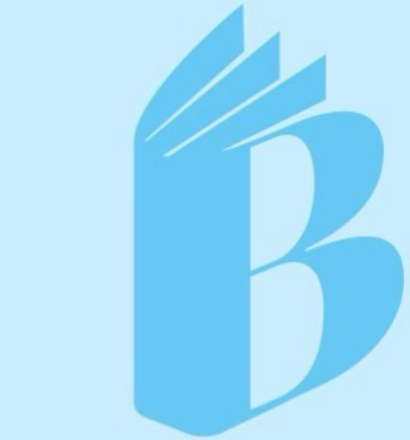


Book By Book

WELCOME

OUR GOAL

To give you the tools to study the Bible on your own with confidence, providing a better understanding of God and your relationship with him.

THE PLAN

Each month, we will introduce another book of the Bible and give you some guidance to help you study on your own.

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

- **OBSERVATION:**
  What does the text say?
  (who, what, when, where, why and how?)

- **INTERPRETATION:**
  What does it mean?

- **APPLICATION:**
  What did I learn that should affect my life?
  (Is there a behavior, attitude or understanding that should change in my life?)

FROM THE END TO THE BEGINNING

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Five major sections:

- Law (Genesis – Deuteronomy)
- History (Joshua – Esther)
- Poetry (Job – Song of Solomon)
- Major Prophets (Isaiah – Daniel)
- Minor Prophets (Hosea – Malachi)

GENESIS

BEGINNINGS

THE BASICS

Genesis is the first book in a group of five.

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

THE BASICS

These books are known as:

- Pentateuch (Five Scrolls)
- Books of the Law (or Law of Moses)
- Torah

OUTLINE

Four Events (chapters 1-11)

1. Creation
2. Fall
3. Flood
4. Tower of Babel

OUTLINE

Four People (chapters 12-50)

1. Abraham
2. Isaac
3. Jacob
4. Joseph

BEFORE WE UNPACK GENESIS

What about BEFORE the beginning we see in Genesis 1?

BEFORE THE BEGINNING

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God.

John 1:1-2

BEFORE THE BEGINNING

[24] Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

John 17:24

BEFORE THE BEGINNING

4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ

to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

Ephesians 1:4

BEFORE THE BEGINNING

7 No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began.

1 Corinthians 2:7

BEFORE THE BEGINNING

9 For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 1:9

BEFORE THE BEGINNING

20 God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.

1 Peter 1:20

GROUP TALK

Take a few moments to catch up or get acquainted with the people in your group.

Here's something to discuss:

There are many opinions about the book of Genesis. What are some perspectives you have encountered with friends and family?

HERE'S THE QUESTION

IS GENESIS HISTORY?

CREATION

Day One (Genesis 1:1-5)

Heavens and Earth

Light – separated from darkness (day/night)

WAIT!!

How could there be light or day and night without the sun, moon and stars?

LIGHT (WITHOUT SUN, MOON AND STARS)

19 “No longer will you need the sun to shine by day nor the moon to
give its light by night, for the LORD your God will be your everlasting
light, and your God will be your glory. 20 Your sun will never set; your
moon will not go down. For the LORD will be your everlasting light. Your
days of mourning will come to an end.

Isaiah 60:19-20

LIGHT (WITHOUT SUN, MOON AND STARS)

6 On that day the sources of light will no longer shine, 7 yet there will be continuous day! Only the LORD knows how this could happen. There will be no normal day and night, for at evening time it will still be light.

Zechariah 14:6-7

(when the Lord is king over all the earth vs. 9)

LIGHT (WITHOUT SUN, MOON AND STARS)

23 And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light.

Revelation 21:23

(new heaven and new earth vs. 1)

LIGHT (WITHOUT SUN, MOON AND STARS)

5 And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.

Revelation 22:5

CREATION

Day Two

Sky (atmosphere)

CREATION

Day Three

Dry Land

Plant Life

CREATION

Day Four

Stars and Heavenly Bodies (including sun and moon)

CREATION

Day Five

All life that live in the water

All birds

CREATION

Day Six

All creatures that live on dry land

Man (sometime later, Eve and marriage) Genesis 2:20-24

THE FALL

What happened?

Adam and Eve trusted Satan and disobeyed God

<u>Consequences</u>

- Death (aging, sickness, pain)
- Broken fellowship with God (expulsion from the garden)
- Depravity (shame, guilt, regret)

THE FLOOD

5 The LORD observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and
he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and
totally evil. 6 So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them and put
them on the earth. It broke his heart. 7 And the LORD said, "I will wipe
this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will
destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small
animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I
am sorry I ever made them."

Genesis 6:5-7

NOAH IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

37 “When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day. 38 In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat.
Matthew 24:37-38

It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith. Hebrews 11:7

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Because of the rebellion of the people, God confused their languages and scattered them all over the world. Genesis 11

How did people get onto different continents? (Pangea)

"[25] Two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; ..." Genesis 10:25 (NASB)

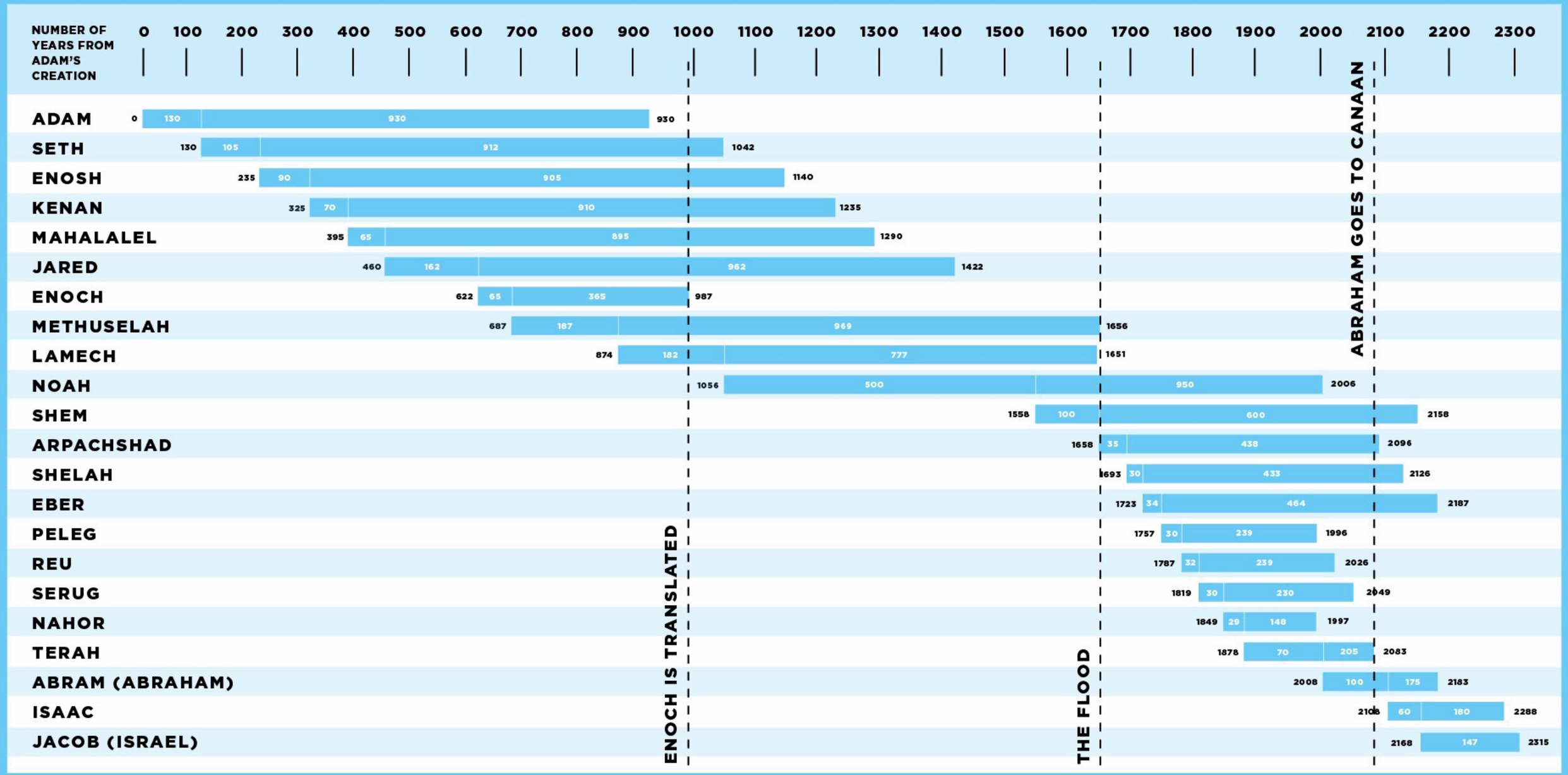
(also 1 Chronicles 1:19)

OUTLINE – PART 2

Four People (chapters 12-50)

1. Abraham
2. Isaac
3. Jacob
4. Joseph

THE OVERLAPPING OF THE PATRIARCHS' LIVES



ABRAM/ABRAHAM

- God's Call (12:1-3)
- Abram's journey to Canaan (12:4-6)
- God's covenant promise to Abraham (12:7; 13:14-18; 15:1-21; 17:1-8; 22:15-18)
- Journey to Egypt (12:10-20)
- Back to Canaan/Lot Separates (13:5-13)
- Lot rescued (chapter 14)
- Birth of Ishmael (chapter 16)
- Covenant of circumcision/Promise of Isaac (16:9-27)
- God changes his name to Abraham (17:5)

ABRAM/ABRAHAM

- The Lord appears (chapter 18)
    - ❖ announces time of Isaac's birth
    - ❖ warns of the destruction of Sodom/Gomorrah
    - ❖ Abraham's intercession
- Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (chapter 19)
- Visit to Gerar and Abimelech (chapter 20)
- Birth of Isaac (chapter 21)
- Abraham's test (chapter 22)
- Death & Burial of Sarah (chapter 23)

ISAAC

- A wife for Isaac (chapter 24)
- Birth of Jacob and Esau (25:21-26)
- Journey to Gerar/Abimelech (chapter 26)
- The Lord announces the Covenant extended to Isaac (26:23-25)

JACOB

- Jacob trades for Esau's birthright (25:27-34)
- Jacob and Rebekah deceive Isaac for the blessing (27:1-41)
- Jacob flees to Haran (27:42-28:10)
- Jacob's encounter with God and the Abrahamic Covenant passed down. (28:10-22)
- Jacob works for Uncle Laban and marries Leah & Rachel (29:1-30)
- Jacob's children born (29:32-30:24)
- Jacob returns to Canaan (chapters 31-33)
- God appears to Jacob/Changes his name to Israel/Repeats the Covenant (35:1-15)

JOSEPH

- Young Joseph (chapter 37)
  - Jacob's Favorite/Despised by his brothers
  - Sold into slavery
- Serving in Potiphar's house (chapter 39)
  - Falsely Accused/Sent to prison
- Joseph interprets dreams of cupbearer and baker (chapter 40)
- Joseph interprets dream for Pharoah/Appointed Overseer of Egypt (chapter 41)

JOSEPH

- Joseph’s brothers come to Egypt two times (chapter 42-44)
- Joseph reveals himself to his brothers/sends for Jacob (chapter 45)
- Jacob and all his family go to Egypt and settle in Goshen (chapters 46-50)

COVENANTS IN GENESIS

Edenic Covenant

God's Assignment & Provision (1:28-30; 2:15-17)

- Be fruitful and multiply
- Rule over all the animals
- Enjoy eating abundance of plants for food from the ground and from the trees
- Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

COVENANTS IN GENESIS

Adamic Covenant (Genesis 3:15-24)

God's Pronouncement of Judgment

- Hostility between seed of the woman and Satan
- Pain in childbirth
- Ground is cursed
- Aging/Death
- Expulsion from Garden

COVENANTS IN GENESIS

Noahic Covenant (Genesis 9:8-17)

- Never again a flood to destroy the earth
- Rainbow as a reminder of the covenant

COVENANTS IN GENESIS

Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3)

- God will bless him make him a great nation that is famous
  - ❖ So many descendants they can't be numbered
- A particular land as a possession (defined in 13:14-17; 15:18-21; 17:8)
- All the families on earth will be blessed through him

GROUP TALK

Do we have anything in common?

Here's something to discuss:

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph faced many challenges and we have their reactions recorded for us to examine. Do you find yourself in any modern version of the same situations they faced?

NEXT BOOK

EXODUS

God's Redemption and Provision

From Favor to Slavery

In Genesis, the Pharoah put Joseph in a place of high honor and also provided for Joseph’s family generously. (Genesis 47:5)

At the end of his life, Joseph expresses his confidence that God would take them back to the land God had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (Genesis 50:24)

After 430 years they were no longer enjoying favor, In fact, the family of Jacob (Israel) had multiplied to the point that Pharoah felt threatened and decided to deal with that threat.

Have you ever been persecuted for being successful?

For being different?

What questions do we ask?

Why?

Where is God?

SOME EXODUS THEMES

- Miraculous Deliverance
- The Wilderness Journey
- Meeting with God at Mt Sinai

GOAL FOR THIS MONTH

Read at least two chapters of Exodus every day.

Be sure to make notes of any insights you gain as your read and study along with any questions you encounter.

WANT MORE NOTES?

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