

Genesis – “In the Beginning”

From Whom: It is believed that Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible, including this one. The first five books of the Bible are referred to as the PENTATEUCH (means five books in Greek)

To Whom: Moses is writing to the nation of Israel to explain that their God is the God of all creation and for them to understand that place within that creation

What/ Theme: Genesis means beginning (the title in Hebrew is Bereshith which means “in the beginning”) and this book is the book of beginnings. Genesis forms the foundation for everything that follows and communicates to Israel that the God who delivered them from Egypt in the Exodus is the God of creation. Thus, for Israel, the beginnings go: Creation – Mankind – Abraham – Isaac – Jacob – the 12 tribes of Israel

The book has two major divisions:

Genesis 1-11 - Primeval history

Genesis 12-50 – Patriarchal history

Where/ Notable Places: Garden of Eden/ Fertile Crescent, Tower of Babel in the plain of Shinar, Ur of the Chaldees – where Abraham was called from, Hebron (cave of the field at Machpelah facing Mamre) – where the Patriarchs are buried, Mt. Moriah – where Abraham offered Isaac, Beersheba – area of Isaac, Bethel – where God met Jacob

Genesis 1-11: The major events covered include: the Creation of the universe and humanity, the Fall of Man, the Flood of Noah, and the confusion of the languages at the Tower of Babel.

1) Creation of the universe and humanity (1-2:25)

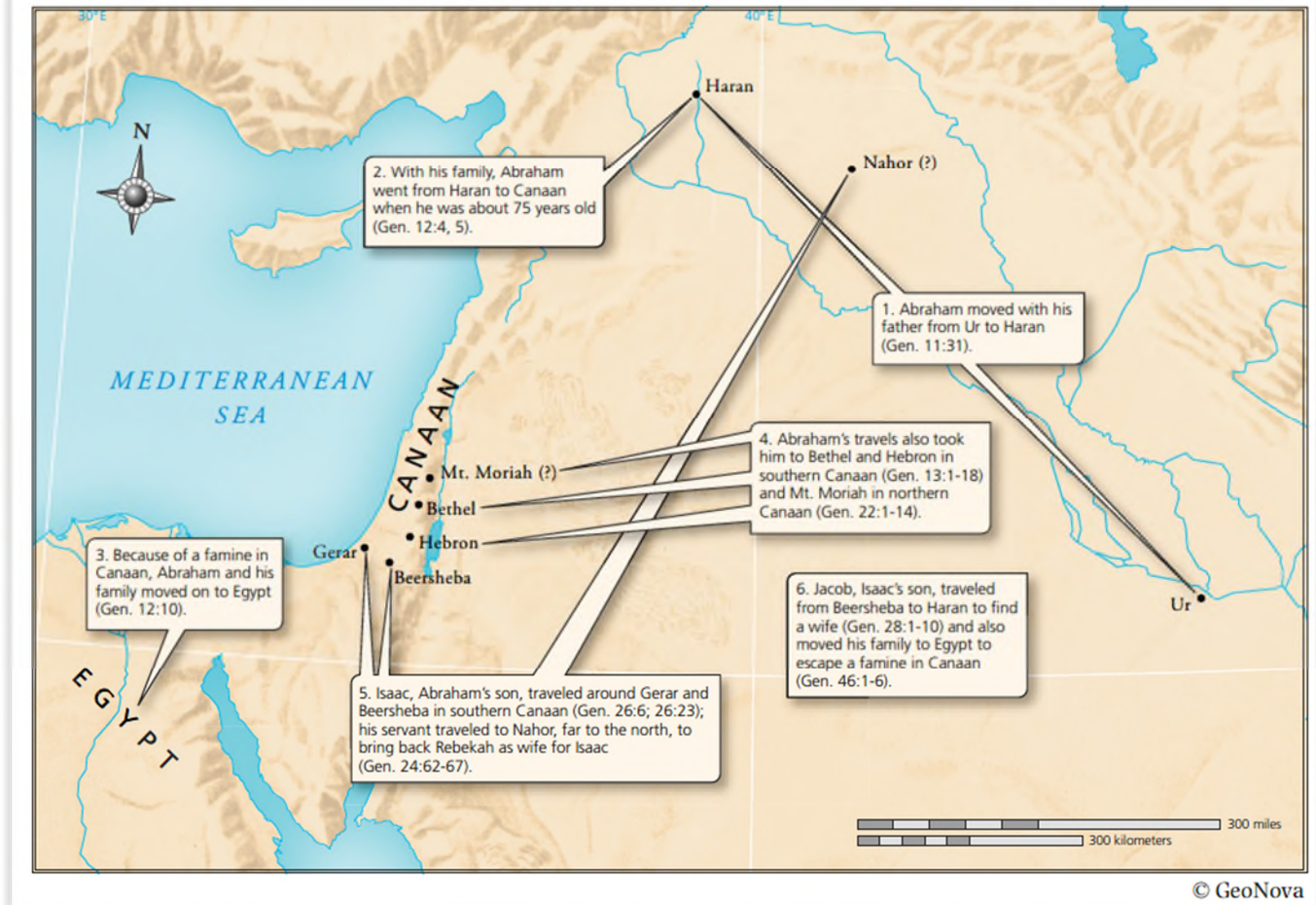
2) The Fall of Man (**3-5:32**)

3) The Flood of Noah (**6-10:32**)

4) The confusion of the languages at the Tower of Babel (**11:1 – 11:9**)

Genesis 12-50: The major event covered include: the Covenant between God and Abraham, the promised Seed, the Generations of Ishmael and Isaac, the Generations of Esau and Jacob, and the life of Joseph.

TRAVELS OF THE PATRIARCHS



1) Abraham (12:1 – 23:20; 25:1-18)

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT	
Genesis 12:1-3	God initiated His covenant with Abram when he was living in Ur of the Chaldeans, promising a land, descendants, and blessing.
Genesis 12:4, 5	Abram went with his family to Haran, lived there for a time, and left at the age of 75.
Genesis 13:14-17	After Lot separated from Abram, God again promised the land to him and his descendants.
Genesis 15:1-21	The covenant was ratified when God passed between the sacrificial animals Abram laid before God.
Genesis 17:1-27	When Abram was 99 God renewed His covenant, changing Abram's name to Abraham ("Father of a Multitude"). Sign of the covenant: circumcision.
Genesis 22:15-18	Confirmation of the covenant because of Abraham's obedience.
<p>The Abrahamic covenant was foundational to other covenants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The promise of land in the Palestinian Covenant (Deut. 30:1-10) • The promise of kingly descendants in the Davidic Covenant (2 Sam. 7:12-16) • The promise of blessing in the "Old" and "New" Covenants (Ex. 19:3-6; Jer. 31:31-40) 	

2) Isaac (**24-26**)

3) Jacob (**25:19-37:2**)

4) The life of Joseph (37:2 - 48:22)

MENTIONED FIRST IN GENESIS

Altar 8:20	Idols 31:19
Angel 16:7	Jail 39:20
Archer 21:20	Joy 31:27
Bird 1:21	Kill 4:8
Camp 32:2	King 14:1
Cave dweller 19:30	Kiss 27:26
Chariot 41:43	Man to interpret 41:15
Child 11:30	Man to wear a ring 41:42
Child named before birth 16:11	Murderer 4:8
City builder 4:17	Oath 21:23, 24
Coffin 50:26	Pilgrim 12:1-8
Command 1:3	Prayer 4:26
Darkness 1:2	Preacher to become drunk 9:20, 21
Death 24:67	Prophecy 3:15
Dew 27:28	Purchase of land 23:3-20
Disaster 19:19	Question 3:1
Dream 20:3	Rain 7:1-12
Drunk 9:21	Rainbow 9:13
Dungeon 40:15	Saddle 22:3
Earth 1:1	Shipbuilder 6:14, 22
Embalming 50:2	Sin 3:1-24
Execution 40:20-22	Snake 49:17
Family 8:19	Sword 3:24
Farmer 4:2	Temptation 3:1-6
Father 2:24	Tower 11:4, 5
Fear 9:2	Veil 24:65
Food 1:29	Violence 6:11
Food control 41:25-36	Wage contract 29:15-20
Forgiveness 50:17	War 14:2
Friend 38:12	Wealth 31:1
Game 25:28	Well 16:14
Gardener 2:15	Wife 2:24
Gift 9:3	Wind 8:1
God 1:1	Wine 9:21
Gold 2:11	Wish 23:8
Grave 23:6	Witness 21:30
Guilt 26:10	Woman thief 31:19
Harlot 34:31	Words spoken to man 1:28
Hate 24:60	Worship 4:3-5
Heart 6:5	
Heavens 1:1	
Heir 15:2	
Hunter 10:8, 9	
Husband 3:6	