

Old Testament Survey

Genesis

Author: Moses compiles earlier accounts & revelation given by God

("these are the generations": *of the heavens and earth* 2:4 / *of Adam* 5:1 / *of Noah* 6:9 / *of sons of Noah* 10:1 / *of Shem* 11:10 / *of Terah* 11:27 / *of Ishmael* 25:12 / *of Isaac* 25:19 / *of Esau* 36:1 / *of Jacob* 37:2

Date: Written ~ 1446 BC (date of Exodus). Period of time covered. Creation to ~1876 BC

Theme: To introduce the Theocratic nation to its origin in God's sovereign establishment of a promised and chosen seed.

Outline:

- I. Promise and election of the seed. 1-11
- II. Establishment and preservation of the seed. 12-50

Key People

Adam	Noah	Isaac
Eve	Nimrod	Esau
Cain	Abraham	Rebekah
Abel	Lot	Jacob
Enoch	Sarah	Joseph

Key Chapters & Verses

(Bold is required for Elders)

- 1.....Creation of the world.
- 1:31**....it was "good"
- 2.....Creation of man and woman
- 2:24....Establishment of marriage (leave and cleave)
- 3.....The fall of man and the promise of the seed
- 3:15**... The promise of the seed. ("And I will put enmity between...")
- 4.....Cain and Abel
- 6-8**.....The corruption of man, Noah and the flood.
- 9:6**..... Death penalty for murder
- 9:11-17** Covenant of the rainbow
- 11.....Tower of Babel, descendants of Shem, Terah leaves Ur of the Chaldeas
- 12:1-3** Abrahamic covenant (land, nation, blessing)
- 18..... Birth of Isaac foretold..
- 19.....Sodom and Gomorrah
- 21.....Birth of Isaac
- 22.....Offering of Isaac
- 32.....Jacob wrestles with God
- 35:9-12...God's covenant with Jacob (land, Nation, Kings
- 37.....Joseph's dreams, sold into slavery
- 49.....Jacob's blessings on his children
- 50:19-20**....." you meant evil ..., but God meant it for good....to preserve many people alive"

The Importance of Genesis

Genesis was written by Moses during the wilderness wanderings. His specific purpose of the book was to introduce the nation of Israel to its origin in God's sovereign establishment of a promised and chosen seed. (God chose Abraham, and then Isaac instead of Ishmael, and then Jacob instead of Esau. These plus the move to Egypt give historical background for later conflicts)

Because Moses covers the origin of Israel all the way back to creation itself, Genesis as the "book of beginnings" is also foundational to many other subjects. Genesis is one of the most "attacked" books in the Bible, primarily because of it is so foundational. The attacks are not just from the science community that denies the creation account in favor of their own evolutionary speculations. Everything up through chapter 12 is usually attacked as being mythical - The Creation account; Adam & Eve; the Garden of Eden; the Serpent's temptation of Eve; the longevity recorded in Genesis 5; Noah, the ark and the flood; and the Tower of Babel. Abraham and his descendants are usually considered to be real people, but the accounts of their lives are usually considered by liberals to be stories filled with folklore instead of facts.

The liberal scholar Wellhausen came up with the idea of different writers and editors compiling the books of Moses over many centuries. His idea, sometimes referred to as JEPD, allows a person to pick and choose what to believe and even attribute the myth to different groups. J = Jehovah. Those sections that stress God by the name Jehovah. E = Elohim. Those sections that stress God by the name Elohim. P = Priestly redactors (editors) who added in and changed things to match their point of view. D = Deuteronomic. Later redactors (editors) who added and changed things to match their viewpoint. For all the articles written and published on these ideas, there is no evidence for it and much proving it wrong. The book *"Before Abraham Was"* (written by non-Christians) demonstrates the complex unity of the first 6 chapters that could only have come from a single writer. The mixture of the supposed different writers & editors within single passages also prove the non-sense of the theory. Yet, many so called Bible Scholars and pastors, etc. hold to the theory because it allows them to appear educated, sophisticated, and if you will, smarter than the average bear (pew sitter).

The importance of a belief in Genesis is illustrated well by the following chart. Similar charts could be made for Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. These are the passages in Genesis cross referenced to where they are quoted in the New Testament. This does not include allusions which are not direct quotes. The quotes are made as a source of authority. The writers/speakers believed what they were quoting to be true. If Paul and other apostles believed Genesis to be true, what basis could we have to doubt? If Jesus believed Genesis to be true, then it takes great arrogance to doubt what He believed.

Genesis Quote or Reference**New Testament Reference**

1:27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.	Matthew 19:4 - Jesus Mark 10:6 - Jesus
2:2 And by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.	Hebrews 4:4
2:7 Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.	1 Corinthians 15:45 - Paul
2:7, 18-23 - Adam created and then Eve woman originates from man, Eve created to help Adam	1 Timothy 2:13 - Paul 1 Corinthians 11:8,9
2:24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.	Matt. 19:5; Mark 10:7-8 - Jesus 1 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 5:31 - Paul
3:1-7 The deception of Eve by the serpent and falling into sin	1 Timothy 2:14 - Paul 2 Corinthians 11:3 - Paul
5:2 He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.	Matthew 19:4 - Jesus Mark 10:6 - Jesus
5:24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.	Hebrews 11:5
6:1 - 7:13 life in the days of Noah, preparing and entering the ark	Matthew 24:37,38 - Jesus Luke 17:26,27 - Jesus
6 - 8 Noah: -the wickedness of the people and the preservation of him and family from the flood through the ark.	Hebrews 11:7 1 Peter 3:20 2 Peter 2:5
12:1 Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you;	Acts 7:3 - Stephen
12:3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."	Galatians 3:8 - Paul
12:7 And the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him.	Acts 7:5 - Stephen Galatians 3:16 - Paul
13:15 for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.	Acts 7:5 - Stephen Galatians 3:16 - Paul
14:17 -20 . . . And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tenth of all.	Hebrews 7:1,2

15:5 "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."	Romans 4:18
15:6 Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.	Rom. 4:3,9,22; Gal. 3:6 - Paul James 2:23 - James
15:13 -14 And [God] said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. 14 "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve; and afterward they will come out with many possessions.	Acts 7:6-7 - Stephen
17:5 . . . For I will make you the father of a multitude of nations.	Romans 4:17,18 - Paul
17:7 "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.	Galatians 3:16 - Paul
17:8 "And I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession . . .	Acts 7:5 - Stephen
18:10 & 14 And he said, "I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son."	Romans 9:9 - Paul
18:14 "Is anything too difficult for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."	Romans 9:9 - Paul
18:18 since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed?	Galatians 3:8 - Paul
21:10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Drive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not be an heir with my son Isaac."	Galatians 4:30 - Paul
21:12 But God said to Abraham, . . . , for through Isaac your descendants shall be named.	Romans 9:7 - Paul Hebrews 11:8
22:16, 17 "By Myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is on the seashore . . .	Hebrews 6:13-14
22:18 "And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed . . .	Acts 3:25 - Peter
25:23 And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb; And two peoples shall be separated from your body; And one people shall be stronger than the other; And the older shall serve the younger."	Romans 9:12
26:4 ". . . and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;	Acts 3:25 - Peter
48:4 “. . . and will give this land to your descendants after you for an everlasting possession.'	Acts 7:5 - Stephen

Some Foundational Issues in Genesis

Fundamental nature of God: Creator, Holy, good, merciful, just,
Origin of matter
Origin of the heavens - Sun, moon, planets, stars
Origin of the earth
Prehistoric history of the earth - including order of creation/order
 Origin of seas & land
 Origin of plants
 Origin of water creatures & birds
 Origin of land animals
 Origin & fundamental nature of man
Purpose of mankind
Origin of woman
Establishment of marriage
Origin & consequences of sin
Origin of weeds
Why work is so hard
Reality of and methodology of Satan
First promise of redemption
Description of the antediluvian world
Reality of evil in man
Reality of stegosaurus
Long length of early human life and documentation of it shortening dramatically
Description of first global catastrophe (& hence origin of flood stories) The implications of this are enormous
Origin of the Rainbow
Establishments of God's first covenants - Noahic, Abrahamic - Isaac - Jacob
Origin & Relationship of the "races"
Origin of many languages
Origin of Nations: History of origin of Israel, Edom, Moab, Ammon, etc.
Establishment of civil laws.

Through Provoking Question

When did the first animal die?
Who was the first human to die?
How long did people live before the flood?
What was the extent of Noah's flood?
Where did the water come from for Noah's flood?
How long were the flood waters on the earth before they started receding?
Who was the first man to see a rainbow?
Which animal is older - A Tyrannosaurus Rex or a Chicken?
Which animal is older - A Stegosaurus or a Whale?
Which animal is older - an Eagle or a Dragonfly?
Which is older - a Sequoia Redwood or the moon?
Should someone who murders another person be put to death? Why or why not?
Are aboriginal cultures primitive?
Who was the first musician? What instruments did he play?
What is the oldest profession?
Which came first - stone implements? Bronze implements? Iron implements?
How long is a "day" in the creation?

Origins, Promise and election of the seed - Genesis 1-11

I. A. Creation (1,2)

1. Overview of Creation in 6 days (1)

1:1

In the beginning *God*: Denies atheism's doctrine of _____

Denies Polytheism's doctrine of _____

In the beginning *God created*: Denies Fatalism's _____

Denies Evolution's doctrine of _____.

In the beginning God created *heaven and earth*:

Denies Pantheism which makes God and the universe _____.

Denies Materialism (evolution) which asserts the eternity _____

Ten Different Interpretations of Genesis 1

1 LITERAL: A Six, 24 hour day Creation

2 GAP, RECONSTRUCTION, Re-Creation or Pre-world:

A gap exists between Genesis 1:1 & 1:2 or 2:3 & 2:4. Original creation destroyed and world re-created.

3 PROGRESSIVE CREATION or EVOLUTION:

Evolution is helped along by creative acts of God.

4 DAY-AGE THEORY:

Each day of Genesis 1 is an undetermined length of time.

5 THEISTIC EVOLUTION:

"God's method of creation is evolution."

6 Day of Revelation or FRAMEWORK HYPOTHESIS

Each Genesis 1 day gives an idea of the framework of creation, but the account it not literal.

7 Pictorial or Allegorical

7 - 10 differ in minor points but all say Genesis is only a story

8 Literary

which is not to be taken as actual fact

9 Poetical

10 Mythological

Days of Creation - Genesis 1

Yom - "day" Can be used figuratively or literally. Context determines the meaning.

Translated as "time" ~ 65 times

Translated as "day" ~1200 times

Yamin (plural) translated as "days" ~ 700 times

Defined as a period of light = "day" 1:5

Defined as a period of light & dark (morning & evening) = "day" 1:5,8,13,19, 23, 31

The Days of Creation. Genesis 1:1-31

1:1-5. 1st Day - God _____

1:6-8. 2nd Day - God _____

1:9-13. 3rd Day - God _____

1:14-19. 4th Day - God _____

1:20-23. 5th Day - God _____

1:24-31. 6th Day - God _____

2:1-3. 7th Day - God _____

ORDER OF CREATION VS. EVOLUTION

<i>EVOLUTION</i>	<i>CREATION</i>
Matter Eternal	God Eternal (1:1)
Sun & Stars before Earth	Earth before Sun & Stars (1:1,14)
Land before Oceans	Oceans before Land (1:1,10)
Sun: Earth's first light	Light before Sun (1:3,16)
Contiguous Atmosphere & Hydrosphere	Atmosphere between two Hydrospheres (1:6,8)
First Life: Marine Cells	First Life: Land Plants (1:11)
Fish before fruit trees	Fruit trees before fish (1:11,20)
Insects & Reptiles before Birds	Birds before Insects and Reptiles (1:20,24)
Sun before Land plants	Land plants before Sun (1:11,16)
Women before men	Man before woman (2:20-22)
Rain before man	Man before rain (2:7 & 7:12)

Comparing Creation & Evolution

Creation

Evolution

Out of nothing
 Work of God's hand
 By the Word - Jesus Christ
 God intervenes - Miracles

Method

Primeval atmosphere of gases and water.
 Condensation of protoplasm
 Positive Mutations
 Natural selection

Began thousands of years ago
 Six days for entire creation

Time

Began billions of years ago
 Millions of years for each step

Grass & Trees
 Sun & Moon
 Water Creatures & Birds
 Cattle, beasts & creeping things
 Man
 Orderly planned occurrence

Order

Sun & Moon
 Droplets of chemicals
 One celled organisms
 Multi-celled organisms
 "Tree of life" complex organisms
 Chance occurrence

One original creation, God rests
 Laws of genetics allow variation within basic kinds
 Natural selection removes the weak & abnormal.
 Speciation a genetic decrease

Continuity

Species gradually appear
 Mutations & genetics produce new species
 Natural selection chooses healthy & "good" mutants
 Speciation a genetic increase

To declare the glory of God
To express the love of god to and through man
A creation for man to have dominion over.

Purpose

No foreordained future
No goal except survival
Man is merely the latest stage of evolution

2. Focus on the Creation of Man (2)

This chapter recounts the sixth day with a focus on man.

vs 1-3. The seventh day

vs. 4-6. Description of earth prior to Adam

vs. 7. Creation of Adam

vs. 8-14. Description of Garden of Eden

vs. 15-17. God's commands to Adam

vs. 18-25. Creation of Eve and her purpose

I. B. Corruption (3-5)

1. Fall into Sin & Promise of the Seed (3)

vs. 1-5. The serpent's lies

vs. 6-7. The fall into sin

vs. 8-13. Adam & Eve's response to being sinful

hide from shame - vs. 8-11

blame someone else for sin - vs. 12-13

vs. 14-24. God's response to sin

On the serpent and Satan (14-15)

(But hope in **15** - a seed to come)

On Eve (16)

On Adam (17-19)

A covering for sin - (20,21)

Exclusion from the Garden (22-24)

2. Consequences of sin

a. Murder (4)

Cain and Abel (1-15)

Descendants of Cain (16-24)

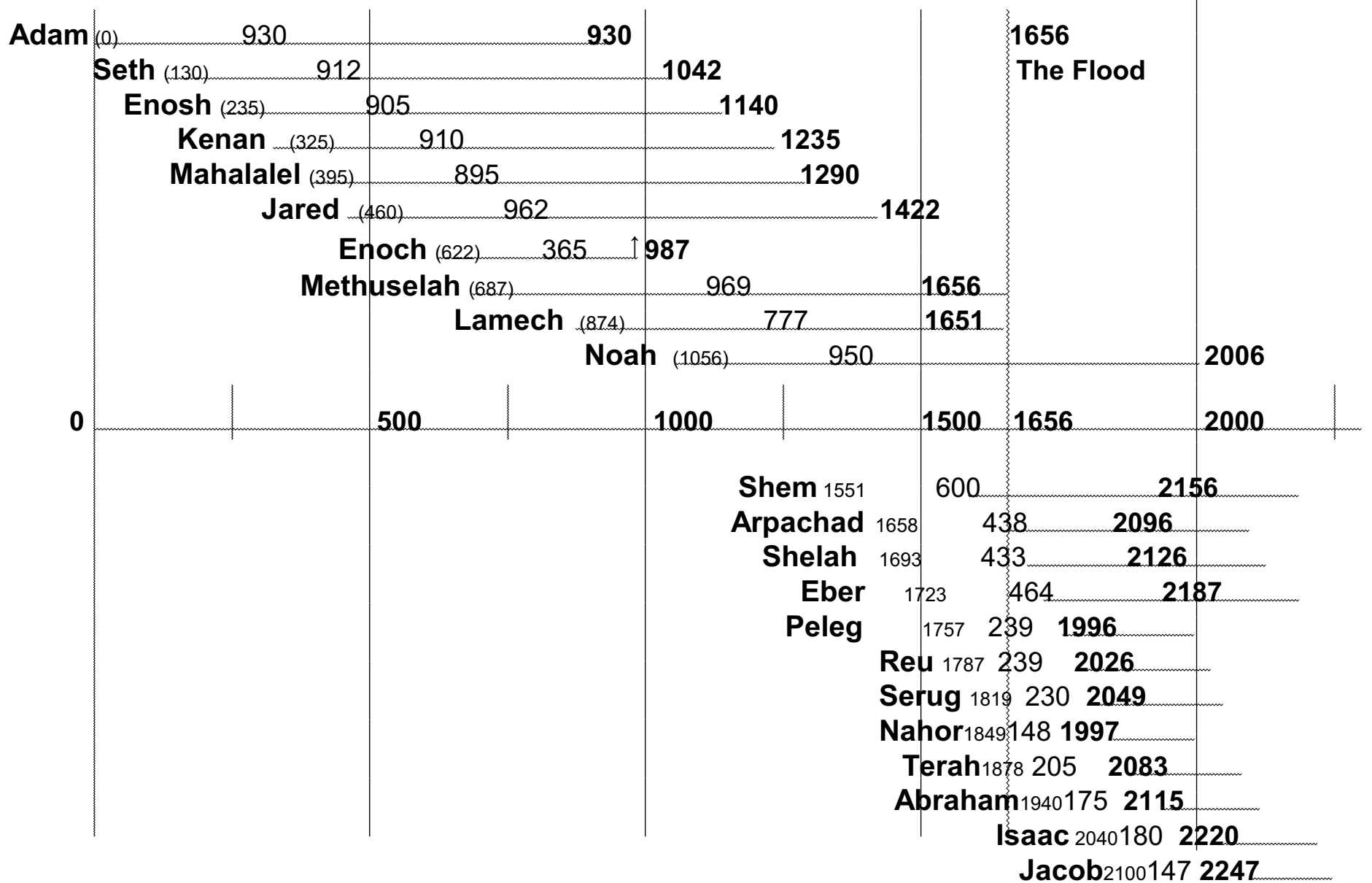
(But hope - Godly line in Seth, 25,26)

b. Death (5)

Every descendent of Adam dies

See Genealogy on next page

The Genealogy of Noah



I. C. Condemnation & Preservation (6-9)

1. Condemnation (6:1-7)

Man utterly corrupt, vs. 5

2. Preservation of a Remnant through Noah (6:8-9:19)

Noah finds grace (6:8)

Noah told to build ark (13-22)

The flood (7 & 8)

Blessings on Noah (9:1-7)

9:6 - Establishment of the Death penalty

Rainbow covenant (**9:8-17**)

Genesis 7 & 8 Chronology

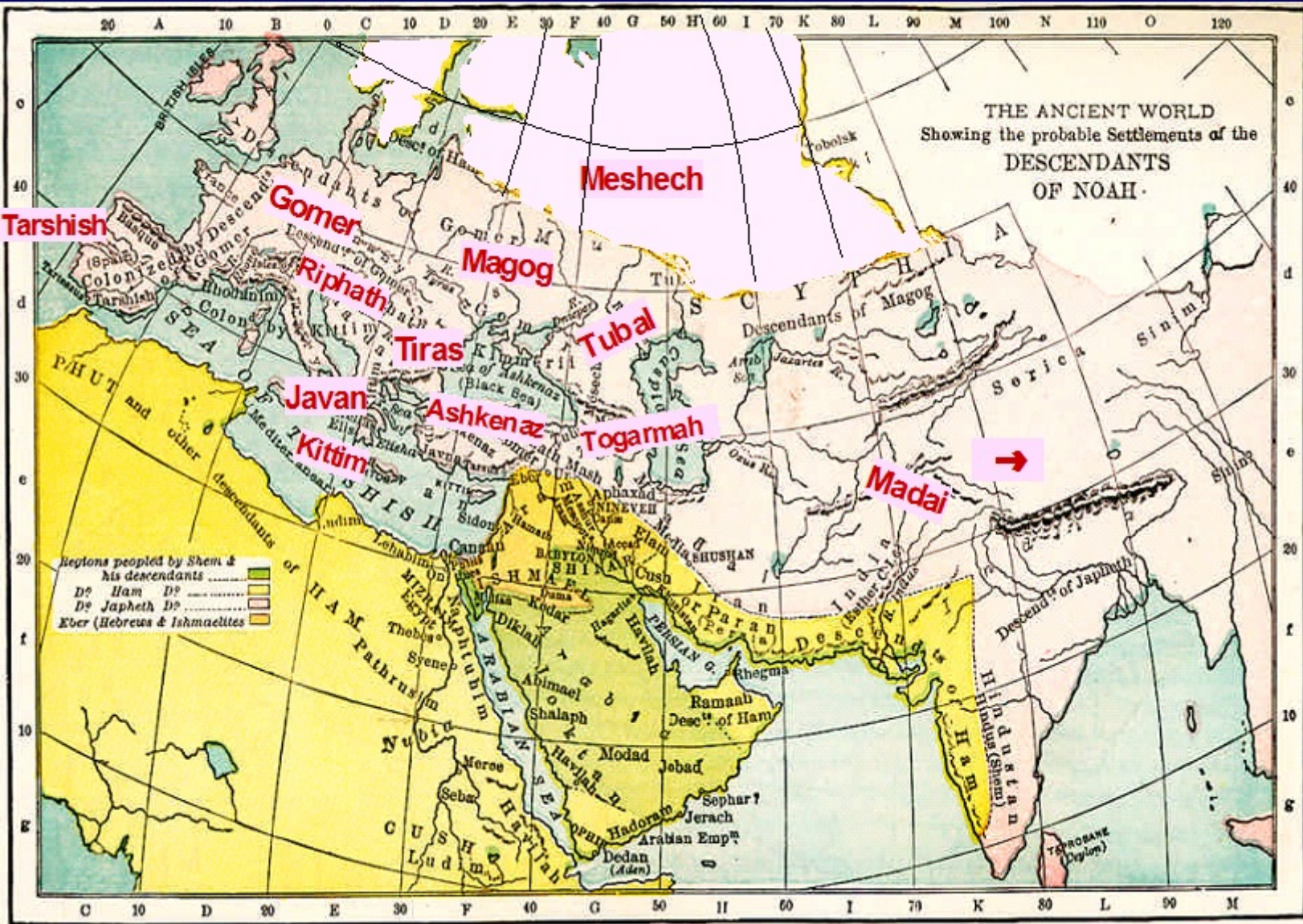
Day

-7	God tells Noah to enter the Ark (7:1)	
1	Noah in the Ark, God shuts the door, flood begins (7:11f)	Noah is 600 ^{2nd} month, 17 th day
40	Waters increase from rain & fountains of deep (7:14)	
150	Waters prevail over the earth (7:17)	
	The Ark lands on Ararat (8:4) -	7 th month, 17 th day.
	Water starts to recede (8:3,5)	
224	Other mountain tops visible (8:5) -	10 th month, 1 st day.
264	Raven is sent out (8:6)	
271	Dove is sent out (8:8)	
278	Dove is sent out again (8:10)	
314	The water is dried up from the land (8:13)	
	Noah removes the covering of the Ark	601 st year, 1 st month, 1 st day.
371	God tells Noah to leave the Ark (8:14)	601 st year, 2 nd month, 27 th day

Major Arguments for a World-Wide Flood

- 1 The language describing the event is universal - "all," "every," etc. Genesis 6:7; 7:2,3,4,14,19,20,21,23,24; 8:9,21
- 2 The depth of the flood "***all** high mountains **everywhere** under the heavens were covered*"- (Gen. 7:19,20)
- 3 Only Noah & family and those animals (with "breath of life") survived the flood (7:23)
- 4 The need for an ark - A migration would have avoided a local flood.

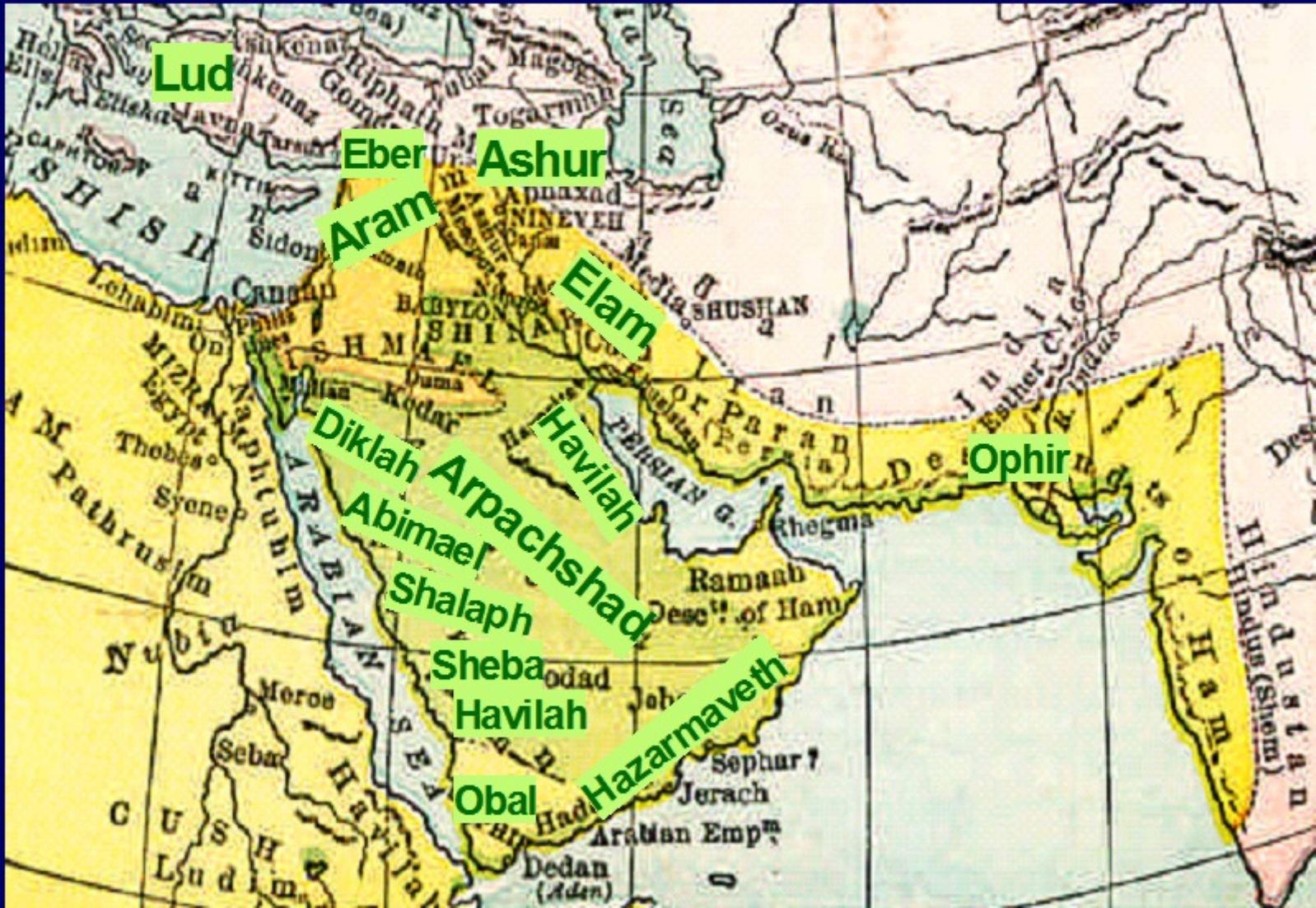
Descendants of Japheth = Japheth



The Descendents of Shem

Shem

Genesis 10:21-31



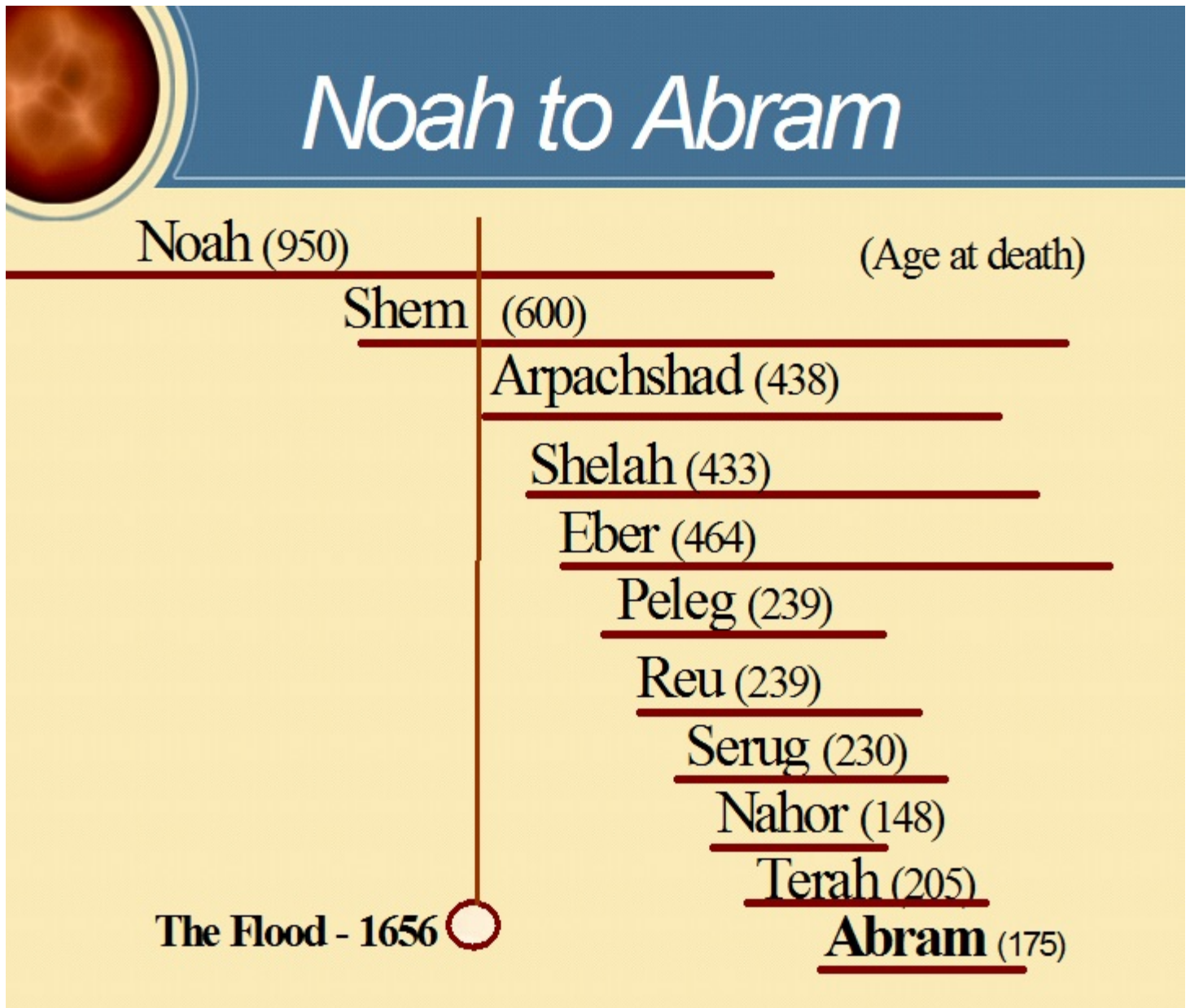
Descendants of Ham =

Ham



3. Confusion at Babel (11)

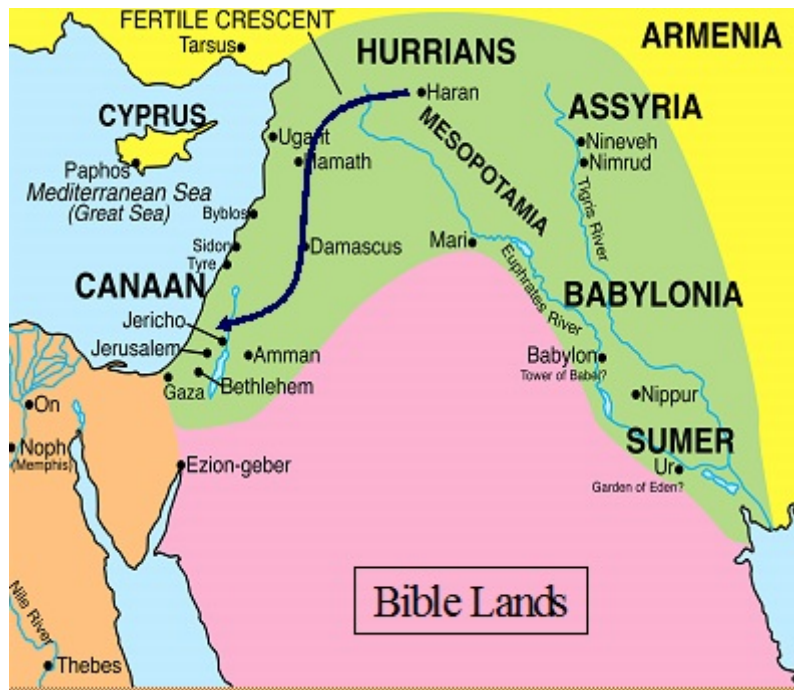
11:10-32 marks out the lineage of the chosen seed line from Shem to Abram



Election, Establishment & Preservation of the Seed

II. Life of Abraham, 12:1-25:18

A. Abram's call, and his acceptance of the covenant by faith, 12:1-14:25



12-The Abrahamic Covenant 12:1-3

13- Separation from Lot (13)

14- Rescue of Lot (14)

B. Renewal and confirmation of the covenant, 15:1-17:27

15- Renewal of the Covenant - Promise of land, nation, blessing

15:6 - *Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness* (Cf. Rom. 4:3; Gal. 3:6; Heb. 11:8f; James 2:23)

15:13-16 - Prophecy of Egyptian Captivity & Return

15:17-20 God makes a unilateral covenant –

16 - Carnal plan to get children: Ishmael born through Hagar. Abram 86



17 - Covenant of Circumcision, Abram (*exalted father*) changed to Abraham (*father of multitudes*)
God appears to Abram when he is 99

(9-14) Circumcision would be the sign of covenant

C. Deliverance of Lot from Sodom, 18:1-19:38

18:1-21 - Promise of a son through Sarah

18:22-33 - Abraham's entreaty on behalf of Sodom to spare for the sake of 50, 45, 30, 20, 10 (*If Lot had even led his family to the Lord, there would have been 10 people cf. vs. 32*)

19:1-29 - The sin of Sodom and its destruction

19:30-38 - The origin of Moab and Ammon in Lot's abasement by daughters. Legacy of sin

D. Abraham and Abimelech, 20:1-18

Abraham lies to protect himself. God shows mercy, blessing despite his failure.

E. Birth and marriage of Isaac, the son of promise, 21:1-24:67

21 - Isaac is born (first part of covenant is fulfilled); Ishmael is sent away - preserve the covenant

22 - Test of Faith - Offering Isaac. cf. Romans 4:16-22; Heb. 11:15-19)

23- Death of Sarah, establishment of burial ground

24 - A Bride for Isaac

F. Death of Abraham and accounting of his descendants 25:1-18

-by Keturah (vs. 2-4); by Ishmael (vs. 12-18); by Isaac - birth of Jacob & Esau (19f)

III. Life of Isaac and his family, 25:19-26:35

A. Birth of Esau and Jacob, 25:19-28

vs. 23 - prophecy of Jacob's future supremacy

B. Sale of Esau's birthright to Jacob, 25:29-34 (cf. Heb. 12:16; Romans 9:13)

C. Isaac and Abimelech II, 26:1-16

Isaac follows Abraham's example

D. Dispute at Beersheba, 26:17-33 (Isaac is established in the land)

E. Esau's marriages, 26:34,35 (Esau distances himself further from the covenant)

IV. Life of Jacob, 27:1-37:1

A. Jacob in his father's home, 27:1-46

Jacob's deception of Isaac to gain the blessing. Deception to flee Esau's hatred

B. Jacob's exile and journey, 28:1-22

28:10-22 - God's covenant with Jacob

C. Jacob with Laban in Syria, 29:1-33:15 The deceiver is deceived, but gains a large family and wealth

29-30 - Works for wives, flocks, 11 of 12 patriarchs are born

Works 7 years for Rachel, but gets Leah

Works another 7 years for Rachel

Leah's 4 sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah

Bilhah's sons: Dan, Naphtali

Zilpah's sons: Gad, Asher

Leah's additional children: Zebulun, Dinah

Rachel's son: Joseph

Jacob works 6 years for the flocks

31 - Flees Laban

Rebekah steals idols

Jacob proclaims God's protection

Jacob & Laban make covenant at Mizpah

32 - Wrestles angel - name changed to Israel

33:1-15 - Reconciled with Esau

D. Jacob's return to the promised land, 33:16-35:20

33:18-20 - Lives in Shechem & erects Altar

34- Dinah defiled, Jacob's caution, Levi & Simeon deceive and destroy Shechem

35:1-15 Return to Bethel, putting away foreign gods, God's protection

35:16-27 Journey to Ephrath, death of Rachel, birth of Benjamin

35:28,29 Death of Isaac

E. Esau's descendants (36)

V. Life of Joseph, 37:2-50:26

A. Joseph's boyhood, 37:2-36

37:2-11 - Joseph's dreams, Jacob kept the prophecies in mind -vs 11

37:12-36 - The brother's plot against him, taken into captivity

B. Judah and Tamar, 38:1-30

C. Joseph's promotion in Egypt, 39:1-41:57

39 - Joseph promoted in Potiphar's house, flees sin

40 - Joseph promoted in Jail, interprets dreams

41 - Joseph promoted over Egypt

Interprets Pharaoh's dreams 41:1-36. Joseph gave credit to God, vs. 16

Exalted to Second in command, Joseph starts a family, famine begins 41:37-56

D. Joseph and his brother, 42:1-45:15

42 - First visit of brothers. Joseph's first test of their character. Their confession, vs. 21-22

43 - Second visit of brothers

44 - Joseph's second test to see if they are changed men cf. vs. 44:16-34

45 - Joseph reveals himself

E. Jacob's family goes to Egypt - 46

46 - Travel, genealogy, A total of 66 travel down + Joseph's family = 70 total

47 - Jacob blesses Pharaoh, settle in Goshen, Joseph provides for them

F. Jacob's last days and final prophecies, 48-50

48- Jacob's blesses Ephraim & Manasseh

49- Jacob's prophecies & death, Date, about 1858 B.C.

50:1-14 - Jacob buried in Canaan -

G. Joseph's promise to brothers - **50:16-21** (Joseph recognized God's providence - vs. 20)

Promises to Joseph, and death - 50:22-26