

I. The Book of Genesis – Overview

Without a doubt Genesis is the most important book in your Bible. Genesis is the first of five books that Moses writes. Genesis is called the Book of Beginnings or Books of Moses. Most people think it is called that because it is the beginning. No, it is more than that Moses writes it around 1570 BC long after the events take place.

Starting with Adam & Eve around 4004 BC and goes all the way up to 1689 BC. That is 2,315 years according to Ushers chronology. The book spans over 2,000 years of time.

50 Chapters, 534 verses 38,267 words Written 1570 BC

Book of Genesis is the model for the rest of the Bible it establishes Gods patterns of sevens. God will do everything through a systematic system of sevens. Everything in the rest of you Bible will be found starting in Genesis.

7 Beginnings in the book of Genesis

- 1.) Heaven
- 2.) Earth
- 3.) Animals
- 4.) Man
- 5.) Sin
- 6.) Salvation/redemption
- 7.) Messianic Line of Christ

7 key men that are key to what God is doing and His Plan in the book of Genesis

- 1.) Abel
- 2.) Enoch
- 3.) Noah
- 4.) Abraham
- 5.) Isaac
- 6.) Jacob
- 7.) Joseph

When you get to Joseph you are coming to the place where you have the beginning of the 12 tribes of Israel.

7 Pairs (These pairs have every situation in life that you can get into)

- 1.) Adam & Eve
- 2.) Cain & Abel
- 3.) Lamech & Enoch
- 4.) Abraham & Lot
- 5.) Isaac & Ishmael
- 6.) Jacob & Esau
- 7.) Joseph & Benjamin

These pairs are set in contrast of each other. God gives you a model, a system of 10 stories broken down by 7 pairs

7 Principles on Lessons of life

- 1.) Personal and all-powerful creator
- 2.) Man in his present state is a fallen creation
- 3.) Man as God's creation has as a creator that will redeem him
- 4.) Man cannot redeem himself
- 5.) Life on earth is one of degeneration and evolution
- 6.) God of the Bible is the God of history
- 7.) Understanding that we have an old nature and we are going to sin

God built the book of Genesis around 10-11 stories. Mark or bracket these sections out in your Bible. You break these 10 stories into 10 different sections in your Bible, and you learn what they are. These 10 stories will become the headings in the book of Genesis.

10 Stories Major Stories in the book of Genesis

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| 1. Chapters 1-2 | Story of Creation |
| 2. Chapter 3-4 | Story of Adam & Eve |
| 3. Chapter 5 | <u>Generations of Adam</u> |
| 4. Chapter 5-9 | Story of Enoch & Noah |
| 5. Chapter 10-11 | Tower of Babel |
| 6. Chapter 12-25 | Life of Abraham & Isaac |
| 7. Chapters 26-27 | Jacob & Esau |
| 8. Chapter 28-35 | Life of Jacob |
| 9. Chapter 36 | <u>Generations of Esau</u> |
| 10. Chapter 37-50 | Life of Joseph |

Everything in the rest of your Bible is going to be found starting in Genesis. So, if you are off in Genesis you will be off in the rest of your Bible.

Picture of everything you need to know on how to build your relationship with Christ

5 Stages to the nation of Israel and in Genesis you have the first stage.

- 1.) The formulation of the nation of Israel
- 2.) The calling out of the nation of Israel
- 3.) The establishment of the nation of Israel
- 4.) The downfall of the nation of Israel
- 5.) The captivity of the nation of Israel

As you go through your Bible you are going to want to watch how this develops around the nation of Israel in these five areas.

Story #1 The story of Creation (Genesis 1-2)

Four key parts

1.) Genesis 1:1-2: There is a gap between verses 1 and 2. It starts out, "*In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.*" And then it says, "*the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.*"

Something is wrong with that. God never created anything that was not perfect. It shows you that God's original creation was perfect, but then something happened that threw it into chaos that made it formless and void and brought darkness upon the face of the deep. This will be the fall of Lucifer. This will be where Lucifer, once the anointed cherub that covered God's throne, rebelled against God, led a rebellion out of heaven, and threw the original creation of Genesis 1:2 into a chaotic state that left it formless and void. This will be the future script for all of your stories like Star Wars and Darth Vader, the good versus evil. All of that stuff takes its root out of what takes place here. You will find details of the fall of Lucifer in Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14. Having said that, it is rejected today by all scholarship, most pastors, most Bible teachers. When you get off here in chapter 1, verse 1, you are off the rest of the course of the Bible. You will never get back to square one again. So, you want to see that that is the first thing that takes place here.

2.) Genesis 1:1 "*In the beginning*"

We have talked about this a couple of times here over the last couple of weeks or months. This is not the beginning of time. When I took you back to Proverbs 8:22, I showed you that the beginning here is the beginning of God's way. **Genesis is the beginning of where God is going, down through history and then on into eternity.** The way starts in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning." When you go over to Proverbs 8:28, it tells you that the beginning is the beginning of His way. Job 36:23 tells you and me that as Christians, we are to enjoin ourselves to that way.

3.) Genesis 1:3-5: God Divides the Light from the Darkness.

The light represents the light of God. The darkness represents the devil. It is not sunlight in the first day and night. The sun has not even been created yet. The light in the darkness represents the battle that is going to come, and here is where the conflict starts: good versus evil, light versus darkness.

4.) Genesis 1:6-2:1: You have Seven Days of God's Reconstructing.

God created it in verse 1, but then after He begins His reconstruction, there is no more creation until He gets down to the animals and man. He is restructuring everything that was already created in verse 1, and that is important for you to see. This part will deal with the first and second heaven, our atmosphere and outer space. You know from our past studies that there are three heavens, and heaven is an expansive space. The first heaven is our atmosphere. The second heaven is outer space. The third heaven is the throne of God where His throne is.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: On each one of these sections, you put a little parenthesis on the side of these verses so it segregates them from the other verses. Genesis 1:6-8 are going to deal with the second heaven, which is outer space. So you want to bracket 6, 7, and 8. Verses 9-12 come back to the first heaven and is talking about our atmosphere. You will want to bracket that. Verse 13-19 we are back in outer space again in the second heaven. Verses 20-31 we are back into the first heaven in the earth and now we see the creation of man.

FYI: Within these seven days of re-creation the date of Christ's birth & time of 2nd coming

4 Types of Seasons-the four points of the season which the Bible is built around.

- 1.) Spring Equinox
- 2.) Summer Solstice-longest day of the year
- 3.) Fall Equinox
- 4.) Winter Solstice-shortest day of the year

You are also going to find that the seven days that God works is going to be a picture of the 7,000 years that man is going to be on this planet before eternity starts: 6,000 years for man to do all his labor and work, and then chapter 2, verse 1, the seventh day God rested, a type of the Millennial Reign of Christ.

Law of 1st Mention: The first time a word is found in the Bible will define them throughout the rest of the Bible. The first one we find in Genesis is God Divides – Gen 1:4

Story #2 The story of Adam & Eve, the Fall of Mankind (Genesis 3-4)

4 Key things

1.) Adam & Eve put into the Garden in Chapter 2 and told to “replenish” the Earth.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth,(Genesis 1:28)

He puts them in a garden in Genesis 1:28 and says, “*Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.*” Notice they are to replenish something, put something back. What you have here in the beginning of this is what is going to take place out into eternity after Revelation 22. Everything from the rest of your Bible is going to be covered when you get into the book of Genesis.

2.) The Garden of Eden

The garden of Eden where he puts them down into will be the original land grant that in time he gives to the nation of Israel. That original Eden and the garden in it is a triangular shaped piece of land that runs from Ur of Chaldees on the side of Egypt and then runs up to Mount Iraq in Turkey. That will be the land grant that is given to Abraham in Genesis 15. That is the promised land. That will be the millennial land when they get into it. This is the beginning of that right here. Adam is made in God’s image spiritually and God’s likeness in a physical sense. He looked just like Jesus Christ. He is made in God’s spiritual image and in God’s physical image. If you went over to Luke 3:38 it comes down through the genealogies and tells you when it comes down to Adam, it says:

*Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, **which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.** Luke 3:38*

He is just like Jesus Christ.

3.) The Attack of the Devil and the Fall of Man

Adams is a type of Christ. Eve is a type of the church. So, when the devil shows up to damn mankind, he shows up when Adam was not home and Eve was by herself. That is where he got sin into mankind’s world. That is a picture of the church age. In Acts 1, Jesus Christ went back to heaven. He left us here by ourselves and all we have is the word of God. All Eve had when the devil showed up. Adam wasn’t there. I don’t know where he was, but he wasn’t there. All she had was what God told her. Just like in this church age when Christ went back, all we have was what God told us. Here is the beginning of the pattern of the attack of the devil on the church. The devil showed up and he said to her in Genesis 3:1 “*Yea, hath God said*”, then he changed what God said.

*I. Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, **Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?***

There is the beginning of the attack of the church all the way back in the garden. With a type of Christ, a type of the church and the devil showing up trying to take the word of God from her.

4.) Cain's Kills Abel Chapter 4

Cain is a picture of an unsaved man. He brings the wrong sacrifice. Abel is a picture of a saved man. Cain is unhappy and he kills Abel. You are going to find that Cain will be the first type of antichrist that you have in your Bible. He gets marked like the antichrist. So, he is the first type. There are 18 types of men in the Old Testament who foreshadow the antichrist. We will go through them as we come through the Old Testament. **Cain is your first one**. The Bible says in 1 John 3:12 that Cain was of that wicked one. So you got to see the devil's plan. Here it is. God moves and the devil moves.

12. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. 1 John 3:12

God put Adam and Eve down in the garden, told them to do what they supposed to do spiritually. The devil shows up and destroys it. He has Cain and Abel. Now the devil thinks that Abel is going to bring the promised seed through. So, he has his boy Cain kill Abel and thinks that the promised seed is done. But the promised seed doesn't come through Abel. It comes through Seth. This shows you how the devil is operating here to stop God and what His way is.

Story #3 The Generations of Adam (Genesis 5)

This is very important that you see this and get this in your Bible. We saw that Adam was created in God's image and in God's likeness. Now in Genesis 5:1 after the fall, we see the generations of Adam.

1. This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; Genesis 5:1

Because of the result of sin, we now see in chapter 5:3 that when Adam has his children, he produces them in his image and his likeness, the fallen image and the fallen likeness. The image of God is gone and now man loses God's image and God's likeness.

*3. And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and **begat a son in his own likeness, after his image**; and called his name Seth: Genesis 5:3*

You will notice that during this time there is a long lifespan. Adam lived 930 years. Those are actual years.

Law of First Mention: In Genesis 5:5 is where the **law of first mention, your first man dies in the Bible**. In Genesis 4 your first man was murdered in the Bible. Now in Genesis 5:5 your first man dies of natural causes in the Bible, Adam. We are moving through God's way.

*5. And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: **and he died**. Genesis 5:5*

Story #4 Enoch, Noah and the Flood (Genesis 5-9)

There are five key parts to this that you will want to see.

1.) Enoch & Noah

Enoch

This is a great study which shows you the spiritual application along with the historical significance of things. The Bible says that “*Enoch walked with God and was not.*” Enoch gets raptured out. God takes him up to heaven. He walks with God and then he is raptured out. Hebrews 11 talks about Enoch and ties Enoch as a picture of the church.

Noah

Noah is a picture of the nation of Israel. So, what you have is Enoch walking with God. He is raptured out and then Noah goes through a flood which is the picture of the tribulation period that Israel is going through after the Rapture when Enoch is taken out. This is where you have the picture of the judgment of God. The picture of the tribulation falling on earth. Israel through Noah going through it, protected by God in an ark while God wipes out the earth after Enoch is raptured out, a picture of the Rapture of the church.

2.) Sons of God

These are the fallen angels that left with Satan in Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14. You will find these guys in 2 Peter 2:6 and in Jude 1:6-7. They actually come down and are used of Satan to take over the world

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 2 Peter 2:6

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Jude 1:6

Scholarship rejects this today. They say the sons of God were saved men marrying unsaved women. That is never the case. They produce a race of giants. Chapter 6:4

*4. There were giants in the earth in those days; **and also after that, (Deuteronomy 2:20 is where they come back again while Israel is in Egypt)** when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. Genesis 6:4*

We will talk about that when we get to that point.

3.) The Flood

The flood is a worldwide flood. Many guys today teach it was a local flood. That is totally bogus. It is God’s judgment on a sinful world. You are going to find that God tells Noah to build an ark. He takes all the animals in two by two. He takes the clean animals by seven because

they are going to be used for sacrifice. The flood comes in a rainstorm. When that flood comes, the Bible says that it went so many cubits above the highest mountain. If the highest mountain back then was the highest mountain today, which I am sure it was. It is Mount Everest and it went those cubits above that in 40 days and 40 nights as it rained. That rain came down six inches a minute, 30 feet an hour and 725ft a day. I mean, that is a rainstorm!

I told you about Enoch, raptured out. Noah, type of Israel, into the ark, picture of the tribulation.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: Now you want to get Isaiah 54:9 written into your notes in your Bible because that is where it says that the flood of Noah has something to do with God dealing with the Jew in the tribulation period.

For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

4.) Noah Sending out a Raven and a Dove (Genesis 8)

This is one of the most incredible things you are going to ever find in your Bible. Most people read it, but they don't understand it. Genesis is the book of beginnings. **Genesis lays out everything that you are going to find, every doctrine through the rest of your Bible.** The water starts to come down. The ark has a window in it. That ark has three levels. Picture of the three heavens. Those windows are the windows that you find in the Bible that talks about the windows of heaven that God opens up. So what does he do? Noah, type of God the Father, sends out a dove, sends out a raven. A raven is a blackbird and an unclean animal. A dove is a type of the Holy Spirit of God. The raven goes out and never comes back. The dove goes out and comes back. She finds no rest for her. That is a picture of Genesis 1:1-2. That raven is a picture of the devil that left the throne of God and never comes back. The Holy Spirit of God typified by the dove goes out, finds no rest comes back, waits seven days. He sent the dove out again, but the dove comes back. But this time the dove can't find any rest, but she has a olive branch in her mouth. Picture of the nation of Israel under the law. You see the devil went out and never came back. The dove went out and came back. That is a picture of God dealing with man before the law. When she comes back after the seven days with the olive branch in her mouth that is a picture of God dealing with man under the law. Israel's national tree is an Olive tree. So, Noah waits seven more days, and he sends the dove out again. What happened this time? The dove never comes back. She found a place to rest. Picture of the church age, Holy Spirit of God now resting in you.

5.) The Rainbow (Genesis 9:13)

After the flood there is a rainbow. That is the first time you find a rainbow in your Bible. That rainbow is found only two times in your Bible. The other time is in Revelation 10:1. Those two times will show you that the rainbow coming after the flood. God's judgment on the earth, and the rainbow at the second coming of Christ shows you that the two are pictures of each other.

Law of First Mention:

There are a number of first things: Here in Genesis 6:8 it is the first time you find the word **grace** in the Bible. The first time you find the word **rain** in the Bible. It is the first time you find a **raven** in the Bible and a **dove**. They are all now defined. In Genesis 8:20 the first time you find an **altar** in the Bible. Of course, the first time for the word **rainbow**, Genesis 9:13

BIBLE NOTE TIP: The word rainbow is found only two times in your Bible, here and in Revelation 10:1. Those two times will show you that the rainbow coming after the flood, God's judgment on the earth, and the rainbow at the second coming of Christ, shows you that the two are pictures of each other.

Story #5 Tower of Babel (Genesis 10-11)

There are three key things you need to see here.

1.) One Language. One Speech

We see that the world has one language, one speech. It is unified, it is a one world government. This will be historically a literal one world government bonded together by the unity of one language and one speech. It is also a picture of the one world government the antichrist is going to put together when he shows up. One language, one speech. You are going to find a man who now is another foreshadow of the antichrist. His name is Nimrod.

❖ God is a Trinity

In verses 5-6 they are starting to build this tower, and the Lord comes down to see this tower.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: Now make sure you get this in your Bible. In chapter 11 verse 5-7 the Bible says, "let us go down". The "us" is the trinity. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

This is one of the clearest verses in the Bible that God is a trinity. God comes down and looks at it. This tower wasn't just a radio tower like you see along the freeways or a cell tower.

The Bible says this tower top was going to reach unto heaven. I don't know exactly what it was. I have some ideas. But I know the bottom line was that this tower was to get back in contact with the sons of God that came down in Genesis 6, that were wiped out in the flood. The one world government wants that influence from those sons of God that came down. It has been 200 plus years since the flood, and they are now building this tower whose top may reach unto heaven.

2.) They had Brick for Stone & Slime for Mortar

Look at verse 3. They had brick for stone and slime for mortar. That may not seem like much, but you will notice that stone is God made. Brick is man-made. This is a man-made system of religion. It is not God made. When they make altars, they make them from stones. Bricks are man-made. That is what they made in Egypt. That is what they had the children of Israel making. It is man trying to reconnect with the sons of God in some way to get them back down here. It is a picture of the one world system under the antichrist which is being built right now as we speak. But you can see the picture.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

Genesis is the book of the beginnings. Genesis will show you where everything you see today that is going on started here. But you got to get it in the right context. You got to see it as it is. The only way you can do that is to break it down in its easiest, lowest common denominator.

3.) The Power of Unity

So, God stops it. It has been interesting to me that you have a one world government, all one language and one speech in unity. God himself says. *“Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.”*

That shows you the power of unity. I mean I could preach the rest of the night if we could get that same unity into the church. What we could do for the Lord! What they were doing for the devil with the unity of the world. God came down and saw the potential, and he said whatever they imagine to do, they are going to be able to do it. So he stopped it. I love the way he stopped it. It shows you how God never gets bent out of shape over some big worldwide system. He just throws the smallest monkey wrench into the works. You know what he did? He just changed the language. Today there are nearly over 7,000 different languages. They all come out of the Tower of Babel. When he changed the language he broke the unity. No longer are they one people. There are five, six, thousand languages. Now they can't communicate. They can't talk to each other. They can't work together. What if we were all one language, all with one speech and the greatest minds that ever lived, lived to be 800-900 years old? Where would technology be? After the flood you find that the longevity of life is cut in half. By the time you get to David it is down to around a hundred years, maybe less. By the time you get to Psalms, it is three score and ten. What God did is he cut down the two things that gave man the ability to overthrow God. The longevity of life, the sons of God and his ability to pull a oneness together.

By one little monkey wrench God set man back 5,000 years. That happened 5,000 years ago. We still have not got past what God did. He destroyed the unity. It will not be till the antichrist shows up that he brings that unity back. What is going to happen then? Second coming of Christ, God's going to stop it again. So, you see where it is. God confounded the language and it won't be back till the antichrist shows up.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: You see if you can just get these stories into your Bible. Start to work this out, bracket each one of these stories. Don't try to digest them all at one time. Get the information in a section on your wide margin Bible that it will be right at your fingertips at the beginning of the book.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: Christ is typified a different way in every book of the Bible. In the book of Genesis Christ is typified as the promised seed because it is in Genesis where you begin to see the beginning of the promised seed. You also want to have that right there at the beginning.

You want to have all that information about the book of Genesis right at your fingertips and then you want to break it down story by story in such a way that when you open up Genesis you recognize where the stories are and then you fill in the details. I have given you enough material that you can get a good start on it.

Story #6 Abraham & Isaac (Genesis 12-25)

This is a big section. There are **four major things** that I want you to see here. Within these four things there are lots of other little things.

1.) Abraham the Patriarch, the Father of the Nation of Israel

With Abraham we see the beginning of the nation of Israel. Abraham is the father of the Jews. It goes back to Genesis chapter 15 when God takes Abraham and he shows him the stars of heaven. He tells Abraham that someday his seed is going to be like the stars of heaven.

5. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. Genesis 15:5

The Bible says that Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now we have the man who was going to be the patriarch, the father of the nation of Israel. That was God moving to begin the formulation of the nation of Israel the patriarch, the father of the nation of Israel. Watch it! You want to see these things in your Bible. God moves; the devil moves.

2.) Ishmael & Isaac

He promised Abraham that he was going to give him a son. Abraham is already 80 some years old. Sarah is in her 70's or 80's. How many 80-year-old people have kids? But God wanted to do the possible through the impossible. Abraham loses faith and his wife wants to have a child. So, she has an Egyptian handmaid, Hagar and she gives Hagar to Abraham. She says I can't have a child so take her and have a child with her and that will be the seed that you want. Abraham at that point in his life is still struggling with things in his relationship with God. So, he takes Hagar and she has a baby boy. That boy is Ishmael. Ishmael in time is going to form a race of people, the Arabians who are going to become the Muslims. They are going to be Israel's enemies for the next 6,000 years. All because of a bad choice that Abraham made when God said I am going to promise you a seed. He couldn't believe the promise. He took Hagar and the devil used it.

STUDY TIP: If you study it out Abraham spends the next 13 years out of fellowship with God. Suddenly, when he is 99 years old God appears to Abraham and this is when God gives him the promised seed.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: Nine in your Bible is the number of fruitfulness.

Sarah gives birth to Isaac. Isaac becomes the promised seed. You see the devil trying to destroy that promised seed. The Arabians is where the Muslims come from and this is why the Muslim nation today claim that Abraham is their father too, which they are. They claim they are the promised seed and that is why they hate Israel. It all starts here and it makes sense when you put it into a historical context from the beginning. God had the promised seed to come through Abraham. Isaac is in the line of Christ but because he couldn't trust the promises of God then the devil sticks in Ishmael through Hagar. For the next 5,000 years they are the greatest enemy that Israel has. The problems you are seeing in the Middle East right now are going to escalate into the tribulation and the antisemitism you are seeing in this country and in the Middle East go right back to Genesis. It is the book of the beginnings.

3.) Abraham, for us in an Inspirational Application is a Picture of our Christian Life

It is one of the greatest examples you will find anywhere in the Bible. Abraham starts out not being able to trust God. He can't trust him with Lot. He can't trust him with Hagar. He can't trust him in just about anything. But through the process of his spiritual growth, he becomes God's friend and becomes one of the greatest men in the Bible. There is never a better example for our lives than the life of Abraham. When he gets to the point that he is 99 and he has that fruit (Isaac) this is the first time it happens in the Bible.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: There are seven name changes in the Bible. Seven times that God changes a man or a woman's name. Five of them represent a spiritual growth process. Two of them a spiritual downward process.

Sarai – princess
Abram – high father

Sarah – Mother of many nations
Abraham - Father of many nations

When they get their life turned back to God, God changes their name. It is a picture inspirationally when you and I get to the place in our lives where we pass through the portals and we are going to trust God and do something for God. Leaving the world behind, God changes your name. The apex of Abraham's life and certainly the defining point of his life is found in Genesis 22. This is where he offers Isaac as a sacrifice based on what God told him to do. It is a picture of God offering up His Son for you and for me. You are going to find that in chapter 21:33 you find the word "grove" in your Bible.

And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God. Genesis 21:33

Grove being a line of bushes. You will find those as you get into the Bible.

In Genesis 22:2 the first time the word "love" shows up. It is the first time the word shows up is about a man sacrificing his son.

*And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, **whom thou lovest**, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. Genesis 22:2*

Yet when he tells Abraham to take his boy to make that sacrifice you know where he tells him to go? Mount Mariah. That altar that he laid Isaac on, that he was going to offer up to God, but God stopped him was right on the exact same spot that the cross of Calvary was when Jesus Christ died for you and for me. That is the picture, Mount Mariah.

4.) Lot versus Abraham – Two great contrasts

In chapter 12 through 25 you have two great contrasts. Lot versus Abraham. Lot was Abraham's nephew. Abraham was told not to take Lot when God called him out of Ur of Chaldees, but he didn't listen and he took him. Lot caused him all kinds of problems. There is a great contrast between Abraham and Lot as two types of Christians. Abraham as the right kind of Christian, Lot as the wrong kind of Christian. You find Lot is connected with Sodom and Gomorrah. In Genesis 19 is the first time you find homosexuality in the Bible. God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah.

You will find that in chapter 18-19 the defining of these two men. The defining of Abraham and his relationship with God. The defining of Lot in his relationship with God. The question comes down to, which one are you? Are you a Lot or are you an Abraham? It is one of the greatest models and examples in the Bible. Starting in chapter 18:23 and on down through there you will

find one of the greatest models of prayer anywhere in the Bible by Abraham praying to God for Lot. Incredible stuff.

*And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?
Genesis 18:23*

When you get down into the New Testament when you want a model for prayer for your life where does it start? The book of the beginnings. Everything goes back to Genesis.

STUDY TIP: If you want to find a spouse and you want to find one that is going to be a great biblical marriage it is going to be Genesis 24. There you have a picture of God the Father (Abraham). He has a servant Eleazar, type of the Holy Spirit of God. He wants a Gentile bride for his son Isaac. So, he sends the Holy Spirit of God out to find a Gentile bride that is worthy for Isaac. It is a picture of God the Father sending the Holy Spirit of God out to find you as a Gentile bride for His Son, Jesus Christ. You will find 19 principles in that chapter on what you need to follow to find the right wife or husband.

Story #7 Birth of Jacob and Esau (Genesis 26-27)

Abraham dies in chapter 25:8. It doesn't seem like much, but these are the little things you want to look for in the Bible. Up to this point when everybody died, it just said "and he died". It gives how old they were and that they died. But with Abraham when he dies in Genesis 25:8 this is the first time it shows up that it says Abraham died and was gathered to his people. First time it shows up in the Bible clearly showing you that Abraham is something special to the nation of Israel.

8. Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people. Genesis 25:8

1.) The Birth of Jacob and Esau.

They are twins. An interesting thing here is again the contrast. Jacob is going to represent the nation of Israel and Esau is going to represent the Edomites. In Genesis 25:23 when they are born the Holy Spirit of God tells you there are two nations in her womb. Not just two boys, but two nations.

*23 And the LORD said unto her, **Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.** Genesis 25:23*

Jacob is going to become the 12 tribes of the nation of Israel and Esau is going to become the Edomites. Esau is a worldly man who cares nothing about God's blessing or anything about God. He is the oldest, but he cares nothing about the birthright or the blessing that would come from the father. He sells it all to Jacob. He is deceived by Jacob out of his birthright and blessing over a bowl of chili.

2.) The Edomites – the Second Enemy of the Nation of Israel

Another thing you want to see here is the devil now develops the second enemy against the nation of Israel. This will be from Esau. When we get to the book of Obadiah which is only one chapter, it is the only book in the Bible written against a nation of people. It is written against the Edomites.

Today they have amalgamated into the Middle East with the Arabians, the Ishmaelites and they are the Middle East nations that will go against the Jew with the antichrist. They will get clobbered by God at the second coming of Christ. They are Israel's enemy all down through the Old Testament. Their hatred today of Israel in the Middle East will go back to these two boys and what the devil does. Ishmael and Esau. In Genesis 25:12-17 you will find the generations of Esau. He dies at 137 years old. But before he dies it is very clear in that chapter that he sets up 12 towns with 12 princes counterfeiting the 12 tribes of the nation of Israel.

*16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, **by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.** Genesis 25:16*

*17 **And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.** Genesis 25:17*

Genesis 25:23 says there are two nations in her womb. Over in Romans 9:13 you find this verse shows you how pastors and teachers get off at the beginning and off at the end. In Romans 9:13 the Bible says that God said, “*Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated*”. This has given the Calvinist proof pudding that see God hates some people and they can't be saved and that God loves other people and they can be saved. They think that is proof of predestination. God chose some predestined to heaven, some predestined to hell. Of course nothing could be farther from the truth. When you are off in Genesis you are off the rest of the Bible. Romans 9:13 has nothing to do with the two individual boys. It is the two nations that are in her womb. But you got to go back to the book of the beginnings to figure that out.

Story #8 Life of Jacob (Genesis 28-36)

Like the life of Abraham, the life of Jacob is an incredible study. Not only historically but inspirationally for you and for me. There are four things here you will want to see.

1.) Jacob Starts the Formulation of the 12 Tribes of Israel

With Jacob we see the start of the 12 tribes. We are moving up to the formulation of the nation of Israel. When you first find Jacob in chapter 28, he is running from God. **The name of Jacob means supplanter or schemer.** Jacob is a picture of a Christian who manipulates everything in his life for his own benefit. Yet historically he does the same thing. He schemes to get the blessing. He schemes to get the birthright. He wouldn't have had to do that. Esau would have forfeited that because of the sinful lifestyle that he had. But Jacob cared nothing about God at this point. He is a schemer. He schemed his father-in-law out of cattle. He schemed everybody. He is a picture of a child of God who manipulates every situation for their own self. He is a deceiver and a supplanter.

2.) God Deals with Jacob and Changes his Name

But here again just like in the life of Abraham, God put up with what he was because in Genesis 32 there is a great chapter here when God gets him alone. When God gets him alone, he deals with him by touching the hollow of his thigh. Putting his joint out of socket.

*24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.
Genesis 32:24*

At that point God changes Jacob's name to Israel. From this point on, he is clearly a picture of the nation of Israel with God's blessing. But he walked with a limp for the rest of his life.

*32 And he said, **Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel:** for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. Genesis 32:28*

3.) Inspirationally, it is a Great Picture for You and Me.

Many of God's people do their own thing and God has to come down and take them to the woodshed and the rest of their life they have a limp. Maybe not a physical limp but a limp spiritually that they never forget where they were the day God gets them alone. You see you go to church you can hear preaching; you can hear guys witness to you. You can hear guys tell you what you need to do, and you blow it off. You do nothing about it. You do your own thing. But the day God gets you alone, you will listen. There is no greater picture of that than the life of Jacob. At that point God changed his name. From that point on in chapter 29-30 he has 12 sons.

4.) The 12 Boys Become the 12 tribes of Israel

Now we see the beginning of the 12 tribes. Up to this point we have seen God bring the formulation. But now we actually see 12 boys who are going to become the 12 tribes. They are listed in chapter 29-30. God is moving down through history in the book of Genesis. The book of beginnings, to establish a people unto himself. As I said, inspirationally in the life of Jacob will be a picture of a child of God who will always be doing things his way. Backslidden and out of fellowship. God has to take him to the woodshed.

STUDY TIP: Genesis 32 is one of the greatest chapters that you will ever study for yourself on the day God gets you alone.

Doctrinally it is a picture of Israel's stubbornness. Israel's stubbornness to do their own thing and then God dealing with them and getting them alone in the tribulation period. So you can see the difference.

Story #9 Generations of Esau (Genesis 36)

This will be the generations of Esau. It says in Genesis 36:1 and this is the key:

Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom. Genesis 36:1

You are clearly told now that Esau is a nation of people. Then in verse 43 it tells you that Esau is the father of the Edomites

43 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these be the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he is Esau the father of the Edomites. Genesis 36:43

1.) The Edomites will try to counterfeit the Jews

This chapter is an important story because it shows how that the Edomites will try to counterfeit the Jews. The Edomites are a group of people who will give Israel problems all through the Old Testament. They are from Esau. In 1 Chronicles 18:13 and in Genesis 27:40 we are told that they are made servants to the nation of Israel, the 12 tribes. They have to serve them and it didn't go down well.

*13 And he put garrisons in Edom; and **all the Edomites became David's servants.** Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went. 1 Chronicles 18:13*

*And by thy sword shalt thou live, and **shalt serve thy brother;** and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck. Genesis 27:40*

So, you are going to find in 2 Chronicles 21:8-10 and 2 Kings 8:20 that they revolt against that. They line up against Israel with Nebuchadnezzar and are part of their destruction.

*In his days **Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah,** and made a king over themselves. 2 Kings 8:20*

2.) Doctrinally, this is Where we are Today. They Form the Middle East Nations.

There has been 5,000 years of interbreeding between the Ishmaelites and the Edomites. Those nations no longer exist, but they are now Pakistan, Uzbekistan and all those other places. They are all against the nation of Israel. They will go against the nation of Israel with the antichrist in the tribulation period. They are listed as one of the nations in Psalms 83:5-6. So you can begin to see how important this chapter is.

For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:

The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Psalms 83:5-6

3.) The Destruction of the Edomites

I bring you back to the book of Obadiah. It is the only book in the Bible that is written against a nation of people, the Edomites. The book tells of the destruction of the Edomites because of their going against the nation of Israel.

In the book of Ezekiel chapter 35 it deals with the destruction of the Edomites. In Genesis 36:15 you find the first time the word “duke” is used as a point of political position.

*These were **dukes of the sons of Esau**: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn son of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz, Genesis 36:15*

Along with the 12 princes in Genesis 25:12-16 they are trying to put a title on their boys to counterfeit the titles that God has given to the nation of Israel.

*These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; **twelve princes according to their nations**. Genesis 25:16*

Story #10 The Life of Joseph (Genesis 37-50)

1.) The life of Joseph

The study of the life of Joseph will be one of the greatest stories in all the Bible. In your Bible there are 18 types of men in the Old Testament that foreshadow the coming man of sin, the antichrist. To counter that there are 21 types of Christ. Remember God does things by seven. Three times seven equal twenty-one. The antichrist is eighteen because the number is 666. Six times three equals 18. There are 21 men in the Bible who foreshadow the type of Christ. Christ and typology. **Joseph will be number one.** When you study his life, you will find that Joseph is a type of Christ in over 152 particulars. It is an incredible study.

STUDY TIP: Arthur Pink has a great book on Gleanings in Genesis. He has got a section on the life of Joseph.

❖ Examples of Parallels between Jesus Christ and Joseph

I don't have time to show you all the parallels, but I will show you a few to whet your appetite. Joseph is a type of Christ in chapter 36-37. His brethren, the other 11 boys hate him and they reject him. You are going to find that in chapter 45 through the event that takes place the boys come back into Egypt and God orchestrates it where Joseph reveals himself to them. They rejected him the first time, but they accepted him the second time. You know what? Between the first time and the second time there are seven years. There is your tribulation period.

When Joseph is in Egypt he is thrown into prison. There are two other prisoners that are in there with him. That will be Matthew 27:38 The two thieves that are with Jesus on the cross. One

gets restored on the cross and one get taken into paradise, the other gets killed and dies and goes to hell. Luke 23, the two thieves.

- Joseph and Jesus are both innocent. Isaiah 53:1-8
- Joseph and Jesus are both bound. Genesis 40:3, John 18:12
- Joseph and Jesus are both called Hebrews

You have three days between the death and the restoration just like you have three days from the cross, his death and his resurrection. You are going to find that when you look at the story there are two elements with the Lord's Supper within the story. That will be wine and bread. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

- Jacob will be a type of the nation of Israel Genesis 37:1-3
- Joseph will be a type of Christ.
- The brethren will be the 12 tribes of Israel.
- Egypt will be a type of the world system.

2.) The Inspirational Side – the Coat of Many Colors

Aside from all the doctrinal stuff you have some incredible inspirational things here for us. The life of Joseph is more than just him as a type of Christ. It is an incredible inspirational study. You will find in Genesis 37 one of the things that made the brethren hate him and envy him was that his father gave him a coat of many colors.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. Genesis 37:3

Historically, that is a picture of the father's love for him. He was the beloved of the father like Christ was. Of course, the brethren reject it. Inspirationally it is a picture of your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. That coat of many colors is the blessings that you wear that God gives you in your life because of what you do and what God does with you and what you do for Him.

I have seen many of God's people wear that coat of many colors. Just like in Joseph's situation, other Christians envy them and hate them for it. God's people who are out of fellowship with God are never going to enjoy you being in fellowship with God. When God uses you and won't use them it is going to be just like Joseph and his brethren. That is an incredible story inspirationally to put into your life.

3.) Seeing God Behind the Scenes Protecting Joseph Down in Egypt

Because his brethren hate him, what did they do? They sold him into slavery. They sold Joseph to the Midianites and he winds up down in Egypt. Yet we see from that story which actually happened by the unfolding events how that God even though they sold him into slavery, even though that they hated him; God was behind the scenes and had a bigger plan than the brothers ever had in trying to destroy him. You see him being sold into slavery down into Egypt but then

you see the providential the hand of God in every aspect of his life, guiding him, protecting him. Using the circumstances to bring him through God's way. The lessons for that are for you and me. As I am telling you this, folks, I don't care what you go through in life. I don't care how bad it seems. I don't care what it looks like. I don't care what they try to do to you. When you are wearing that coat of many colors, God is going to get you through everything in Egypt. He is going to get you through Pharaoh's jail. He is going to get you through Pharaoh's accusations. He is going to get you through everything that comes up against you because you are going His way.

4.) Joseph gets Restored to His Brethren – *Picture of God revealing Himself in the Tribulation*

In chapter 45 he gets restored to his brethren. He goes through that system, and you will see it in there that he has his brethren keep coming back. He knows who they are. They don't know who he is and he has such a burden because he loves his brethren. Finally, it comes to the point where he can't stand it anymore. The final time that they all come in he tells all the people in the court to leave. Then with just him and his brethren, he reveals himself. Who he really is. It is a picture of God revealing Himself to the Jew in the tribulation period. Then there is great weeping. There is great sorrow on their part. They are sorry for what they did. They know they have done wrong.

5.) Joseph Sees the Big Picture

Joseph's response shows that he has the big picture. He didn't take it personal. He saw God's hand in protecting him through the jail, through the prisons, through everything that he had to go through that they put him under. He saw God's hand in all of that. He wasn't angry at his brothers because he saw what God was doing. He saw how God brought him into Egypt so that their lives could be preserved. Then he makes one of the greatest statements in all the Bible. They are asking his forgiveness. They are weeping for what they did and with all the wisdom of Solomon, he says to them. "It is okay. You meant it for my evil, but God meant it for my good."

But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Genesis 50:20

It doesn't get any better than that. When you get to the point in your life that you can see life that way, nothing will stop you, no matter what they try to do to you. They may mean it for your evil, but God uses it for His good.

6.) Joseph Gets Elevated to the Second Position in the Kingdom

Then we see Joseph get elevated to the second position in the kingdom. There are three men in your Bible that represent God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Abraham represents God the Father; Joseph gets elevated to the second position, God the Son and Daniel gets lifted up to the third position, the Holy Spirit. So he interprets dreams as a type of the Holy Spirit. This is the kind of stuff you want to get in your Bible.

7.) There are 66 Souls that Came with Jacob into Egypt, 66 books in your King James Bible

Now watch this. This is what makes you fall in love with the word of God. Genesis 46:26. If I didn't know there was a mind behind the King James Bible any other way, I would know it by things like this. So they get restored and in Genesis 46. He says "Go back and get my father and get everybody." Everybody comes down to Egypt. He is in second position now. I will take care of you. Come on down to Egypt. So, they all go back and pack up the dad. They pack up everybody in Genesis 46:26. Remember Egypt is a type of the world. When we get into Exodus, I will show you why they had to go down to Egypt. It was part of a prophecy given to Abraham. This is the last thing you find in Genesis. The Bible says salvation is of the Jew. So when those Jews go down to Egypt the type of the world the Bible tells you in that verse there are sixty-six of them. There are sixty-six books in your Bible typified by the nation of Israel going into the world. That is the Bible that God has given you.

*All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, **all the souls were threescore and six;** Genesis 46:26*

Then it says in chapter 50:26 the book ends with Joseph dying. Joseph is put in a coffin in Egypt and that is last thing you find in Genesis. The book of the beginnings that man is now in a coffin dead in trespasses of sin. The next book is Exodus, the redemption of man out of that coffin through the blood of a lamb.

*So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in **a coffin in Egypt.** Genesis 50:26*