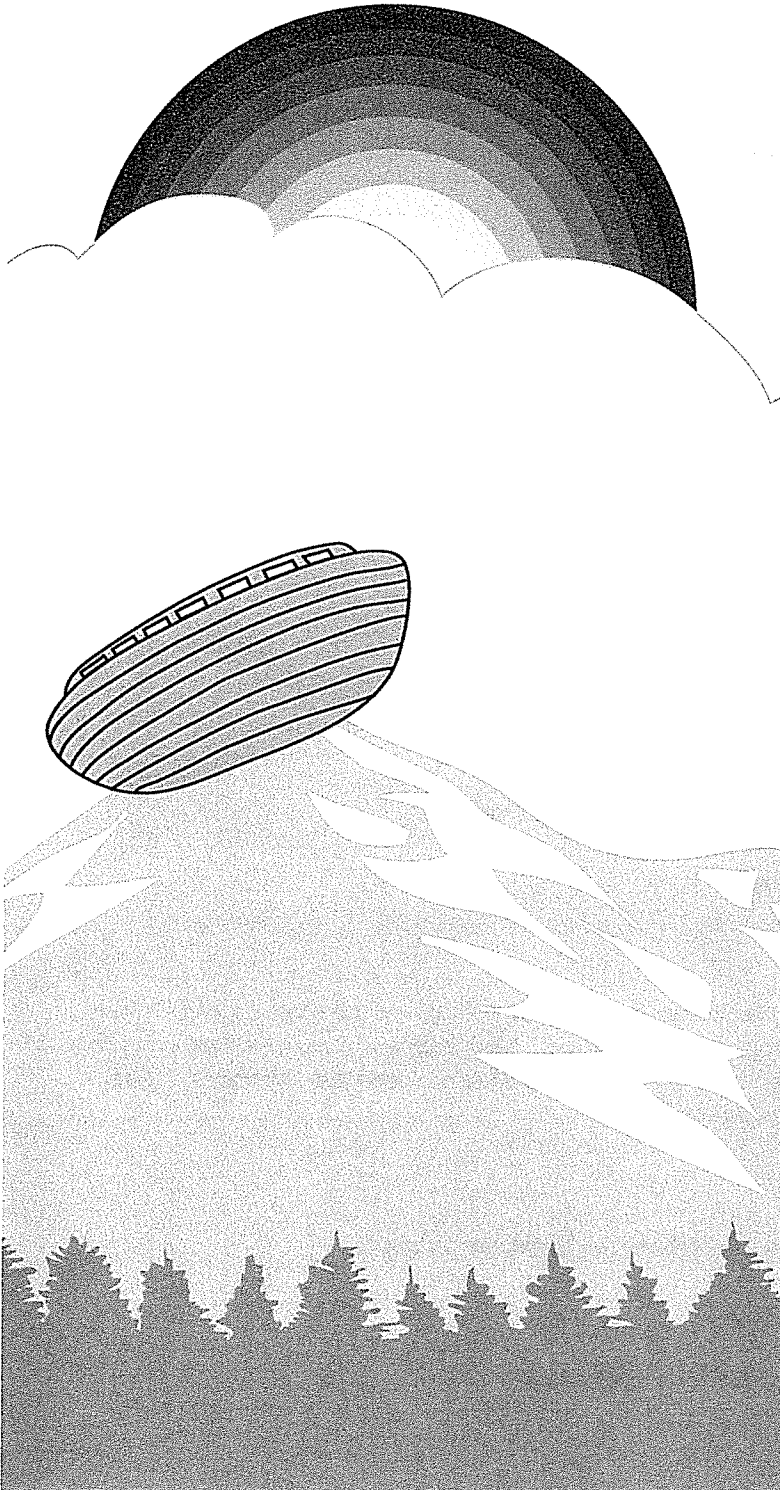
"But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.'" - Genesis 9:4-5 In Genesis 4:10, God said to Cain, "...What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground." In the Law, if an animal killed a person, it was to be put to death, and if the owner knew that his animal threatened to harm people in the past, then the owner was also to receive the death penalty (Exodus 21:28-29)!

Whoever Sheds Man's Blood,
by Man His Blood Shall be Shed.

"Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply in it." - Genesis 9:6-7



God's Everlasting Covenant With Mankind, And Every Living Creature!



Read Genesis 9:8-17, First!

God promised Noah that He would make His covenant with him *before* the flood (Gen. 6:18). The Everlasting Covenant is a covenant between God and Noah, his descendants (us!), and every living creature of the earth (Genesis 9:9-10).

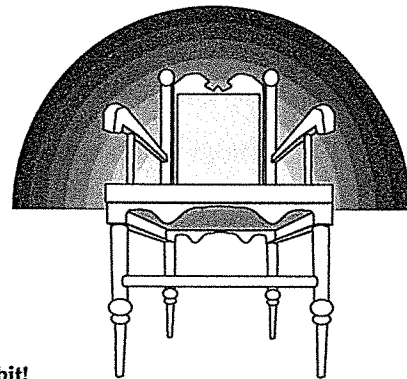
What is God's Everlasting Covenant?

"...*Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.*" - Genesis 9:11

What is the Sign of the Everlasting Covenant?

"...*This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. The rainbow shall be in the cloud and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.*' And God said to Noah, *'This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.'*" - Genesis 9:12-17

Without God's promise, each generation would fear when they saw a storm approaching! We have floods in diverse places, but they do not cover the entire earth, and never will again. When seeing into heaven, John saw a rainbow around the throne of God in Revelation 4:3! All of creation worshiped God around the throne. Romans 8:19-23, says that even the creation itself will be redeemed, so it makes sense that they too, will be praising God in heaven around the throne with a rainbow (symbol of the Everlasting Covenant with mankind and every living creature)! God is faithful! He'll keep His promises from Genesis to Revelation!



Just a Tidbit!

The Devil will Persecute Israel with a Flood in the Tribulation!

During the Tribulation, the devil will try to destroy Israel (which is symbolized by the woman) with a flood (Revelation 12:15).

Isaiah 59:19, says; "...*When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.*" That verse and section of Isaiah, discusses the return of Jesus Christ!

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Chapter 9

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1. Read Gen. 9:1; what did God say to Noah? Compare this to what God told Adam and Eve in Gen. 1:27-28.
2. Read Gen. 9:2-3; what did God give to Noah for food?
3. Read Gen. 1:29-30; what did Adam's diet consist of?

Note: *God put the fear of man into the animals because now man would hunt animals for food. This would preserve the animals from becoming extinct.*

4. How different was the world after the flood? What was the weather like? How did man's diet change? Was man's heart different? Read Gen. 6:5 (before the flood) and Gen. 8:21 (after the flood).
5. Read Gen. 9:4; what was Noah not allowed to eat and why? (Lev. 17:11)

Note: *Way back in Noah's day God was preparing the world for Jesus. God said that it's the blood that is life. Jesus shed His blood for us on the cross so we can have life. That's why Jesus had to die and become the sacrifice for us to be saved.*

6. Read Gen. 9:5-7; what is God's view on murder? Read the front of lesson 9:1-7.

Note: *Because man's heart was evil God had to set the rule for murder or mankind would have been wiped out and the earth wouldn't have been repopulated.*

7. Read Gen. 9:8-10; what did God do?

Covenant: A covenant is God's "promise." A covenant binds two parties together. This covenant from God was unconditional and everlasting.

8. Read Gen. 9:11; what is God's covenant to Noah and all of mankind?
9. Read Gen. 9:12-17; what is the sign of God's covenant? Can we see this sign even today?
10. Read Gen. 9:18-19; through whom was the world repopulated?
11. Read Gen. 9:20-21; what happened to Noah?

Note: *By faith Noah built the ark and went into the ark. He and his family just went through a catastrophic flood. After he came through "the storm" God blessed him and made a covenant with him. Now Noah was living a routine, everyday life and he let his guard down. We let our guard down when we don't read our Bible and seek out the things of God. Spiritual laziness is dangerous, we have to have our armor on every day.*

12. What does the Bible say about drunkenness? Prov. 20:1

Note: *Not only was Noah physically naked, there was a spiritual nakedness too, some sort of sin.*

13. Read Gen. 9:22; what did Ham do about his father's nakedness?
14. Read Gen. 9:23; what did Shem and Japheth do about their father's nakedness?

Noah, the Farmer, and His Three Sons

"Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their

father's nakedness. So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. Then he said: '*Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants he shall be to his brethren.*' And he said: '*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant. May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem; and may Canaan be his servant.*'

And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died." - Genesis 9:18-29

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Noah lived an additional 350 years after the flood and became a farmer who planted a vineyard. But Noah over-indulged in the fruit of his vineyard and then became naked. Nakedness can be spiritual as well as physical, but in this case, Noah was without his clothing! Remember that Adam ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and became aware of his nakedness (spiritual and physical). Jesus takes away spiritual nakedness and clothes repentant sinners in His righteousness—white spotless garments (Revelation 3:17-18). *Are you born again and clothed with His righteousness?*

Due to Ham's sin, Noah cursed Canaan, Ham's son. Rather than covering his father, Ham disrespected Noah by telling his brothers about it. Shem and Japheth did not look at their father's nakedness, but covered him up.

In upcoming chapters, you will see the Canaanite's land being promised to Abram (Shem's descendant). In Exodus 23:23-24, God told the children of Israel that He would cut off the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites. Israel was not to bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works. Israel was to utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars. In Exodus 23:32-33, God told the children of Israel to make no covenant with them nor with their gods. They were not to even dwell in Israel's land, lest they make Israel sin against God. God warned them that if Israel served their gods, it would surely be a snare to them. Read Noah's curse against Canaan, Ham's son, and then look at this verse:

"And it happened, when the children of Israel grew strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out." - Joshua 17:13

The land of Canaan will be promised to Abram as an everlasting inheritance from God (Genesis 17:8).

15. When we see other people's nakedness or sins how do you think we should handle it?
16. Read 1 Peter 4:8; how does the Bible tell us to cover sin?
17. Read Gen. 9:24-27; what was Noah's reaction to Ham?
18. Whom did Noah curse? Gen. 9:25
19. Read Gen. 9:28-29; how long did Noah live?

Take the Genesis Test (without peeking)

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|---|---|
| _____ The command given to Noah and Adam. Gen. 1:28/9:1 | A. The fear of man was on every beast. |
| _____ God added this to Noah's diet. Gen. 9:3 | B. Never again shall there be a flood to destroy the whole earth. |
| _____ To keep animals from becoming extinct. Gen. 9:2 | C. rainbow |
| _____ God's reckoning for murder. Gen. 9:6 | D. meat |
| _____ God's covenant with Noah. Gen. 9:11 | E. Shem and Japheth |
| _____ The sign of God's covenant. Gen. 9:13 | F. Be fruitful and multiply. |
| _____ Noah's profession after the flood. Gen. 9:20 | G. Whoever sheds man's blood by man his blood shall be shed. |
| _____ Who covered Noah's nakedness (sin)? Gen. 9:23 | H. 950 years. |
| _____ Who exposed Noah's nakedness (sin)? Gen. 9:22 | I. farmer |
| _____ How old was Noah when he died? Gen. 9:29 | J. Ham |

Memory Verse

"... 'love will cover a multitude of sins.' "

1 Peter 4:8 (NKJV)

The Table of Nations--Noah's Sons Created Seventy Nations!

Why Should We Study This Genealogy?

Because it is the Word of God! These names will appear in other places throughout Scripture. Some of the descendants of these people will fight against Israel in a future war (Ezekiel 38 & 39). Gog and Magog are mentioned in Revelation 20:8!

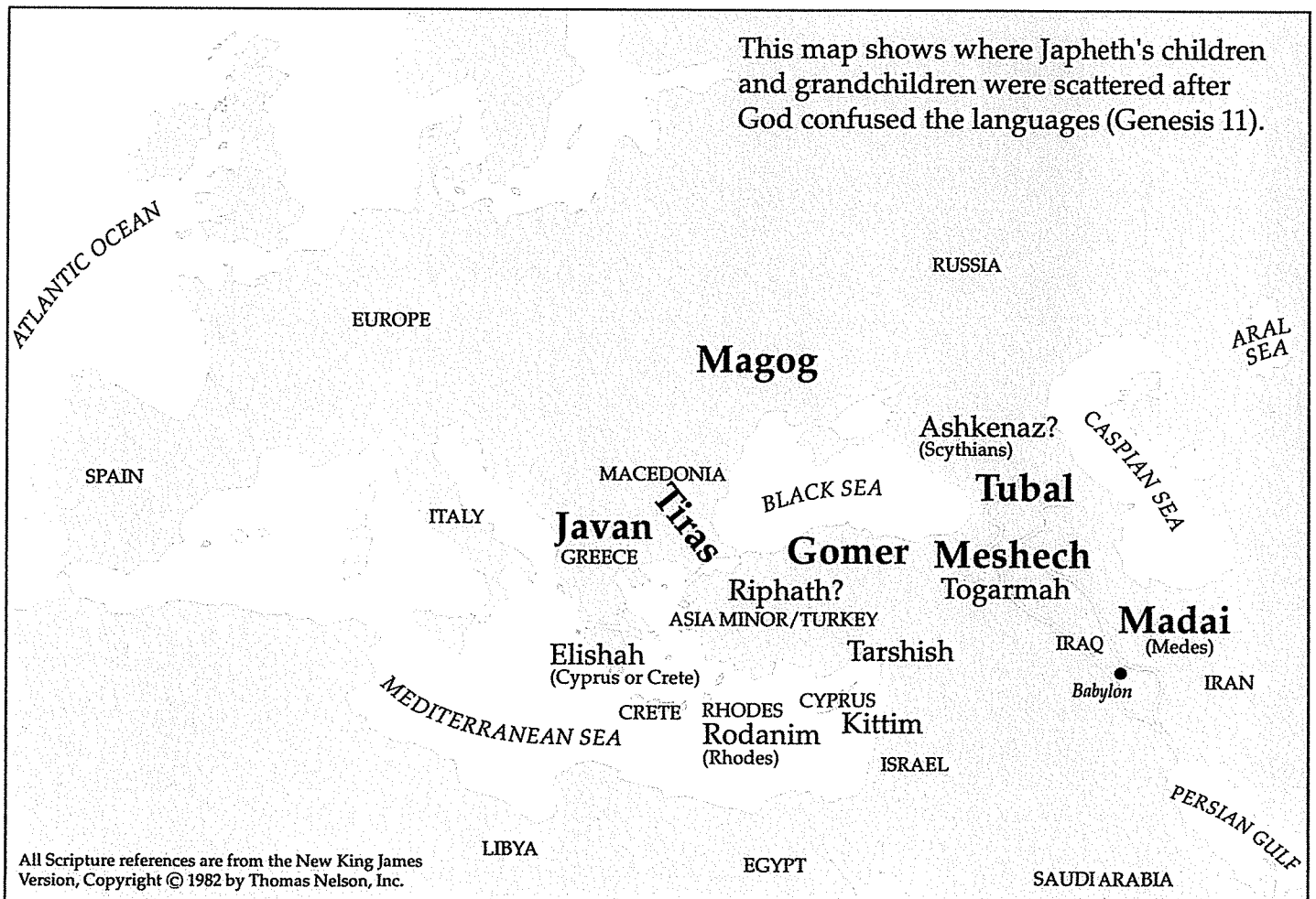
Read Genesis 10:1-32, First!

JAPHETH

"From these the coastland peoples of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations." - Genesis 10:5

Gomer (Galatia/Turkey)	Magog (Scythians/Russia?)	Madai (Medes/Iran)	Javan (Greece & Ionians)	Tubal (Iberes/Upper Turkey?)	Meshech (Cappadocia/E.Turkey)	Tiras (Thrace/Macedonia)
Ashkenaz (Scythians)			Elishah (Crete & Cyprus)			
Riphath			Tarshish (Southeast Turkey)			
Togarmah			Kittim (Cyprus)			
			Dodanim, or "Rodanim" (Rhodes)			

Some information gathered from the writings of Josephus.



Apply Within For Kids - Genesis Chapter 10:1-32B

Ham's Lineage Read Genesis 10:1-32, First!

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HAM

CUSH

"Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, 'Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.' And in the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth, Ir, Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city)." - Genesis 10:8-12

CANAAN

"...Afterward the families of the Canaanites were dispersed. And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; then as you go toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. These were the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands and in their nations." - Genesis 10:18-20

Cush

(South Egypt/Ethiopia)
Seba (Sabeans)
Havilah
Sabtah
Raamah
 Sheba
 Dedan
Sabtechah
Nimrod (Babylon/Assyria)

Mizraim

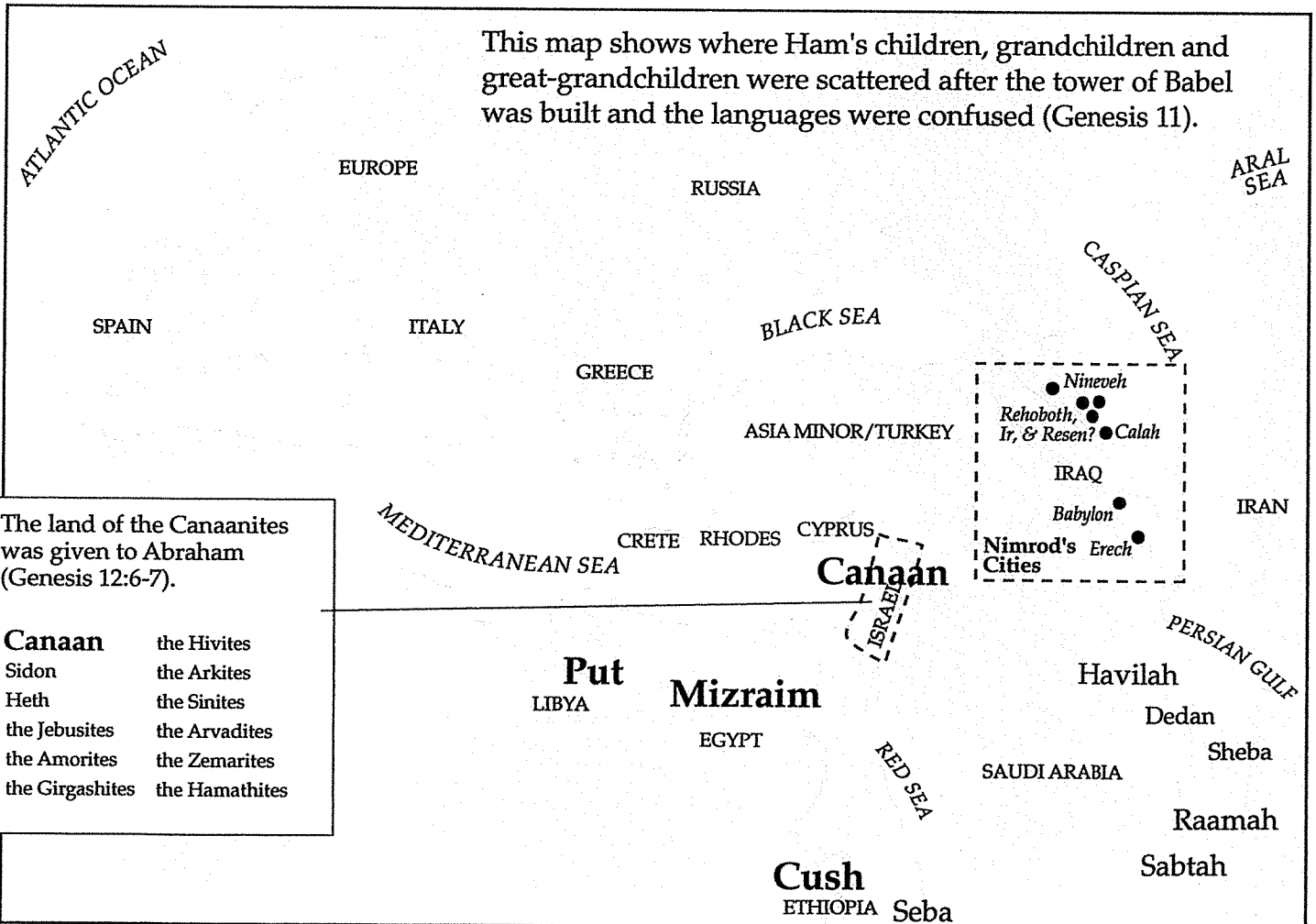
(Egypt)
Ludim (Libya)
Anamim (Libya)
Lehabim (Libya)
Naphtuhim (?)
Pathrusim (?)
Casluhim
(Philistines and
Caphtorim (Crete))

Put

(Libya)

Canaan

(Israel/Judea region)
Sidon (City of Sidon) the Girgashites
the Hivites
Heth (Abraham bought a cave from the sons of Heth, where he buried Sarah Genesis 23.) the Arkites
the Sinites
the Arvadites
the Jebusites the Zemarites
the Amorites the Hamathites



Some information gathered from the writings of Josephus.

Shem's Lineage
Read Genesis 10:1-32, First!

SHEM

Elam
(Chaldean/Persian)

Asshur
(Assyrians)

Arphaxad
(Messiah's lineage)

Lud
(Lydia/Turkey)

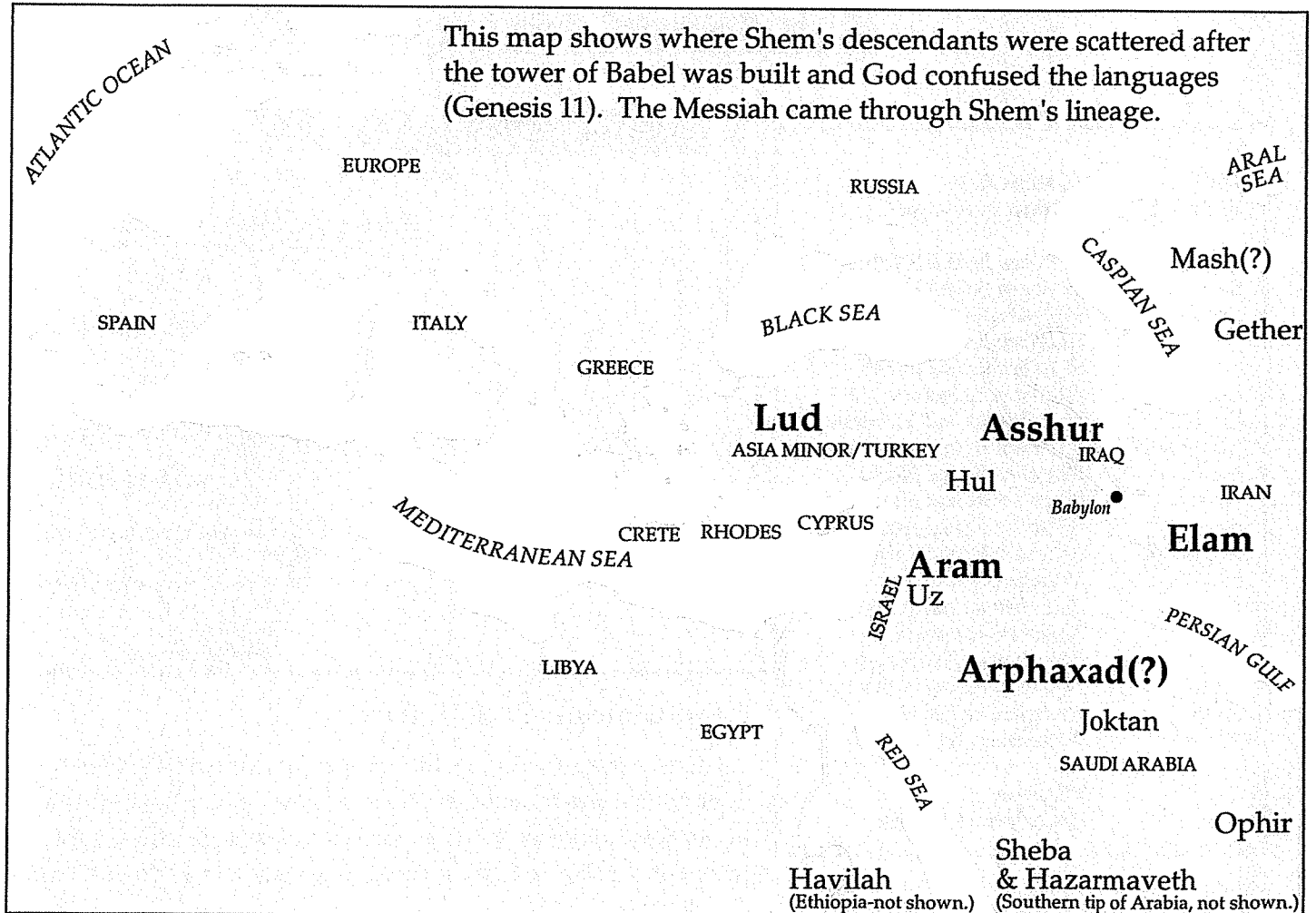
Aram
(Syrians)
Uz (founded Damascus)

Salah
Eber
Peleg & Joktan

Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,
Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, Obal, Abimael,
Sheba, Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab.

Hul (Armenia)
Gether (Bactria)
Mash

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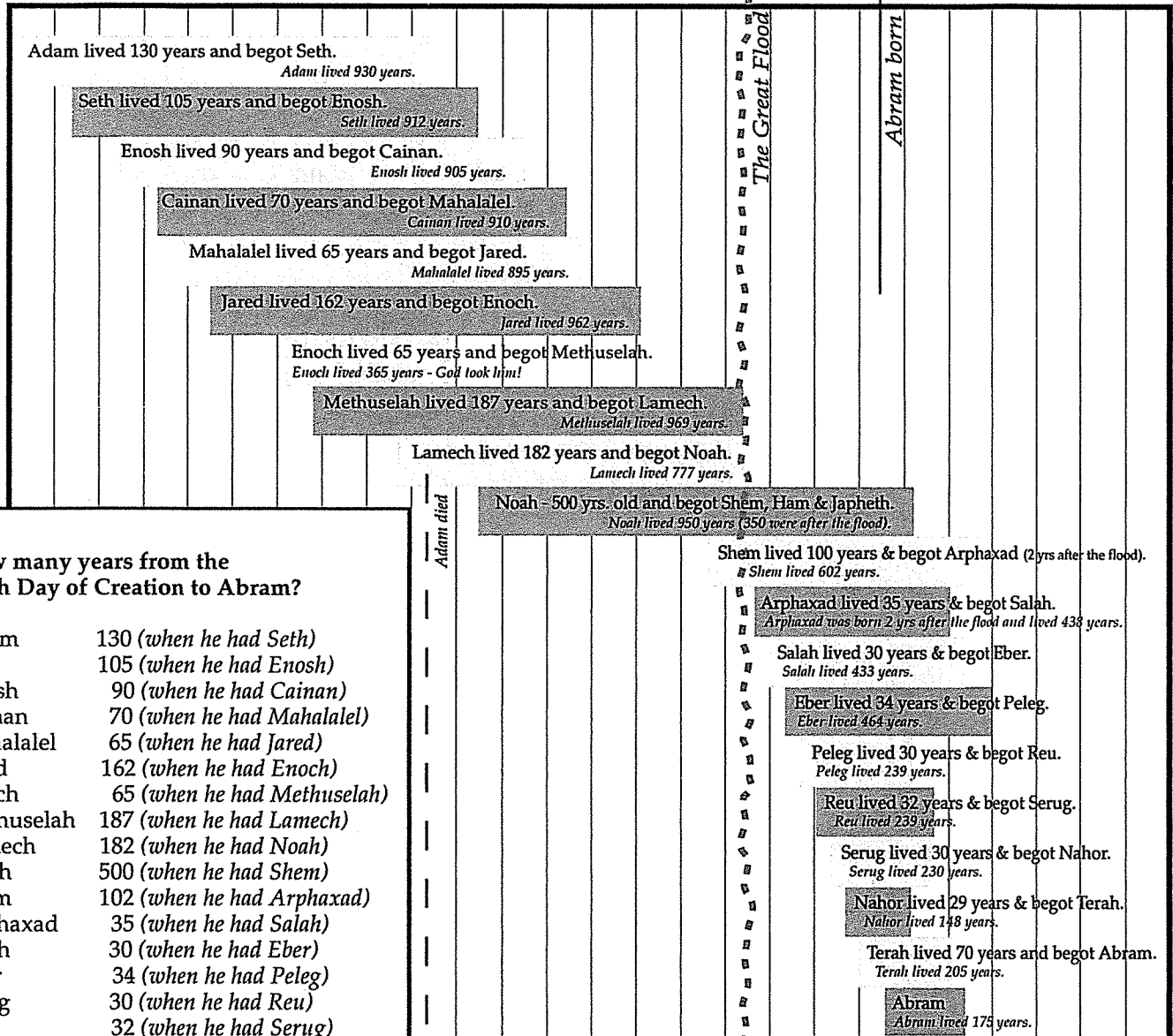


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Apply Within For Kids - Genesis Chapter 11:10-32 - Timeline

YEARS FROM ADAM'S CREATION (The sixth day of creation.)

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How many years from the Sixth Day of Creation to Abram?

Adam	130 (when he had Seth)
Seth	105 (when he had Enosh)
Enosh	90 (when he had Cainan)
Cainan	70 (when he had Mahalalel)
Mahalalel	65 (when he had Jared)
Jared	162 (when he had Enoch)
Enoch	65 (when he had Methuselah)
Methuselah	187 (when he had Lamech)
Lamech	182 (when he had Noah)
Noah	500 (when he had Shem)
Shem	102 (when he had Arphaxad)
Arphaxad	35 (when he had Salah)
Salah	30 (when he had Eber)
Eber	34 (when he had Peleg)
Peleg	30 (when he had Reu)
Reu	32 (when he had Serug)
Serug	30 (when he had Nahor)
Nahor	29 (when he had Terah)
Terah	70 (when he had Abram)

**1950 years
from Adam to Abram**

Read Genesis 11:10-32, first.

Adam was still alive during the early part of Lamech's life (Noah's father). So Lamech could have learned about the Lord and the story of creation directly from Adam. Lamech was still alive during the first part of Shem's life, so Lamech could have taught Shem about the Lord and the creation. Shem could have told the story to his descendants, even to Abram!

Terah had three sons; Abram, Nahor and Haran. Haran had a son named Lot (Abram's nephew). Haran died before Terah, his father, in Ur of the Chaldeans (an ancient city in modern-day Iraq). Abram had a wife named Sarai, who wasn't able to bear children. From Ur, they went to the town of Haran on their way to Canaan.

Babel Corrupted the Whole World!

The interesting facts about Babel (Babylon) can also be studied in many history and archaeology books. Bible Dictionaries and *Halley's Bible Handbook* are helpful, too.

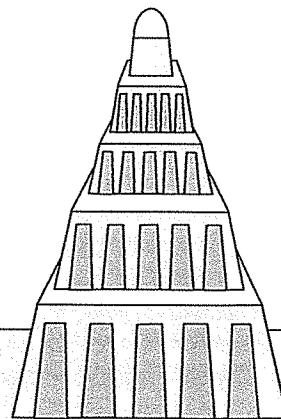
Before Abram moved to Haran, from Ur, God appeared to him and told him to get out of his country and away from his relatives (Acts 7). God called him and chose him. God wanted a nation people who would be separated unto Himself from the idolatry that so quickly reappeared after the flood. God promised to make a great nation from Abram. God wanted the world to see a blessed people who made Him their God. Abram's father, Terah, served other gods (Joshua 24:2), but Abram was to be set apart.

Abram was to go to the land of Canaan (Canaan was Ham's son who Noah cursed Genesis 9:25). The Lord had specific plans for His people once they got into the land that God was showing them. In Exodus we read:

"And He said: 'Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you. Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images (for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is jealous, is a jealous God), lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice, and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods. You shall make no molded gods for yourselves.'" - Exodus 34:10-17

But Israel did not stay separated from the idolatry of the surrounding nations, and the religion of Babel polluted Israel over and over. Some in Israel remained faithful, but many did not. Babel's religion continues to this day in various forms all around the world. Our job is to be free of it and to trust in the Lord only. The Lord wants to use those in the Body of Christ as examples to the world. He has called us out of the world to be separated unto Himself. Are you His? Are you born again?

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Why do ancient temples and pyramids in Mexico resemble those in other parts of the world? Why do so many false religions worship serpents, the sun, the moon, "mother earth," and various creatures? Because all idolatry and "native religions" have their roots in Babel. The religion of Babel (Babylon) was carried by all the peoples who were scattered on the day that God confused the languages! There are common threads in all false religions. The idols are the same, but the names change because the languages were changed at Babel! But God called Israel out of the idolatry of Babylon, but they so often disobeyed the Lord. They made alliances with surrounding nations, intermarried with them, and were partakers of their "native customs" and spiritual "harlotry" (idolatry). Hardships came upon Israel because they disobeyed the Lord, but God never removed His promises from His people, Israel, and He never will!

We are to be set apart as examples...salt and light—to the unbelievers in this world. We are like Abram, who was a stranger in the land, wandered and waited for an inheritance from God. We are not to marry unbelievers or make alliances with them because they will take us into idolatry – worship of money or any thing that they put above the Lord. We are to love them yet be separated—sanctified for His purposes.

The religion of Babel, or Babylon will continue until the Lord returns to judge the earth. In Revelation 17, we read about a great harlot who sits on many waters. Her name is, "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth." The many waters where she sits are peoples, are multitudes, nations and tongues. From Babel, all the languages were born and people were scattered to become many nations.

Idolatry is demonic and its roots are found in the words spoken in the Garden of Eden by the serpent (the devil).

Genesis

Chapters 10 and 11

Discussion Questions for Chapter 10

1. Read Gen. 10:1; who is this genealogy about? What time period does it start in?
2. Read Gen. 5:1; who is this genealogy about and what time period does it cover?

Note: *Genealogies are very important because they give us a list of a person's ancestors. Genealogical records were extremely important in the Near East from Ancient times because they give us a clear history of not only the Jewish race but the history of mankind. The first genealogies of the Hebrews were probably memorized and passed down by word of mouth. Genesis Chapter Five gives us the genealogy of Adam to Noah and Chapter Ten gives the genealogy of Noah to Abraham. This was very important because it documented the lineage of Jesus Who came through the line of Abraham.*

Look at the three handouts, Genesis 10:1-32 A,B, and C, to get a clearer picture of the genealogy of Noah, and answer the following questions.

3. Who did the Gentile nation descend from? Gen. 10:2-5
4. Who did Canaan descend from? Gen. 10:6
5. Read Gen. 9:24-25; what did Noah do to the Canaanites?
6. From what lineage did Jesus descend from?
7. Read Gen. 10:32; according to the Bible, from whom have ALL the nations of the world descended from?

Discussion Questions for Chapter 11

1. Read Gen. 11:1-2; how many languages were spoken at that time?
2. Read Gen. 11:3; why do you think this detail was put in the Bible?
3. Read Gen. 11:4; why did the people desire to build a high tower?
4. Compare this to Satan's plan in Isaiah 14:13-14.
5. In Gen. 9:1 God told Noah to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, is that what the people wanted to do? Gen. 11:4

Note: *God knew man's heart was wicked, He told us before the flood (Gen. 6:5) and after the flood (Gen. 8:21).*

6. Read Gen. 11:5-6; why was God concerned about what was going on?

Note: *The Tower of Babel was technology in its early form. Everyone had one language and they wanted to be like God so they set out to build a tower to ascend into the clouds that was higher than God. Think about our time, even though our technology is far different, people still want to be like God; for example, human cloning, genetic engineering etc. Our language is a common one too, computers, science. Man's heart hasn't changed since the days of Noah.*

7. Read Gen. 11:7; to whom is God talking? Compare it to Gen. 1:26.
8. What was God going to do? Gen. 11:7
9. Read Gen. 11:8-9; what is the name of the tower? Why?

The Tower of Babel & the Confusion of Languages

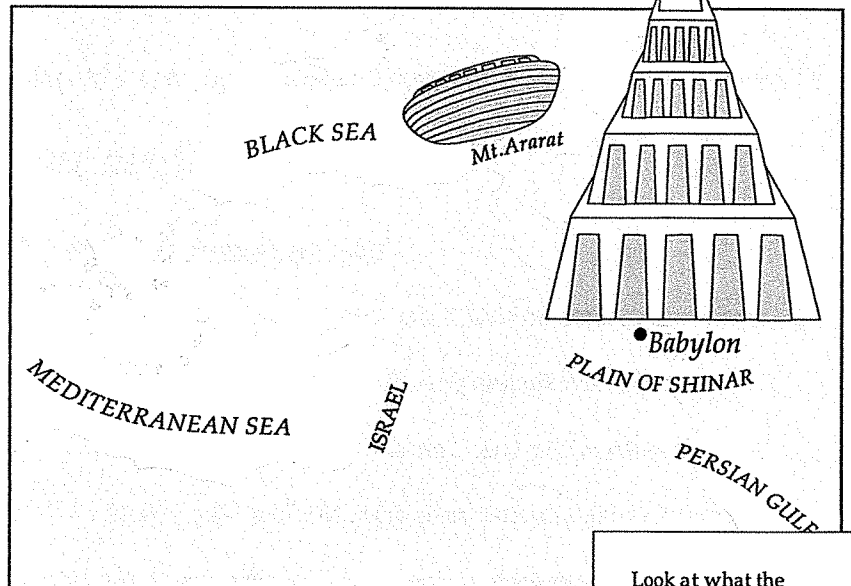
"Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.' They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.' But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said,

"Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.' So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth."

- Genesis 11:1-9

God's command to Noah and his sons was "... *Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.*" - Genesis 9:1 They evidently didn't want to separate from one another to "fill the earth." God had said that the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth (Genesis 8:21). Pride and rebellion against God's instructions caused them to build for themselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens. They wanted to "make a name" for themselves, lest they be scattered abroad, over the face of the earth (ignoring God's plan to fill the earth!). In contrast, we, like Abraham, wait for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:9-10). God is our high tower (Psalm 144:2), and He will give us a new name (Revelation 2:17). We don't need to make a name for ourselves!

The world was divided during the lifetime of Peleg. Some believe that the continents drifted during that time, and others believe that the world was divided because God confused the languages. Mankind was scattered from Babel, and built pyramids, temples and "ziggurats" (temple/towers) all over the world. All of these "high places" were used to seek false gods, and to worship the sun, the moon, the stars, and strange animals (serpents, winged horses, birds of prey, and nature itself (Romans 1:18-25). Astrology, sorcery, and all false religions have their roots in Babel or Babylon. From there, false religion spread throughout the world as people were scattered. All "native" religions have similar temples, rituals, gods, goddesses, and beliefs. Many non-Christians say that they prefer to worship on the mountain tops (a high place like the tower of Babel)!



In the Bible, unbelievers worshiped false gods and goddesses in the "high places." In contrast, we worship God anywhere. In John 4:20, a Samaritan woman told Jesus;

"Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and how is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.'" - John 4:20-24 There is no other way to the Father, but through the Son, Jesus,—the way, the truth and the life. Do you know Him?

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Look at what the devil, the father of all lies has said:
"... I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High."
- Isaiah 14:13-14

10. Who scattered the people?
11. Looking at the timeline on handout 11:10-32, what is happening to the people's life span? Gen. 11:10-26
12. Read Gen. 11:27; who descended from Terah?
13. Read Gen. 11:28-30; what was significant about Abram's wife Sarai?

Note: *Barrenness was looked down on in the eastern culture. Having large families kept the family lineage alive and was thought to be a blessing from God. But God uses Sarai's barrenness as part of His plan (which we will be learning about in the next lessons).*

14. Read Gen. 11:31-32; where did Terah, Abram, Lot and Sarai settle?

Memory Verse

"The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge, but He overthrows the words of the faithless."

Proverbs 22:12 (NKJV)

Take the Genesis Test (try not to peek)

- | | |
|---|---|
| _____ Who were the sons of Noah? Gen. 10:1 | A. one |
| _____ The Gentile nation started from this line. Gen. 10:2-5 | B. Build a tower to heaven. |
| _____ Jesus came from this line. Gen. 10:21-22 | C. Ham |
| _____ Nimrod the mighty hunter came from this line. Gen. 10:6-9 | D. Babel |
| _____ How many languages were spoken right after the flood? Gen. 11:1 | E. none |
| _____ What did the people want to do? Gen. 11:4 | F. Shem, Ham and Japheth |
| _____ What did God do to the people? Gen. 11:7-8 | G. Japheth |
| _____ What was the name of the tower? Gen. 11:9 | H. Shem |
| _____ How many children did Abram and Sarai have? Gen. 11:30 | I. He confused their language and scattered them. |

God Called Abram

"Now the Lord had said to Abram: 'Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran."

- Genesis 12:1-4

Abram's descendants would be blessed, and all the nations would be blessed through Abram. Jesus Christ, the Seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15), came through the lineage of Abram. He is also called Abraham's Seed. Jesus Christ will bruise the head of the serpent, the devil, (Genesis 3:15). The devil, his kingdom, and his seed (all those who reject Jesus Christ) will be destroyed. When the kingdom of God comes, death, sorrow, sin and sickness will be no more! In Abram, all the families of the earth shall be blessed because the Messiah came through his lineage!

Christians are sons and daughters of Abram by faith; "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." - Galatians 3:29 Faith in Jesus Christ makes you an heir. "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going." - Hebrews 11:8 We, like Abraham, must walk by faith and wait for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God (Heb. 11:10). The name of the city is the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21).



Genesis

Chapter 12

Discussion Questions

Abram originally dwelt in the land of Ur with his family (Gen. 11:31). It was here that God first called Abram to leave for the Promised Land that He would give him, Canaan. From there Abram, his wife Sarai, his father Terah, and his nephew Lot went to Haran. They dwelt there until Terah died, at least for 25 years. Now God reminds Abram of His command to leave the land.

1. Read Gen. 12:1-3; what was God's calling and promise to Abram?

Note: *This is called the Abrahamic Covenant. It is unconditional, meaning that God will fulfill His promise regardless of anything else.*

2. Was there any reason given why God chose Abram?

3. Read Josh. 24:2; what was life like for Abram and Terah before God's calling?

4. Read Gen. 12:4-5; how old was Abram when he left Haran and who left with him?

5. Abram was in Haran for at least 25 years and he had acquired a lot of "stuff" and had a pretty comfortable life by the description of his possessions. Do you think it was hard for him to leave? Did Abram know what was going to happen? (Hebrews 11:8)

6. Like Abram how are we to live Christian lives? (2 Cor. 5:7)

7. Read Gen. 12:6-7; God confirmed His promise to Abram, what was Abram's response?

8. Read Gen. 12:8-9; Abram continued to walk by faith, when he stopped near Bethel he needed direction, what did he do?

9. Read Gen. 12:10; when times got tough and a great famine hit the land what did Abram do? Did God tell him to do that? Was Abram trusting God at this time? Did he take matters into his own hands?

10. Where did God originally tell Abram to go? (Gen. 12:5 & 7)

11. Read Gen. 12:11-16; because Abram compromised and lied when he entered Egypt, what happened?

Note: *Egypt is always symbolic of the world. Christians are never to compromise or be like the world. We're told to be separate from the world (2 Cor. 6:17-18).*

12. Even in this mess that Abram had gotten himself and Sarai into, was God still taking care of him? Gen. 12:16

Note: *God promised Abram to make of him a great nation and that the Messiah would come through his seed. (Gen. 12:3) Because Abram didn't trust the Lord to get him through the famine, he compromised and got himself into quite a mess by lying. Abram and Sarai probably were wondering how they were going to get out of this. God always fulfills His promises and He is always given the glory.*

13. Read Gen. 12:17; what did God do?

14. Read Gen. 12:18-20; what did Pharaoh do to Abram? Do you think it was embarrassing for Abram to be rebuked by an un-believer?

Abram Traveled to Canaan and then to Egypt

Read Genesis 12:5-20, first!

Terah took his family from Ur (the city's ruins are found in Iraq) to the city of Haran, 600 miles to the northwest. After Haran, Terah's son died, he may have wanted to go to a city with the same name as his son? We don't know.

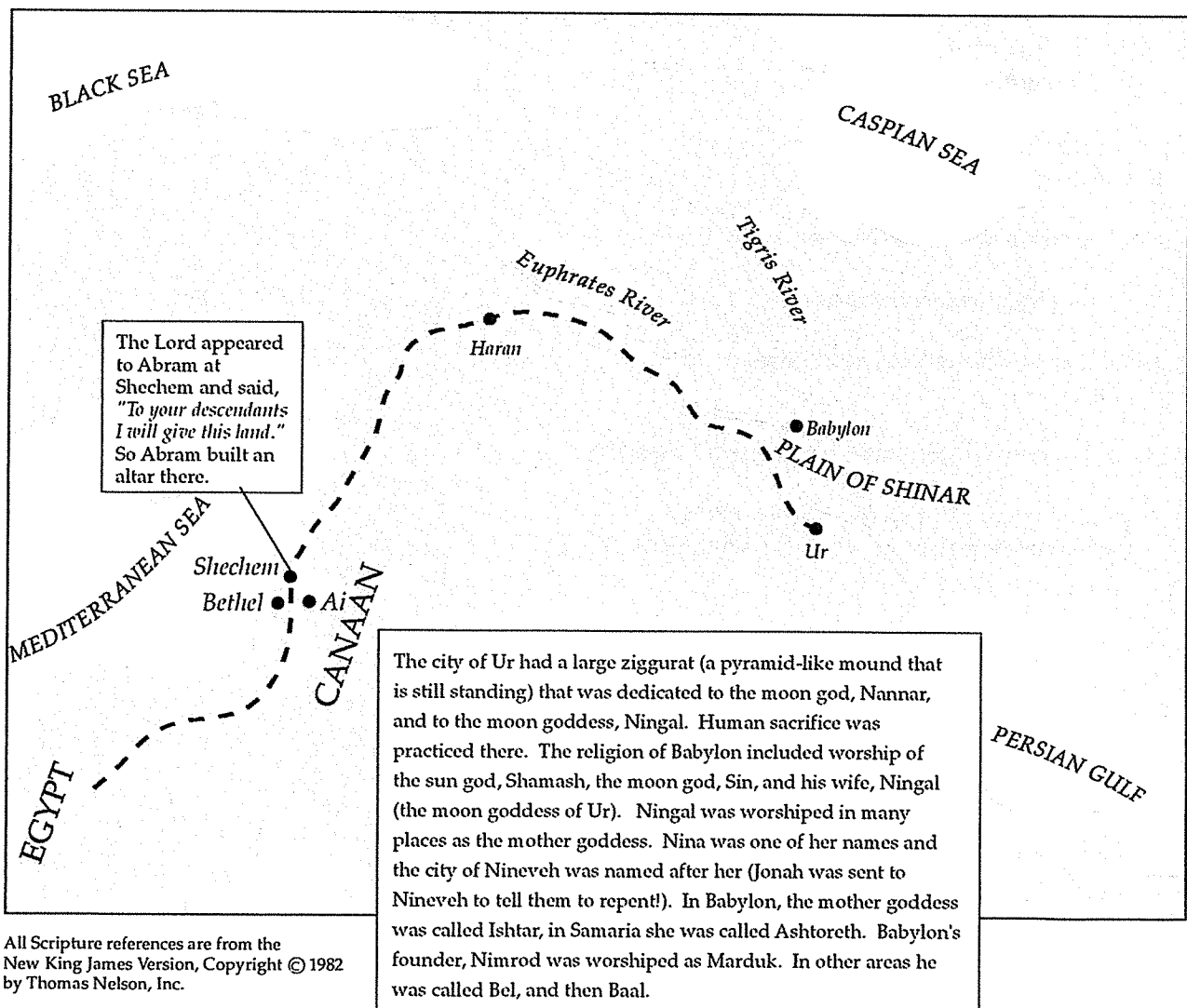
In ancient times, Ur was a city along the banks of the Euphrates River and the Persian Gulf, but the river changed its course and moved ten miles to the east of the city. When the Persian Gulf receded, it left a thriving seaport as an abandoned city covered in sand.

Abram was seventy-five years old when he, Lot (his nephew, son of Haran), and Sarai (his wife) left for the land of Canaan from the city of Haran. Terah, Abram's father died in Haran. Joshua 24:2, mentions that Terah followed other gods. That may be why he did not go on with them to the land that God was promising to Abram. God wanted a people separated unto Himself, and free of the idolatry that spread from Babel.

Abram, Sarai, and Lot went from Haran to Shechem in the land of Canaan. It was there that God appeared to him and gave him the promise to give that land to his descendants, though Sarai was barren (unable to have children)! What would you think if you were Abram and Sarai?!

Abram built an altar there, probably to worship the Lord and as a remembrance of that day and event. From there, he and his family moved to the mountains east of Bethel. He pitched his tents with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built another altar to the Lord.

Abram went to Egypt because there was a famine. While there, Abram lied to Pharaoh about Sarai being his wife to save his own life. Because of his lie, Pharaoh was interested in marrying Sarai. Pharaoh treated Abram well, thinking he was Sarai's brother! But God plagued the household of Pharaoh because of his desire for Sarai. Pharaoh discovered Abram's lie and sent them away!



15. Read Gen. 12:20; in the world's eyes did it seem as though Abram and Sarai got out of their mess just fine? After all, they did get to keep all of the "stuff" that was given to them and they made it through the famine and Pharaoh spared their lives. What do you think was going through their minds and their hearts? Do you think they were ashamed because they didn't trust the Lord enough to get them through the famine? Did they give a good witness while they were in Egypt?

Note: *We all have feet of clay, but God promised He would never leave us or forsake us. Even when we make a mess of things God will always clean it up if we confess to Him and continue to walk with Him. He's the God of ten million chances and His mercies are new every morning.*

Memory Verse

"I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:3 (NKJV)

Take the Genesis Test (without peeking)

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| _____ Why did God choose Abram to make a great nation? | A. Abrahamic Covenant |
| _____ Where was the land God promised to give to Abram? Gen. 12:5 | B. rebuked Abram |
| _____ How did Abram obey God? Hebrews 11:8 | C. by lying |
| _____ What does Egypt represent to us? | D. Canaan |
| _____ How did Abram compromise when he went to Egypt? | E. for no reason |
| _____ What did God do to get Abram out of Egypt? Gen. 12:17 | F. by faith |
| _____ What is the name of the promise God made to Abram when he called him out of the land of Ur? Gen. 12:1-3 | G. the world |

Abram & Lot Separate Read Genesis 13:1-18, first!

Abram left Egypt and returned to the same place in Canaan where he first called on the Lord and built an altar. That place was located between the cities of Bethel and Ai. Bethel means "house of God," and Ai means "ruin" or "heap." That location overlooked all the surrounding lands.

As Christians, we can spiritually pitch our tent between Bethel (the house of the Lord) and Ai (ruins or a heap)! In a spiritual famine, we can run to Egypt (a symbol of the world-system)! Sheep tend to stray, but the Good Shepherd is faithful to not lose any of His flock. No one can pluck them out of His hand. God is faithful to tend His sheep and He has ways of directing their footsteps. God used Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to send Abram and Sarai away from Egypt (Genesis 12:20). So Abram returned to the place where he first called on the name of the Lord in Canaan. When you stray from the Lord, return to where you started with Him. Remember those days and call on the name of the Lord again! He will never leave or forsake you. Are you one of His sheep? You must be born again! Ask Him to be your Shepherd.

Strife arose between the herdsmen of Abram and Lot because the land couldn't support all their herds. So Abram and Lot separated for the sake of their herds and to keep peace in their family. Abram told Lot to choose a direction, so Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan to the east which was well watered like the garden of the Lord, and like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar (south tip of the Dead Sea). So Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom, where men were very wicked. Lot chose with his eyes. Remember Eve? Her eyes got her into trouble! The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was good for food, pleasant to the sight, and a tree desirable to make one wise! Lot was attracted by the beauty of the plain, and was probably enticed by the abundance of water (having just lived through a famine).

God *told* Abram to lift up his eyes, and He promised Abram all the land that he saw to the north, south, east and west. It was also promised to Abram's descendants *forever*, even though Sarai was not able to have children! The Lord also promised to make their children as numerous as the dust of the earth. How could He give them a child if Sarai was barren? Nothing is too hard for the Lord! Then Abram moved south to an area called Mamre ("grazing land") near the city of Hebron ("association" or "league"). He built an altar to the Lord there.

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Lot views the plain of Jordan.



Genesis

Chapter 13

Discussion Questions

1. Remember Egypt always symbolizes the world; which direction did Abram go when he went to Egypt? (Gen. 12:10)
2. Which direction did Jonah choose when he ran away from the Lord? (Jonah 1:3)
3. Read Gen. 13:1-2; after being in Egypt did Abram learn his lesson? What did he do?

Note: *Abram reacted in the flesh when he went to Egypt, he didn't trust the Lord to get him through the famine. While he was there he acquired great wealth from Pharaoh (Gen. 12:16). But, when Pharaoh found out that he was deceived, he rebuked Abram and kicked him out of the country. Whenever we choose the world's ways we will always go downward.*

4. Read Gen. 13:3-4; where did Abram return to?
5. Read Rev. 2:4-5; what did God rebuke the church of Ephesus for and what is the solution?
6. When we fall into sin, or drift away from the Lord, that doesn't mean God turns His back on us. What can we do? (1 John 1:9)
7. What did Abram do when he returned to the altar that he built in the beginning? Gen. 13:4
8. Read Gen. 13:5; Lot also had acquired wealth while in Egypt. Read verse 5 carefully, can you tell the difference between Lot and Abram (vs. 4)? Did Lot seek after the things of God (or build an altar to God)?
9. Read Gen. 13:6-8; why was there strife?

Note: *The strife between Abram and Lot was a bad testimony to the Canaanites and Perizzites who also dwelt in the land. Abram had already compromised his testimony by lying to Pharaoh about Sarai. Material possessions of God's people, especially if they have been acquired by worldly methods, often lead to strife.*

10. Read Gen. 13:9; Abram was the elder and leader of his people. He humbled himself and gave Lot the first choice of the land. What should Lot have done? This gives us a glimpse of the character of Abram (a godly man) and Lot (a worldly man).
11. Read Gen. 13:10-13; Lot, being worldly, only lifted his eyes as far as the plain of Jordan to see the outward appearance of the land, he didn't lift his eyes to the Lord. Why did he choose to go east?
12. Read 1 John 2:16; what are the ways that we are tempted?
13. What way was Eve tempted in the garden? (Gen. 3:6)
14. When Lot was in the cities of the plain of Jordan and considered how well he would do there (lust of the eyes), he pitched his tent, meaning he settled there into their lifestyle. This was a very dangerous move, what kind of people lived there? Gen. 13:12-13
15. What does it mean for us today when we "pitch our tent towards Sodom"?

16. Read Gen. 13:14-18; God confirmed His covenant with Abram, and interesting to note, the land promised to Abram included the land that Lot chose. When Abram and Lot separated what did Abram once again do? Gen. 13:18

Instead of being like Lot and desiring the things of the world (pitching your tent towards Sodom), we should choose to be like Abram and seek after the things of God (build an altar to the Lord).

Memory Verse

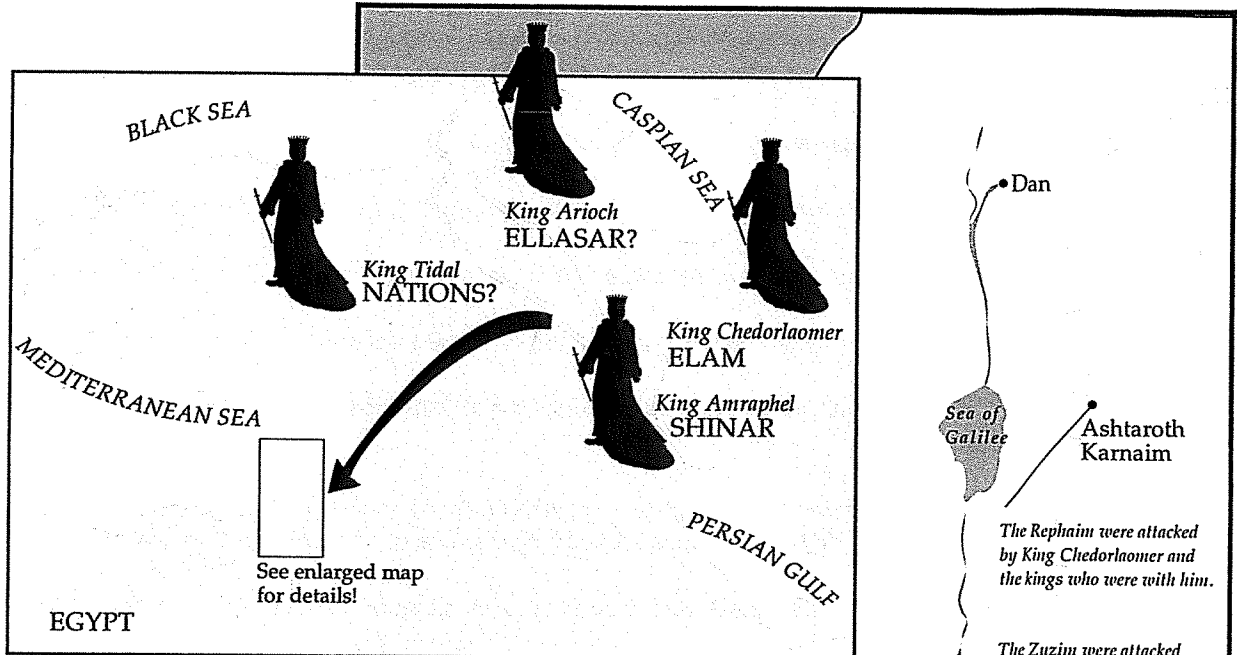
"For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world."

1 John 2:16 (NKJV)

Take the Genesis Test (without peeking)

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| _____What Abram did when he came up from Egypt. 13:4 | A. toward Sodom |
| _____Lot is a type of what? | B. They had a lot of "stuff." |
| _____Why was there strife between Abram and Lot? 13:6 | C. the world |
| _____Which direction did Lot pitch his tent? 13:12 | D. wicked |
| _____What kind of people lived in Sodom? 13:13 | E. Returned to the altar he had made there first and called on the name of the Lord. |

Apply Within For Kids - Genesis Chapter 14:1-17



Lot Flirted with the World and was Taken Captive!

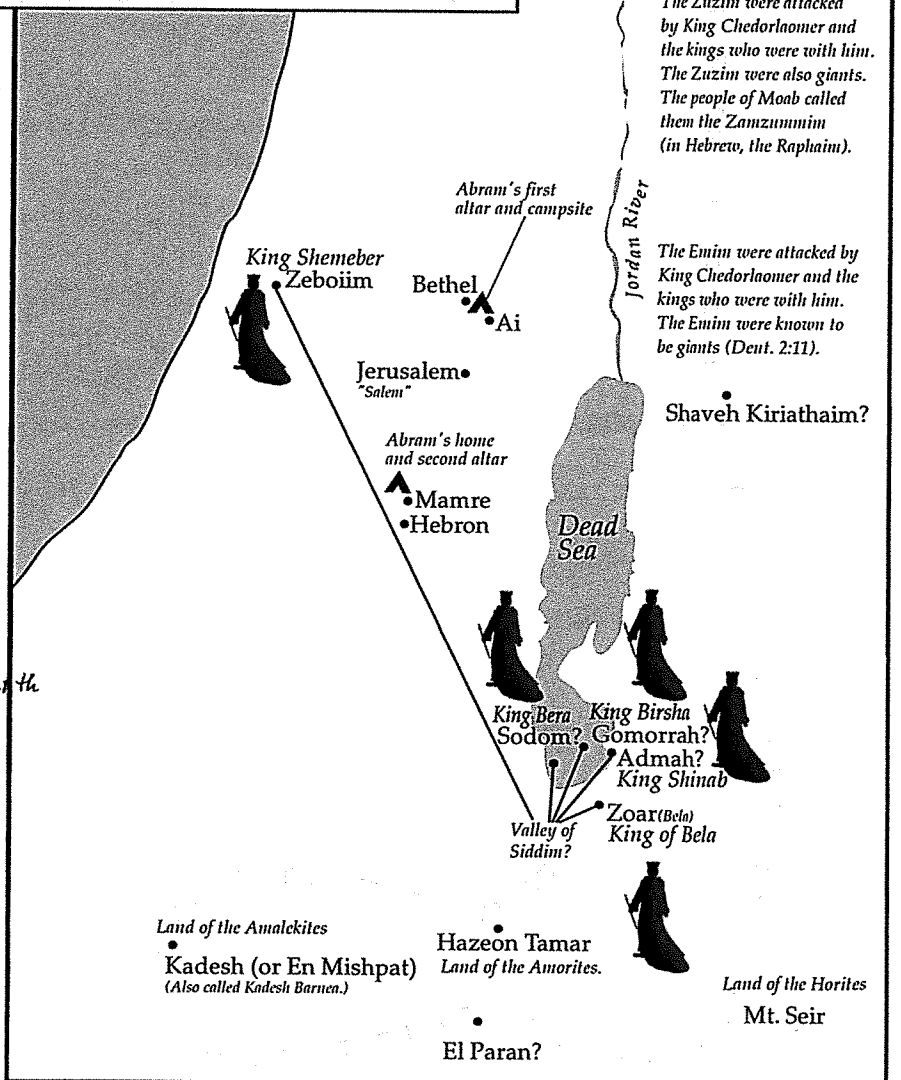
Read Genesis 14:1-17, first!

In our last lesson, Lot set his eyes on the well-watered plain of Jordan (a large valley east of Bethel and Ai where the Jordan River flows into the Dead Sea). The wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were located at the southern end of the Dead Sea. Sodom and Gomorrah may have been in a location that is now under the Dead Sea.

Lot chose to dwell in Sodom, in spite of its wickedness and had even become a member of the city government. Genesis 19:1, says that he was sitting in the gate of Sodom, which meant that he was an official there. He called the evil doers of Sodom, "brothers" (Genesis 19:7), though Abram had originally called him a brother (Genesis 13:8).

The kings of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zoar, and Zeboiim, served King Chedorlaomer for twelve years and finally rebelled in the ~~12th~~ ^{13th} year. King Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, brought three other kings with him to join in his efforts to subdue the five kings who rebelled. As the four kings travelled to the area of the Dead Sea, they attacked other people, even giants, along the way. The battle took place in the Valley of Siddim. During the fight, the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled to the mountains. Then the others fled! King Chedorlaomer and his allies took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, as well as Abram's nephew, Lot as a captive. Lot shouldn't have entangled himself in the world-system. Lot was taken captive by being a part of the city of Sodom.

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Genesis

Chapter 14

Discussion Questions

1. Read Gen. 14:1-4; what was happening, (see the front of lesson 14:1-17)?

2. How long did the five southern kings serve the four northern kings? In what year did they rebel?

Note: *The number thirteen is the number of rebellion or anarchy and is referred to as such throughout the Bible.*

3. Read Gen. 14:5-7; look at the map on the front of lesson 14:1-17, who were the Zuzim and Emim?

4. Read Gen. 14:8-9; after the four northern kings defeated the various lands on their way down south, whom did they fight next?

5. Read Gen. 14:10-11; what happened to the southern kings? where did they run to? The King James Version calls the tar pits "slime" pits. It's fitting for these wicked kings to hide in slime pits don't you think?

6. Read Gen. 14:12; where did Lot now dwell? Didn't he first pitch his tent "towards" Sodom? (Gen. 13:12)

7. When we start to mix with the world it doesn't take long before we're living in Sodom. Read 2 Cor. 6:14 and 17; how are we supposed to live in this world (1 John 2:15)?

8. Read Gen. 14:13-14; how many people did Abram take with him? Do you think Abram knew he was outnumbered? Did Abram have faith that God would give him the victory?

9. Read Gen. 14:15-17; how did Abram attack and what was the outcome?

10. Do you think the five southern kings and Lot realized that God had given Abram the victory?

11. Read Gen. 14:18; who came out to meet Abram? Who was he?

12. What did Melchizedek bring with him? Read Matt. 26:26-28; what does Jesus say this represents?

13. Read Hebrews 6:20; to whom does the writer of Hebrews compare Jesus?

14. Read Hebrews 7:1-4; Who is Melchizedek a type of?

15. Read Gen. 14:19-20; Abram realized that Melchizedek was superior because he was the priest from God and he blessed Abram. What did Abram do?

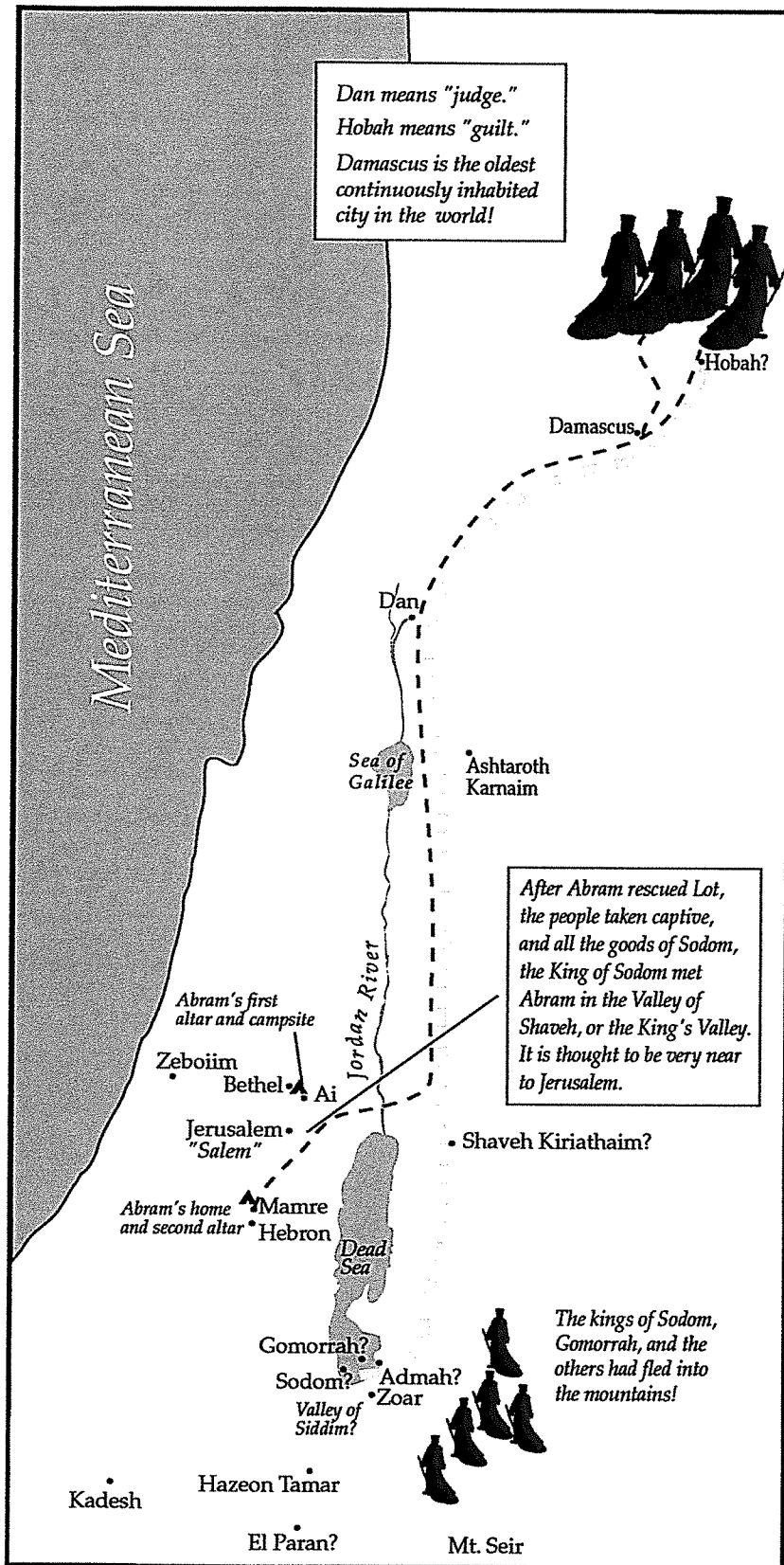
Note: *This is the first time in the Bible that tithe is mentioned. Tithe means tenth.*

16. Read Gen. 14:21-24; what did the king of Sodom want to keep, what did he want to give Abram?

Note: *It's interesting that the king of Sodom only wanted the people and not the stuff. Satan is only interested in the people too, and tempts us with "stuff."*

17. Whom does Abram say he alone serves? Did he take the "stuff" that was offered to him?

Apply Within For Kids - Genesis Chapter 14:1-17 (Continued)



"God Most High" Delivered Abram's Enemies into His Hand, and Lot was Spared!

When Abram found out that his nephew, Lot, had been taken captive by the northern kings, he went in pursuit to find him.

The kings of Sodom, Gomorrah, Zoar, Admah and Zeboiim had not been able to defeat the four northern kings. Abram took all 318 of his servants and pursued the northern kings on their way back home. They had taken Lot, as well as others, plus Sodom's belongings. Abram probably took the same route as the four northern kings since he needed to catch them, but we don't know his exact route. Abram divided his forces and caught up with them beyond Damascus. God gave Abram victory. Lot and many others were spared from the hands of the enemy.

That event should have been an eye-opener for all the surrounding peoples who were defeated by the armies of the four northern kings! Abram and 318 people defeated the enemy! How?! It wasn't their strength, the size of their army, or the wisdom of their great battle plan, but it was the Lord Who was with them.

Though Lot seems to have one foot in the world and one foot in the Lord, 2 Peter 2:7-8, says; *"and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)—"*

Lot was called righteous. Though we live in an evil society and we don't always live perfect lives, we too, can be called righteous if we believe the Lord and trust in Jesus Christ to save us from our sins. We can inherit His Righteousness by grace through faith. Have you invited Him into your heart? He'll come and live there if you ask. He will save you and defeat your enemies too! He loves you!

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Melchizedek, the Priest of "God Most High" Blessed Abram

"Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said:

'Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.'
And he gave him a tithe of all.

Now the king of Sodom said to Abram,
'Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself.'
But Abram said to the king of Sodom,
'I have raised my hand to the Lord, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, "I have made Abram rich"—except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.'"

- Genesis 14:18-24

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Melchizedek, the king of Salem was the priest of God Most High. He wasn't just a priest of God Most High, but *the* priest! He brought out bread and wine (*which are symbols of the New Covenant—the bread is like Jesus' body which was broken for us and the wine is like His Blood that was shed to pay for our sins*). He blessed Abram, and Abram gave him a tithe, or one-tenth of all.

Melchizedek means, "My King is Righteousness" or "King of Righteousness." Salem means "peace." Jesus Christ is our Righteousness and He is the Prince of Peace. Some say that Melchizedek was a "type of Christ," and others say that he was a "theophany" or an appearance of Jesus before He became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). Always remember that Jesus was in the beginning with God, and all things were made through Him (John 1:2-3 & Colossians 1:15-17). He is "the Beginning and the End" (Revelation 1:8). In the New Testament, Jesus told the Pharisees, "*Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.*" Then the Jews said to Him, "*You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?*" Jesus said to them, "*Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.*" - John 8:56-58 Jesus is our High Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 6:20). He offered Himself once to bear the sins of many (Hebrews 9:28).

The Epistle to the Hebrews says, "*For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated 'king of righteousness,' and then also king of Salem, meaning 'king of peace,' without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.*" -Hebrews 7:1-4

Abram didn't want the king of Sodom to be able to say, "*I have made Abram rich.*" Abram was blessed by God. Abram knew that everything he had came by the hand of God, and he gave a tithe (or a tenth) back to the Lord. Melchizedek said, "*Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth.*" Abram said to the king of Sodom, "*I have raised my hand to the Lord, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth.*" Melchizedek called Abram the possessor of heaven and earth!

Mormons claim to have the Melchizedek priesthood. But Mormonism does not teach that we are saved by grace through faith alone, but the church requires its members to keep the church laws and ordinances too. *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS)* is a false church. Its founder, Joseph Smith, was a false prophet who received a different gospel from the lips of an angel (read Galatians 1:6-9). They have a different Jesus (who they say was the spirit brother of Lucifer, the devil), a false gospel and a false priesthood. Their words do not match the Word of God. They say that they believe the Bible in so far as it is correctly translated! (They believe that some parts are not translated correctly.)

Born-again Believers (those washed in the Blood of Jesus from their sins) have been made kings and priests (Revelation 1:5-6). Jesus is their High Priest forever.

18. After going to Egypt and acquiring a lot of stuff by living in the flesh, does it look like Abram learned his lesson?

Memory Verse

"The Lord has sworn and will not relent, 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.' "

Psalm 110:4 (NKJV)

Take the Genesis Test (without peeking)

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| _____Where did the four kings come from? | A. Melchizedek |
| _____How many years did the southern kings serve the northern kings? Gen. 14:4 | B. bread and wine |
| _____What kind of people were the Zuzim and Emim? | C. 318 |
| _____What number is the number of rebellion? | D. he tithed |
| _____Where did the southern kings hide? Gen. 14:10 | E. Jesus |
| _____How many men did Abram have to fight? Gen. 14:14 | F. the north |
| _____Who was the priest who met Abram? Gen. 14:18 | G. 12 years |
| _____What did Melchizedek have with him? Gen. 14:18 | H. giants |
| _____What was Abram's response to Melchizedek? Gen. 14:20 | I. 13 |
| _____Who is Melchizedek a type of? | J. slime pits and mountains |



God's Promised Abram an Heir, and Descendants as Numerous as the Stars!

"After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.' But Abram said, 'Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' Then Abram said, 'Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!' And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.' Then He brought him outside and said, 'Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.' And He said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness." - Genesis 15:1-6

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Our lesson starts out with these words, "After these things...." So we must remember what took place in our last lesson. God, through Abram, defeated the kings from the north who plundered Sodom and carried Lot away captive. Abram returned from battle to a valley near Jerusalem and Melchizedek, the priest of God Most High met him, blessed him, and served him with bread and wine. Abram gave him a tithe, or one-tenth, of all.

In this chapter, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." Fear is usually the first response of those who have seen visions (such as Daniel, John and others we can read about in the Bible).

God is our shield, our refuge, our strength and our all! He is our reward. We get the Creator of the universe as a Father! He is the First and the Last! He is the I AM.

Abram asked the Lord what He would give him since he did not have a son. Abram had no son to give an inheritance to! Abram had only Eliezer of Damascus who was evidently born in the household of Abram, maybe as a servant. But God promised Abram an heir from his own body! Then God took him outside and told him to look at the stars. God promised Abram that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars if you could count them! In Genesis 13:16, God told Abram that his descendants would be as the dust of the earth (try counting the dust!). Abram believed Him. Abram believed in the Lord, and it was accounted to him for righteousness! Abram was saved by faith, like us (see Romans 4!). Abram became the father of all those who believe and trust in the Lord! His children fill the earth and are from every nation (both Jew and Gentile). "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." - Galatians 3:29 Abram's children are as numerous as the stars and they come from many nations and generations. If you're born again, you're an heir!

Genesis

Chapter 15

Discussion Questions

1. Read Gen. 15:1; this is the first of the great "I am" verses in Scripture. Can you name other passages where God is called I am? (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58; John 14:6)
2. Why did God tell Abram not to fear? What had just happened (see front of lesson Gen. 15:1-7)? What did God promise Abram (Gen. 13:16)? do you think Abram was beginning to fear that God would not fulfill His promise?

Note: *It's interesting to note that God did not say He would provide a shield or reward. He said that He IS our shield and reward. This is an important promise to remember.*

3. Read Gen. 15:2-5; what did God promise Abram?
4. Read Gal. 3:29; who are Abram's descendants?
5. Read Gen. 15:6; this is the great principle of true salvation first mentioned here. What did Abram have to do?
6. Is salvation the same way for us? How are we saved? (Acts 16:30-31; Eph. 2:8-9)
7. Read Gen. 15:7; what did God do? How are we saved? (Act. 16:30-31; Eph. 2:8-9)
8. Read Gen. 15:8-10; what was God's answer to Abram?

Note: *This is known as "cutting a covenant," similar to our modern-day contract. God wanted Abram to be assured that He is faithful to fulfill His promise so He cut a covenant with him which was the practice in those times. Today we use the phrase, "to cut a deal."*

9. Read Gen. 15:11; what happened? The promise would take a very long time to fulfill (thousands of years). Just as Abram had to chase the vultures from the carcasses of the covenant, we as Believers have to watch and be alert to Satan's lies of trying to thwart God's plans.
10. Read Gen. 15:12-14; what happened to Abram? What did God tell him?
11. As we look back at history we know this was fulfilled. what happened to Israel for four hundred years?
12. Read Gen. 15:15-16; why will God wait for four hundred years to bring Israel back into the Promise Land?
13. God waited 120 years to bring the flood waters on the earth while Noah preached to an evil world. Read 2 Peter 3:9; why does God wait?
14. Read Gen. 15:17; Who passed between the covenant pieces? Did Abram?

Abram Learns About His Descendants' Future in Egypt

Read Genesis 15:7-21, first.

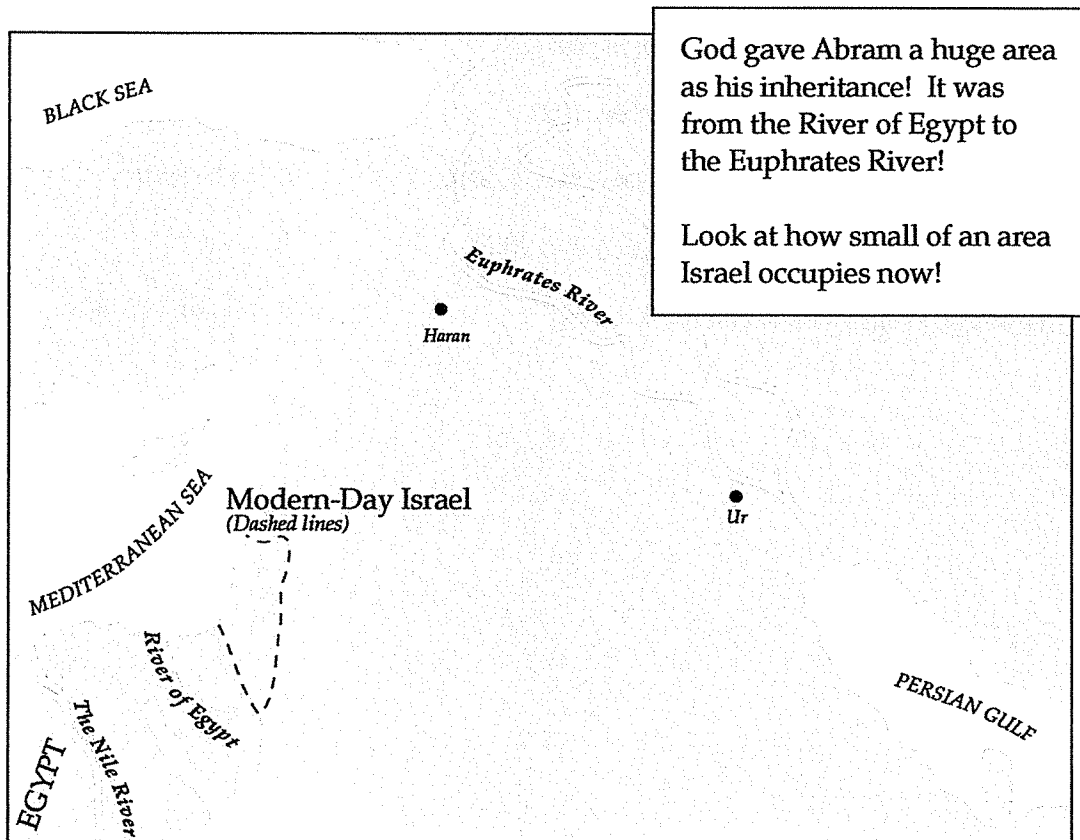
God reminded Abram about calling him out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give him the land of Canaan (descendants of Ham) as his inheritance. It is good to remember where we started with the Lord. We can see God's hand gently leading us when we look back! That can help us to go forward in faith, trusting Him for things yet future!

The Lord had Abram get a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon. Abram brought all the animals to the Lord and then cut all of them in two except for the birds. At that time in history, people would use sacrificial animals if they were entering into an agreement with one another. The same fate was to happen to them if they broke the "covenant" or agreement with one another. In this case, Abram did not walk between the sacrificial animals. Only God did! After dark, God appeared as a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between the animals. Only God could hold up His end of the agreement, or covenant. That is a picture of grace. God sent His Son, Who shed His Blood for our sins and did everything for us. We could do nothing for ourselves and couldn't keep a covenant with the Lord. We have never been promise keepers, but only promise breakers in need of a Savior!

As the sun went down Abram fell into a deep sleep. Then God told him that his descendants would be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and would serve them. They would be afflicted for four hundred years. After that God would judge that nation and Abram's people would come out with great possessions! Believers are strangers in the land, and Egypt is a symbol for the world-system. When we leave Egypt, we acquire great possessions too. We receive our great reward, Jesus Christ. We get someone Who will never leave us or forsake us. He is our King and He will lead us into the true promised land—heaven.

God told Abram that he would go to his fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. This is a comforting statement when we understand that we will see our loved friends and relatives again—those in the faith.

In the fourth generation, Abram's descendants would return to the land of his inheritance which was to include the area from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates. Why would the exodus from Egypt happen in the fourth generation? Because the iniquity (sins) of the Amorites wasn't complete. God gives everyone plenty of time to repent before He sends judgment upon them! Other tribes listed in verses 19-21, would need to be defeated, too!



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Note: *Only God passed through the covenant pieces because it was an unconditional promise on God's part. It was all from God because Abram believed.*

15. Read Gen. 15:18-21; looking at the front of the lesson (Gen. 15:7-21), does Israel occupy all of the land that God promised? has God's promise been fulfilled yet?

Memory Verse

"... 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved,....' "

Acts 16:31 (NKJV)

Take the Genesis Test (without peeking)

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| _____ What is the name God calls Himself? Gen. 15:1 | A. 400 years |
| _____ How was Abram counted as righteous? Gen. 15:6 | B. God |
| _____ What did God do to establish His promise? Gen. 15:9-10 | C. he believed |
| _____ How long did Israel stay in a strange land? Gen. 15:13 | D. I Am |
| _____ Who walked between the covenant? Gen. 15:17 | E. He cut a covenant. |



Hagar Flees, and Ishmael is Born

Read Genesis 16:1-16, first.

Sarai's Egyptian maidservant, Hagar, probably joined Abram and Sarai while they were in Egypt due to a famine in Canaan. God promised descendants to Abram, yet he had no children. God promised that Abram's descendants would come from his own body. Sarai was barren (unable to have children). How else could God fulfill His promise apart from getting Hagar, Sarai's maid servant involved?! How quickly we resort to human strategies instead of trusting and waiting for God, Who is able to do the impossible. Eleven years had gone by since Abram had left Haran for the land that God promised to him. Abram left Haran when he was seventy-five years old. Abram was eighty-six years old when Ishmael was born. Eleven years had gone by! Abram and Sarai didn't know that Ishmael was not the son of the promise (see Genesis 17:18-19). Isaac, the son of promise, would not be born for fourteen more years!! A long time to wait for a promise!

After Hagar conceived, contention arose between the two women. Hagar fled from Sarai's presence and went to a spring of water in the wilderness that is on the way to Shur. The Angel of the Lord found her there and told her to go back to Sarai, her mistress. God said, *"I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude."* Then He told her: *"Behold, you are with child, and you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has heard your affliction. He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."*

Ishmael means, "God Hears." The name of the well was Beer-Lahai-Roi, which means, "Well of the One Who Lives and Sees Me." So Hagar called God by the name of El Roi (You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees). Hagar was probably on her way back to Egypt, but God sent her back to Sarai and Abram! Ishmael became the father of the Arabs.

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Chapters 16 and 17

Chapter 16 Discussion Questions

1. Read Gen. 16:1; how many children did Sarai have?
2. Who was Sarai's handmaid and where did she come from?

Note: Sarai and Abram probably acquired Hagar when they went to Egypt during the famine, Gen. 12:10.

3. Read Gen. 16:2-4; who's idea was it to take matters into their own hands? Who was the first to eat the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden?
4. What happened between Sarai and Hagar?

Note: God's purpose for marriage is one husband and one wife, this is God's best for us. He allows us to make our own choices which we will have to pay the consequences for. In ancient times men had multiple wives, for example Jacob, Moses and David, but none of these marriages were happy.

5. Read Gen. 16:5-6; what happened as the result of the tension between Sarai and Hagar?
6. Read Gen. 16:7; Who did Hagar meet in the wilderness? Who was this Angel?
7. Read Gen. 16:8-9; what did the Angel tell Hagar to do?
8. Read Gen. 16:10-15; because God heard Hagar cry in the wilderness, what did He promise her?

Note: Israel and the Arabs are still fighting today, this all goes back to what God prophesied to Hagar.

9. What does Ishmael mean? (Gen. 16:11)
10. Read Gen. 16:16; how old was Abram when Ishmael was born?

Discussion Questions for Chapter 17

1. Read Gen. 17:1; how many years have passed since Hagar had Ishmael? (Gen. 16:16)
2. What did God command Abram to do?
3. What is the name God calls Himself? Compare this name to who Jesus said He is in John 8:58.
4. Read Gen. 17:2; What did God remind Abram of? Do you think because of the years that have gone by that Abram was beginning to wonder how this was going to happen?
5. Read Gen. 17:3-6; what did God change Abram's name to?

Note: The name Abram means exalted father and the name Abraham means the father of multitudes.

6. What did God promise Abraham would be? Is he the father of many nations today?



God's Covenant With Abram

Read Genesis 17:1-17, first.

Abram was eighty-six years old when Ishmael was born, and then thirteen years later, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless and I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Abram fell on his face! Then God promised that Abram would be the father of many nations and that kings would come from him. God told Sarai that she would be the mother of many nations and that kings of peoples would be from her (Genesis 17:16). Many kings did come from Abram and Sarai! We can read about those kings in the Old Testament, but the King of kings, Jesus Christ, was born and became flesh through the lineage of Abram (Matthew 1:2) and Sarai.

We, as Believers, are the sons and daughters of Abraham by faith in Jesus Christ, Who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father (Revelation 1:5-6).

God changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means; "Father of a multitude." He also changed Sarai's name to Sarah, which means; "Princess."

God's promises to Abraham and his descendants extend beyond this present age and into eternity!

Part of the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham can be seen by reading Revelation 7:9-10; "After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"

Abraham's spiritual children (believing Jews and Gentiles from all nations and ages) will be the inhabitants of heaven. God promised to be the God of Abraham and his descendants. Revelation 21:3, says;

"...Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God."

Abraham with his spiritual descendants will inherit the New Jerusalem and they will enter it only by faith.

Think of Abraham's descendants being as numerous as the stars as you read Daniel 12:3; "Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever."

God established His everlasting covenant with Abraham and his descendants, to be their God and to give them the land of Canaan as an everlasting possession. The sign of the covenant was circumcision in the flesh. All males born in the household of Abraham, as well as foreigners bought with money, were to be circumcised.

It was belief that set Abraham apart, and circumcision was only an outward symbol the inward covenant and relationship with the Lord he had which was based on faith.

Years later, Abraham's physical descendants, the Jews, made circumcision a formula for righteousness! Circumcision was thought to make someone righteous before God. Paul fought an uphill battle over the issue when born-again Jews tried to make born-again Gentiles be circumcised! Circumcision was a symbol of the faith and changed heart toward God, like baptism, which doesn't save anyone, but is only an outward symbol for something much deeper.

The Lord told Abraham that Isaac would be born in a year! Abraham fell on his face again and laughed. Isaac was the son of promise. They thought Ishmael was the promised son (Genesis 17:18)! He was already thirteen. God promised to bless Ishmael. Twelve princes would come from him, and God would make him a great nation, too.

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Note: All of those who put their faith in Jesus as their Saviour and are born again are then grafted into the lineage of Abraham. Rom. 11:17

7. Who is the King of Kings who came from the line of Abraham?
8. Read Gen. 17:7-8; what did God reconfirm once again to Abraham?
9. Read Gen. 17:9-14; what was the outward sign of God's covenant with Abraham?
10. What is the outward sign that Christians do when they are born again?

Note: Circumcision, like water baptism is the outward sign of what has taken place in our hearts.

11. Read Gen. 17:15-16; what is the new name God gave Sarai?
12. Read Gen. 17-17-18; what did Abraham do?
13. Who did Abraham remind God about?
14. Read Gen. 17:19; what did God promise Abraham?
15. Read Gen. 17:20; did God forget about Ishmael?
16. Through whom does God establish His covenant?

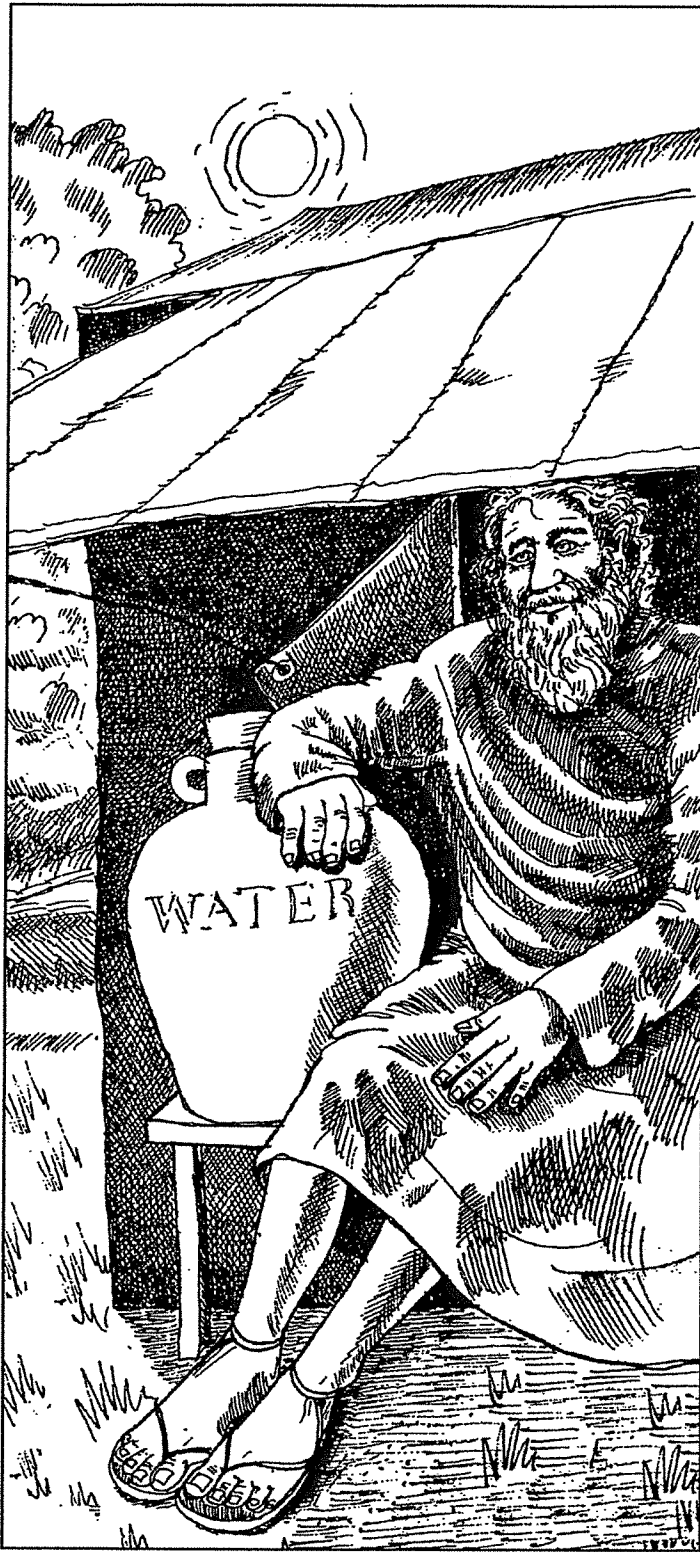
Note: Ishmael is a symbol of the flesh, when we do things ourselves and we're not trusting God. Isaac is the symbol of God's promise, His covenant.

17. Read Gen. 17:21-22; God was very specific with His promise, what were the details He gave Abraham?
18. Read Gen. 17:23-27; what did Abraham do to show he had faith in God and His covenant?

Memory Verse

"Circumcise yourselves to the Lord and take away the foreskins of your hearts,..."

Jeremiah 4:4a (NKJV)



Abraham experienced this verse:
"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels." - Hebrews 13:2

Abraham's Special Visitors

Read Genesis 18:1-15, first.

The Lord appeared by the terebinth trees at Mamre as Abraham sat in the door of his tent during the heat of the day. Mamre was where Abraham pitched his tent and built an altar to the Lord. Abraham lifted his eyes and saw three men standing by him, so he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed down. He said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant." Abraham invited the Lord to stay for dinner and to visit for awhile. Jesus wants to come and dine with people, but not everyone invites him! Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." -Revelation 3:20 In John 10:7, Jesus said, "...I am the door of the sheep." Look at the word, "door" in *Abingdon's Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, and see that in the Old Testament, many times God met people in the door of their tent, or the tabernacle (example: Joshua 19:51). Some sacrifices were made at or near the door of the tabernacle (Exodus 29:11, Numbers 6:10). The blood of the lamb was put on the doorposts of the houses during the Passover (Exodus 12:7). God met Abraham at the door of his tent under the terebinth trees at Mamre.

Abraham got water to wash their feet, killed a calf, and put Sarah to work preparing a meal that would be served to the three men under the trees at Mamre. It was sort of a picnic with the Lord!

It was announced that Sarah would have a son. Sarah heard and laughed within herself! The Lord asked Abraham why Sarah laughed! Then He said, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Sarah denied laughing, but who can lie to God and not be found out?! Earlier, Abraham also laughed about the promise of a son (Genesis 17:17). The son's name was to be Isaac, which means, "Laughter." God promised to establish His covenant with Abraham and Isaac for an everlasting covenant and with their descendants after them (Genesis 17:19). Galatians 4:21-31, explains that Ishmael represented one covenant; the Law, slavery and bondage. Isaac represented another covenant; grace and freedom through being born again by the Spirit of God. Has the Lord set you free? You must be born again. Ishmael was born through Hagar (Sarah and Abraham's plan (the flesh)), while Isaac was born because of a promise that God made. His birth was impossible due to their age, but nothing is too hard for the Lord! God promised to visit Sarah at the appointed time of the birth, and He will in Genesis 21:1! God is faithful!

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Chapter 18

Discussion Questions

1. Read Gen. 18:1; Who appeared to Abraham?

Note: *Usually we are told that "an Angel of the Lord" appeared, which is Jesus. But in verse one, we are told specifically that the Lord Himself appeared to Abraham.*

2. It wasn't too long ago that God appeared to Abraham and told him he would have a son and through Isaac, God's covenant would be established (Gen. 17). Do you think Abraham could have been sitting in his tent door thinking about these things?

3. Read Gen. 18:2; what was Abraham's reaction when he saw the three men?

4. Read Gen. 18:3-4; what did Abraham call himself? What did he offer to do?

5. Read John 13:12-17; what is the example that Jesus gives us to teach us how to serve others? how do we do that in our culture today?

6. Read Gen. 18:5-8; in what manner did Abraham act in preparing the meal? Why do you think he wanted everything done quickly?

Note: *Abraham probably knew that this divine visit was for a reason and he was anxious to know why they came so he hastened to have everything prepared.*

7. Read Gen. 18:9-11; what did the Lord talk to Abraham about?

8. Read Gen. 18:12; what did Sarah do?

9. Read Gen. 17:17; what did Abraham do just a short time ago when God spoke to him about His covenant?

Note: *It's interesting to note that the name Isaac, Abraham's son, means "laughter."*

10. Did Sarah laugh out loud?

11. Read Gen. 18:13; did God know what we think in our hearts? Can we ever keep anything from God?

12. Read Gen. 18:14-15; what did God ask Abraham? What does Matt. 19:26 tell us?

13. Read Gen. 18:16-22; where were the angels headed towards? Who lived there (Gen. 13:12)?

14. Why are the angels going to Sodom? (Gen. 18:20)

15. Read Gen. 18:23; what did Abraham ask the Lord? Do you think he was thinking of Lot?

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Note: *God had delivered Sodom and the surrounding cities from the invasion by the kings of the east (Gen. 14). There was no doubt that Abraham's God had rescued them. How quickly they forgot and turned to sin. Their hearts were hardened and their sin was very grave (Gen. 18:20).*

Abraham Intercedes for the Righteous in Sodom

"Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. And the Lord said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.' And the Lord said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know.'

Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. And Abraham came near and said, 'Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it? Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?'

So the Lord said, 'If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.'

Then Abraham answered and said, 'Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?' So He said, 'If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it.' And he spoke to Him yet again and said, 'Suppose there should be forty found there?' So He said, 'I will not do it for the sake of forty.' Then he said, 'Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?' So He said, 'I will not do it if I find thirty there.' And he said, 'Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?' So He said, 'I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty.' Then he said, 'Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?' And He said, 'I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.' So the Lord went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place." - Genesis 18:16-33



Review:

Lot had chosen to go to the well-watered plain of Jordan where he pitched his tent in the cities of the plain, even as far as Sodom, where the men were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord (Genesis 13:13). Abraham had to rescue him from the hands of the northern kings who plundered Sodom and the cities of the plain. Evidently, Lot went back to Sodom, and the city continued in wickedness after the invasion by the kings in the north.

Points to consider:

1. God made Himself known to Abraham because He desired that Abraham would command his children and his household to keep the way of the Lord, which is to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham all that He promised to him. (Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne, and mercy and truth go before His face (Psalm 89:14).)
2. The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah was great, and their sin was very grave.
3. The Bible says that righteous Lot was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds). See 2 Peter 2:4-11.
4. God will not destroy the righteous with the wicked. 2 Peter 2:9, says that the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority.

16. Read Gen. 18:24-33; this is a remarkable example of intercessory prayer. To what part of God's character did he appeal?
17. God is righteous and will not destroy the righteous with the wicked. Read 2 Peter 3:9, what is God's will?
18. Read 2 Tim. 4:8; what does Paul call God?

Note: *Abraham appealed to God's righteousness as he interceded for Sodom and Gomorrah. God is willing that none should perish, but there will be a day when His wrath is poured out on a Christ-rejecting world (Rev. 6:17).*

Memory Verse

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels."

Hebrews 13:2 (NKJV)

Take the Genesis Test

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| _____ Who appeared to Abraham at the tent door? (Gen. 18:1) | A. Sodom and Gomorrah |
| _____ What did Sarah do when she listened to the Lord? (Gen. 18:12) | B. intercede |
| _____ What message did the Lord give to Abraham? (Gen. 18:14) | C. the Lord |
| _____ Where did the two angels depart towards? | D. laughed |
| _____ Who was Abraham concerned about who lived in Sodom? | E. Sarah will have a son. |
| _____ What did Abraham do as he talked to the Lord about Sodom? | F. Lot and his family. |

The Sin and Judgment of Sodom And the Cities of the Plain

Read Genesis 19:1-29, first.

Two of the three angels who visited Abraham went to Sodom where they met Lot as he sat in the city gate. He bowed, offered to wash their feet, took them home, and fed them. He did not want them to spend the night in the city square. While visiting Lot, the men of Sodom desired to know them carnally! Lot said, "Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly!" They said, "This one (Lot) came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them." The homosexuals even tried to break down the door of Lot's house to get the visitors, but the angels pulled Lot inside the house and shut the door. Though the homosexual attackers were stricken with blindness, they continued to pursue the angels at Lot's house! Romans 1:27, says; "Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due." Homosexuality is not just an alternative lifestyle, but it is a grave sin that will bring God's judgment. Anyone can repent from it and be forgiven, but first it must be called a sin.

Lot and his family were told to leave Sodom in a hurry, but they lingered. The sons-in-law thought it was a joke. Even now, many people think God's coming judgment at the end of the age is a joke! The angels took Lot, his wife and their daughters by the hands and set them outside of the city where they were told to escape to the mountains. Lot was afraid and asked to go to the city of Zoar. The judgment on Sodom and the cities of the plain show us how it will be at the end of the age. The judgment on those cities is an example (Jude 5-7) for us. "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. Remember Lot's wife." - Luke 17:26-32

Lot's wife looked back and became a pillar of salt. Brimstone and fire rained down on Sodom and Gomorrah out of the heavens, from the Lord. God will send fire on the earth before Jesus returns at the end of the age, but before that, He will come and rescue (rapture) the righteous. Are you born again?

Had Sodom seen the many works of Jesus, the city would have remained to this day. It will be more tolerable for the city of Sodom in the day of judgment than for the cities that saw the works of Jesus, yet rejected Him (see Matthew 11:20-24). Sodom and the cities of the plain were destroyed, yet people from those cities will rise and face the final judgment (Revelation 20:11-15) at the end of the age! It's still not over for the wicked of those cities!



Rest in knowing that God is merciful!

We can rest in knowing that God is concerned for the righteous (those who are born again), as well as the wicked. He's not willing that anyone should perish, but that all would come to repentance. He had mercy on the evil city of Nineveh (see Jonah) and spared them from judgment for a season because they repented. The story of Jonah reveals a lot about God's character: "And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?" - Jonah 4:11 He punished Nineveh many years later. The sins of Sodom and the cities of the plain were very grave. Sodom was also guilty of pride, and they had plenty of food and idle time, yet they didn't strengthen the hand of the poor or the needy (Ezekiel 16:49-50). God destroyed Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, too (Deuteronomy 29:23).

God answered Abraham's prayer and spared the righteous before punishing the wicked. "And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt." - Genesis 19:29 Are there people in your life who need to be born again? Pray that God might send the Holy Spirit to draw them to Jesus and into the kingdom of God so they too, will be spared from the coming judgment and inherit everlasting life!

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Chapter 19

Discussion Questions

1. Read Gen. 19:1; where was Lot?

Note: Remember when Abram and Lot were deciding where to live, Lot first "pitched" his tent towards Sodom (Gen. 13:12), then he "dwelt" in Sodom (Gen. 14:12), and finally he "sat in the gate of Sodom" (Gen. 19:1). Just as Jonah did when he disobeyed God, he went down, down, down.

2. Read Psalm 1:1; how is a man blessed?

3. Read 2 Peter 2:8; even though Sodom's sins have come before the Lord and Lot was living there, how did God see Lot? What can happen to us when we compromise our Christian walk?

4. What kind of Christian would we call Lot today?

5. Read Gen. 19:2-9; what did Lot insist the strangers do? Do you think Lot knew how evil the people of Sodom were?

6. How were the strangers treated in Lot's house? What does Hebrews 13:2 tell us about entertaining strangers?

7. Read Gen. 19:4-8; what did the men of the city come to Lot's house to do?

8. What was Lot's response?

9. Read Gen. 19:9-11; what did the angels do to the men of Sodom? Did this stop them?

10. Read Gen. 19:12-14; what did the angels tell Lot? Did his sons-in-law believe him? Is it any different today when we talk to non-believers about how the Lord will judge the earth?

11. Read Gen. 19:15-17; Lot and his family hesitated to leave, in God's mercy how were they taken out of the city? Are we like Lot sometimes, hesitating to do what He tells us?

12. What did the angels tell Lot NOT to do? (Gen. 19:17)

13. Read Luke 9:62; what does Jesus tell us? Why?

14. Read Gen. 19:18-22; did Lot fully obey the angel's command? What did he do?

15. How did the angels respond?

16. Read Gen. 19:23-26; what happened to the cities? What did Lot's wife do?

17. Lot's wife didn't want to let go of her comfortable life in Sodom (the world), but there was a price to pay for that. Read 1 John 2:15-16; what does it tell us?

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18. Read Gen. 19:27-29; why was Lot spared from the destruction?

19. Read Gen. 19:30; what did Lot do and why? What did the angels originally tell him to do?

Lot's Descendants: The Moabites, And The Ammonites

"Then Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him; for he was afraid to dwell in Zoar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave.

Now the firstborn said to the younger, 'Our father is old, and there is no man on the earth to come in to us as is the custom of all the earth. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father.'

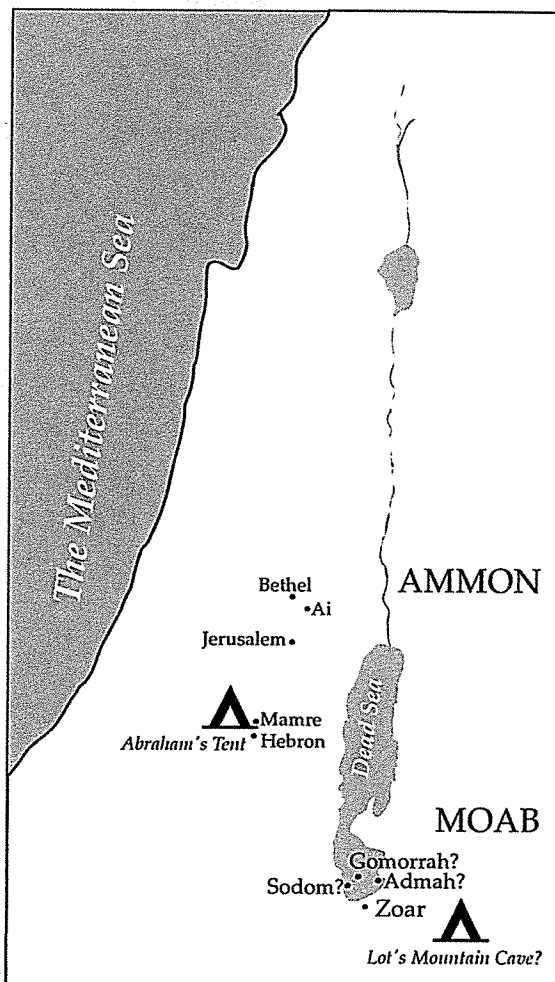
So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. It happened on the next day that the

firstborn said to the younger, 'Indeed I lay with my father last night; let us make him drink wine tonight also, and you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father.'

Then they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day. And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben Ammi; he is the father of the people of Ammon to this day."

- Genesis 19:30-38

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Lot and his family lived in the carnal and wicked city of Sodom. When the homosexuals surrounded Lot's house in pursuit of the angels, Lot offered his daughters to them! What a strange thing! But considering the evil of Sodom, it may have been perfectly normal! Even today, children in other countries become prostitutes at an early age because their family needs the money! Without the Lord, people follow their fleshly fallen nature into all sorts of sin. Even as Christians, we can become calloused to sins around us.

Lot had two sons-in-law who thought the coming destruction was a joke, and perished because of it. Some scoff when we tell them that this world will be judged with fire, and without the Lord, they too will perish. Lot's daughters may have been engaged, but not married at the time that he offered them to the homosexual men of Sodom. A spouse was chosen for children many years before they married.

Lot's wife turned to salt and perished because she looked back. Jesus said, "...No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." - Luke 9:62 Worldly counsel will teach you to look back! But yesterday is gone and nothing can be done about it. It will only make you self-centered and depressed! In the Lord, we can be forgiven and make a fresh today and every day! We're supposed to watch for Him and be ready for when He returns. Now is not the time to become entangled in the affairs of this life. We are engaged in warfare, and enlisted as His soldiers (2 Timothy 2:4). Many around us are without Jesus, and without hope, and He is coming soon. As for our stuff, it will burn up, but we have an eternal home, country and inheritance awaiting us!

Lot was told to flee to the mountains, but he wanted to go to Zoar. After he was in Zoar, he became afraid and went to the mountains, where he lived with his two daughters in a cave! Compare his life to Abraham's life! The daughters plotted a scheme to provide descendants for their father, Lot. Two nations were born; the Ammonites, which were enemies of Israel, and Moab, which was friendly at times and hostile at other times. A Moabite woman is found in the lineage of Jesus, named Ruth (see Matthew 1:5).

(Gen. 19:17)

Note: *Zoar was supposed to be destroyed along with Sodom and the other cities because the sin was great in that city as well. Because Lot was afraid to live in the mountains he whined to the angels to let him stay in Zoar. Lot probably discovered that Zoar was just as bad as Sodom and was left to live in the mountains after all.*

20. Read Gen. 19:31-38; what did Lot's daughters do? Do you think they had faith in God to provide them with husbands and children?

Memory Verse

" 'No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.' "

Luke 9:62 (NKJV)

Take the Genesis Test

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| _____Where was Lot when the angels came? Gen. 19:1 | A. look behind |
| _____What did the angels do to the men of the city? Gen. 19:11 | B. 4 |
| _____How many people did the angels take out of Sodom? Gen. 19:16 | C. had children |
| _____What happened to Lot's wife? | D. sitting in the gate |
| _____What did the angels tell Lot not to do? Gen. 19:17 | E. struck them with blindness |
| _____What did Lots daughters do with Lot, not trusting in the Lord. Gen. 19:36 | F. turned into a pillar of salt |