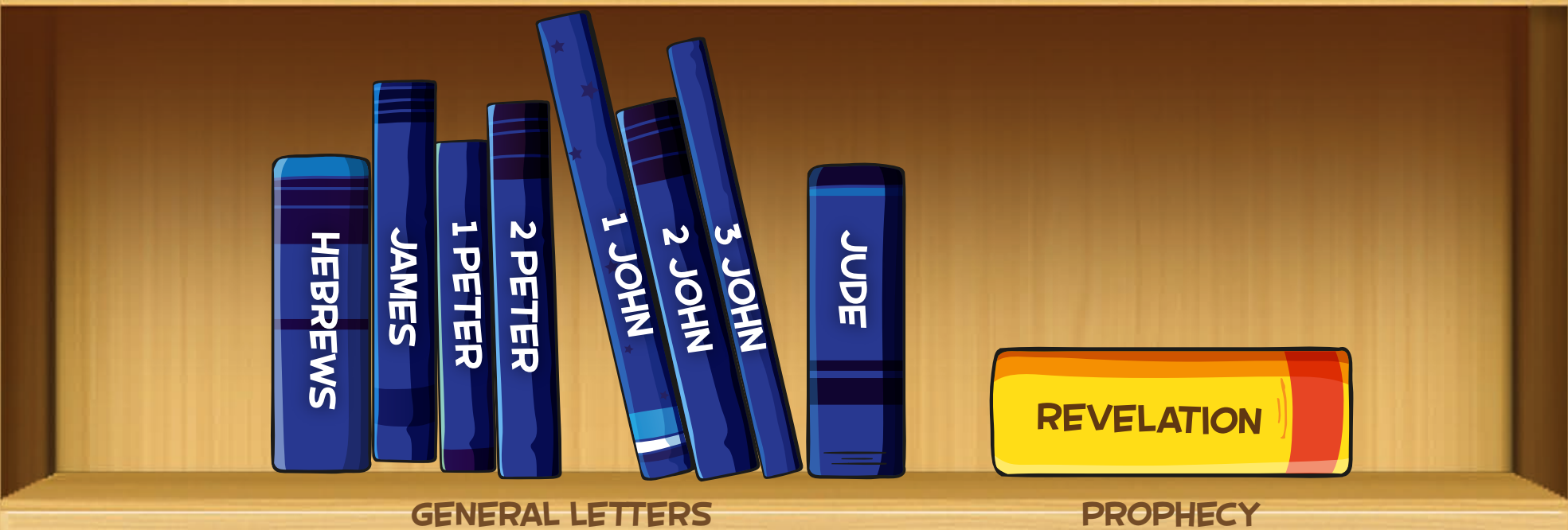


# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



**DO YOU NOT KNOW?  
HAVE YOU NOT HEARD?  
THE LORD IS THE EVERLASTING GOD, THE  
CREATOR OF THE WHOLE EARTH. HE NEVER  
BECOMES FAINT OR WEARY; THERE IS NO  
LIMIT TO HIS UNDERSTANDING.  
ISAIAH 40:28 (CSB)**

**HAVE YOU NOT KNOWN? HAVE YOU NOT  
HEARD? THE LORD IS THE EVERLASTING  
GOD, THE CREATOR OF THE ENDS OF THE  
EARTH. HE DOES NOT FAINT OR GROW  
WEARY; HIS UNDERSTANDING  
IS UNSEARCHABLE.  
ISAIAH 40:28 (ESV)**



**HAST THOU NOT KNOWN? HAST THOU  
NOT HEARD, THAT THE EVERLASTING GOD,  
THE LORD, THE CREATOR OF THE ENDS  
OF THE EARTH, FAINTETH NOT, NEITHER IS  
WEARY? THERE IS NO SEARCHING OF HIS  
UNDERSTANDING.  
ISAIAH 40:28 (KJV)**

**DO YOU NOT KNOW? HAVE YOU NOT  
HEARD? THE LORD IS THE EVERLASTING  
GOD, THE CREATOR OF THE ENDS OF THE  
EARTH. HE WILL NOT GROW TIRED OR  
WEARY, AND HIS UNDERSTANDING  
NO ONE CAN FATHOM.  
ISAIAH 40:28 (NIV)**

# WEDDING CUSTOMS IN BIBLE TIMES

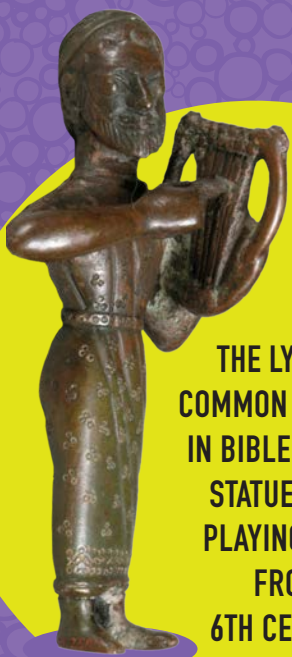
Fathers **PICKED** whom their sons would marry.

Spouses were chosen from the **SAME TRIBE**.

The groom paid a price for the bride. This was called a **MOHAR**.

Once the parents agreed to the future marriage, the couple began an engagement time.  
This lasted **A YEAR** and was a very serious agreement.

THIS MARRIAGE  
CONTRACT IS FROM  
EGYPT AND DATES TO THE  
4TH CENTURY BC.



THE LYRE WAS A  
COMMON INSTRUMENT  
IN BIBLE TIMES. THIS  
STATUE OF A MAN  
PLAYING A LYRE IS  
FROM THE  
6TH CENTURY BC.

To be engaged the couple had to either make a promise in front of witnesses with some money,  
or they had a written **CONTRACT** and a ceremony with a special prayer at the end.

The bride's father usually gave possessions or money to the groom. This was called a **DOWRY**.

The wedding was a social event and a **SPECIAL BLESSING** was given to the bride.

The wedding began with the groom and his friends walking to the bride's house.  
They would sing and **PLAY MUSIC** on the way.

As they walked by houses, their friends would join the **PARADE**.

The bride and her friends would **JOIN THE PARADE**  
and walk to the groom's father's house.

The bride would wear a veil and a beautiful, embroidered outfit.  
She also **WORE JEWELS**.

The bride and groom were considered a king and a queen for a week.  
Sometimes the groom would wear a **GOLD CROWN**.

The bride and groom sat under a **SPECIAL CANOPY** while everyone played games and  
danced. The celebration could last for a week so many meals were served.

The guests would praise the couple and sing songs of **LOVE**.

The bride and groom wore the same clothes all week and the guests also  
wore their **NICEST, FANCIEST CLOTHES**.



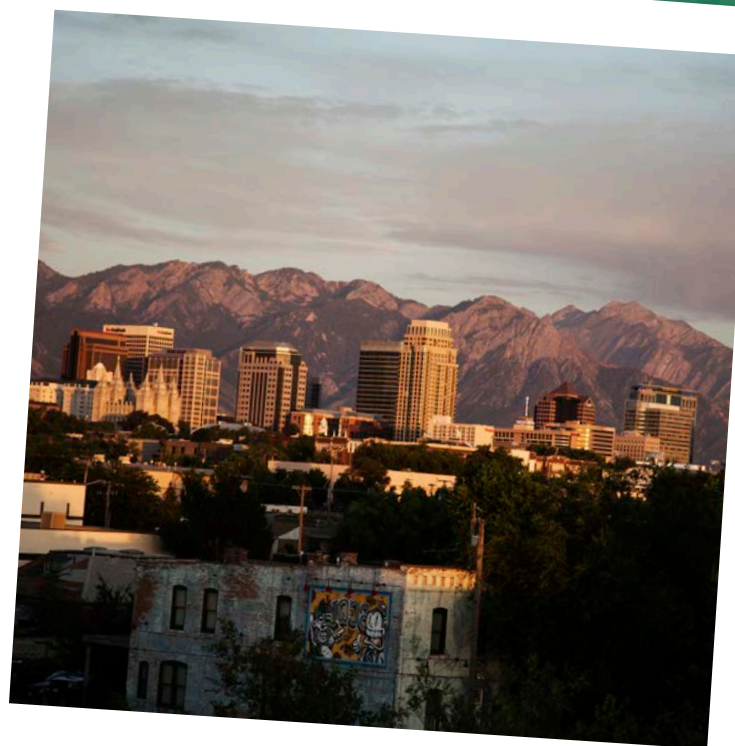
THIS OIL FLASK  
FROM THE 6TH  
CENTURY BC  
SHOWS A  
SCENE OF  
A WEDDING  
PARADE.



THIS VASE IS FROM  
THE 3RD-2ND  
CENTURY BC AND  
SHOWS A BRIDE  
SURROUNDED BY  
HER FRIENDS.



# SOTO FAMILY PHOTOS





THE  
LAW

# GENESIS

GOD CREATED EVERYTHING AND  
HAS A PLAN FOR HIS PEOPLE.



**WHO** WROTE THE TEXT? Moses **WHO** IS THE AUDIENCE? Israelites, traveling to the promised land



**WHAT** WAS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD? First Dynasty of Babylon; Bronze Age emerged; China created the first zoo in 2000 B.C.; Babylonians and Egyptians divided the days into hours, minutes, and seconds in 2000 B.C.; Multiplication tables developed in Mesopotamia in 1800 B.C.




**WHEN** WAS GENESIS WRITTEN? Considered between 1445–1406 B.C. **WHEN** DID THE EVENTS OF GENESIS TAKE PLACE? From creation to about 1805 B.C. (Joseph's death)



**WHERE** WAS GENESIS WRITTEN? Somewhere on Israel's journey from slavery in Egypt to the land of Canaan



**WHY** WAS GENESIS WRITTEN? To lay the foundation for history and theology for the entire Bible. Genesis reveals one's need for redemption and lays out God's plan to send a Redeemer.




WHO WAS THE  
LONGEST LIVING  
PERSON IN THE BIBLE?  
**METHUSELAH**  
LIVED TO THE  
RIPE OLD AGE OF  
**969** YEARS.

**ALMONDS AND  
PISTACHIOS**  
ARE NUTS  
MENTIONED IN THE  
BIBLE. (GENESIS 43:11)



GOD DID NOT  
MAKE IT RAIN IN THE  
**GARDEN OF EDEN**,  
SO THE PLANTS CONSUMED  
WATER FROM STREAMS  
COMING FROM THE GROUND.  
(GENESIS 2:6)



THE **RAVEN** IS THE  
FIRST TYPE OF BIRD  
MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE.  
IT APPEARS IN  
GENESIS 8:7 WHEN IT WAS  
SENT OUT FROM THE  
ARK BY NOAH TO SEE IF  
THE FLOOD WATERS HAD  
DECREASED. THE SECOND  
TYPE OF BIRD WAS A  
DOVE IN VERSE 8.



CHRIST IN CONTEXT

# GENESIS

**THE BOOK OF GENESIS IS A BOOK OF BEGINNINGS. IN THE BEGINNING, GOD CREATED A PERFECT WORLD. SIN SEPARATED MANKIND FROM GOD AND SHOWED THAT PEOPLE NEED A SAVIOR. GOD CALLED ABRAHAM AND PROMISED HIM THAT ONE DAY HIS DESCENDANTS WOULD BE GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE AND ONE DAY, HE WOULD SEND A MESSIAH-JESUS-TO RESCUE THEM.**