

Genesis Part 1 Intro & Day One of Creation Genesis 1:1

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By looking at the Births of the Genealogy from Adam to Joseph we deduct that Creation was about 4005 BC (Show Chart)

GENESIS is the book of beginnings. It records not only the beginning of the heavens and the earth, and of plant, animal, and human life, but also of all human institutions and relationships. Typically, it speaks of the new birth, the new creation, where all was chaos and ruin. With Genesis begins also that progressive self-revelation of God which culminates in Christ. The three primary names of Deity, Elohim, Jehovah, and Adonai, and the five most important of the compound names, occur in Genesis; and that in an ordered progression which could not be changed without confusion.

The inspiration of Genesis and its character as a divine revelation are authenticated by the testimony of Christ (Mat_19:4-6; 24:37-39; Mar_10:4-9; Luk_11:49-51; 17:26-29; 32; Joh_1:5; 7:21-23; 8:44, 56-58).

Genesis is in five chief divisions: Creation (Gen_1:1 to Gen_2:25) The fall and redemption (Gen_3:1 to Gen_4:7). The Diverse Seeds, Cain and Seth, to the Flood (Gen_4:8 to Gen_7:24). The Flood to Babel (Gen_8:1 to Gen_11:9). From the call of Abram to the death of Joseph (Gen_11:10 to Gen_50:26).

The events recorded in Genesis cover a period of 2,315 years (Ussher).

Vs 1 beginning: Job 38:1-7, Psa_102:24-25, Psa_104:5; Heb_1:2, 10 Joh_1:1-3, 14, 1Jn_1:1

God Names Used

(Old Testament): Service Mal_3:18

a Trinity: Mat_28:19 Name in this verse is singular

All-creator: Act_17:29

character of, in Nahum: Nah_1:2

fatherhood of, to Israel: Mal_1:6

kingdom of, defined: Mat_6:33

names of, in Old Testament: Mal_3:18 Elohim

New Testament name of Jesus(iesous): Mat_28:18-19

visible in Christ: Joh_1:18, Mat_11:27; Luk_10:22;

Elohim, OT used 2605 times as God the trinity 2366

'ĕlôhîym

el-o-heem'

Plural of H433; gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative: - angels, X exceeding, God (gods) (-dess, -ly), X (very) great, judges, X mighty.

commonly translated God in our version, and Jehovah, translated Lord. yehôvâh
yeh-ho-vaw'

From H1961; (the) self Existent or eternal; Jehovah, Jewish national name of God: - Jehovah, the Lord.

Elohim is the plural of Eloah, (in Arabic, Allah); it is often used in the short form, El, (a word signifying strength, as in El-Shaddai, God Almighty, the name by which God was specially known to the patriarchs. Gen_17:1; Gen_28:3; Exo_6:3.

Jehovah denotes specifically the one true God, whose people the Jews were, and who made them the guardians of his truth. The name is never applied to a false god, nor to any other being except one, the Angel-Jehovah who is, thereby, marked as one with God, and who appears again, in the New Covenant, as "God manifested in the flesh."

Thus much is clear; but all else is beset with difficulties. At a time too early to be traced, the Jews abstained from pronouncing the name, for fear of its irreverent use. The custom is said to have been founded on a strained interpretation of Lev_24:16, and the phrase there used, "The Name", (Shema), is substituted by the rabbis for the unutterable word. In reading the Scriptures, they substituted for it

the word Adonai, (Lord), from the translation of which by Kurios, in the Septuagint (LXX) followed by the Vulgate, which uses Dominus, we have the Lord of our version. The substitution of the word Lord is most unhappy, for it in no way represents the meaning of the sacred name.

The key to the meaning of the name is unquestionably given in God's revelation of himself to Moses by the phrase "I AM that I AM", Exo_3:14; Exo_6:3.

Genesis Part 2 Day One of Creation Genesis 1:2-5

Vs 2 There are lots of speculation on if vs 1 and 2 have a gap to allow for the fall of Satan. But lets consider a few facts that probably we if we actually knew what existed before Earth it would be beyond our understanding anyway. I personally just take for granted that we are here and were created by God thru the Creation As it states in the Psalms we know God exists Psm 8:3,19:1 and Paul confirms Rom 1:20, Heb 11:3. So scientists keeps trying to find a non creation way to explain why we are here and any body who can clearly see we did not start with Goo from the Zoo to me and you. I believe the next few verses in them self show evolution is impossible.

Without form Job_26:7; Isa_45:18; Jer_4:23

I like here to try and explain how I see the trinity, God the Father is a Spirit stated right here in vs 2 and

Spirit: Job_26:14; Psa_33:6, Psa_104:30; Isa_40:12-14

Now as we see in Jesus as the Son of God 2nd part of the trinity is a physical form of God as we see in the OT Also Gen 3:8,17:1-4,18:1-3,9-10, 20-26, 26:2 Josh 5:13-15

And the Holy Spirit is available in the Old Testament as needed to gain understanding and knowledge. Unlike God the Father who is everywhere at once the holy spirit indwells us

So as I like to use as an analogy is water Jesus even stated he was the Living water now real water has 3 states that we are all aware of and can be viewed in 3 states also Ice (Physical form Jesus) Water (Spiritual form Holy Spirit which Jesus Gives

Jon 4:10,13-14, Joh_7:37-39;) and steam (Everywhere from God the Father) but still water H2O kind of interesting that the chemical makeup of water is 1 parts Oxygen 2 parts Hydrogen. (Oxy Breath of Life Gen 2:7, Isa 42:5)

Vs 3 First Day Light (made to Appear) we saw the heavens and Earth were formed in vs 1 so the sense of the Hebrew here is that the light appeared not made where the Sun was created in day 4 so as its been discovered Light is a physical property and if you ask a scientist what is light well it can be a wave like a radio type wave or can be packets . when you run it thru a prism white light divides into the basic colors. Hence the reason the rainbow looks like it does filtered thru Rain soaked air. God in Job_38:19; says a very interesting statement which is fascinating when you contplate it. We were taught Darkness is the absence of light but not completely. Since they have discovered black holes its been found that it appears black due to gravitational pull. Light cant escape. Hence it being a physical property.

Vs 4 Saw it was good. Now this statement is of interest to us who don't believe Satan fell prior to creation or between vs 1 & 2. You will notice God says hes creation is good but if rebellion and sin already happen I don't think he would use the word good Jumping forward to vs 31 God states his Creation all of it is very Good, Well if his most trusted Cheabim had rebelled and sinned I don't think he would make this statement since all the heavenlies were created also. Isa 14:12-14, Ezk 28:12-18

Vs 5 Interestingly here God defines day and night but the Sun is not created until day 4 so this may be that God is the producer of Light and is providing the light here as we also see in 2 sences first as our spirit of Rightness from God Isa_45:7; Jer_33:20(promise of Jesus); 1Co_3:13; Eph_5:13-14; 1Th_5:5-9 and as light we see in the Millium kingdom Re 21:23-25 Almost seeing that Light means Salvation Darkness evil.

Genesis Part 3 Day Two - Four of Creation Genesis 1:6-19

Vs 6-7 Show Picture As we see our world was a bit different here as it appears we had a Firmament of Water not only here on earth which covers 70% of the earth's

service but also one above the first Heaven. With this canopy of water above the earth is why most believe we lived longer before the flood as we see in the Genealogy we will get to in Chapter 5 and depleted on this chart . Prov 8:28-29 realize also before the flood it did not rain so this is not talking about rain clouds. We will see in future lessons that Eden had a mist of sorts that watered the plants.

Heaven there are three as we see in the following verses 2Co_12:2 to which he was caught up implies high heaven where God Resides, which he reached after passing through the first heaven the air, and the second the sky of the stars (Eph_4:10). Heb_7:26, "made higher than the heavens," for Christ "passed through the heavens" (Heb_4:14, Greek), namely, the aerial heaven and the

SO this canopy was most believe between the first and second heaven like a layer of our atmosphere. Day 2 complete Lets take inventory as I believe its important to see how these have to be 24 hour days.

Day. The variable length of the natural day, at different seasons, led, in the very earliest times, to the adoption of the civil day, (or one revolution of the sun), as a standard of time. The Hebrews reckoned the day from evening to evening, Lev_23:32, deriving it from Gen_1:5 "the evening and the morning were the first day.

So so far God has made the Heavens and earth with Light now and Water above and below the surface of the earth. Dry land is next

Vs 9 Day three Job_26:10, Job_38:8-12(God giving Job a science quiz); Psa_95:5,136:5-9; Pro_8:28-29; Jon_1:9; 2Pe_3:5;

Vs 11-12 Interesting here is plant life created but we know that plants cant grow without the light of the Sun. which hasn't been created yet. So here if we had symbolic days like some like to say each day is more than 24 hours. Like millions of years, well these plants would not survive with out light for very long. This is what I ment by to me the creation order has to be days that even if it was months or years the plants cant surviv with out all the elements for photo synthesis. Sunlight, Water, Carbon Dioxide and earth at this point we only have 2 elements water and earth. Now Gods providing the light at the moment until we have a Sun tomorrow. Psa_104:14-17, Psa_147:8;

Vs 13 Day three completed.

Vs 14-16 Psm 104:19 Important note here God made the Sun and Moon some try to say these were created in vs 1 with the heavens and that it was hidden before vs 2 due to Satans fall. But we see right here they were Made not revealed or uncovered. For me im still in the 6-24 hour day creationist. Also note the stars were created so for me the reference in vs 1 is of the third heaven which includes the Angels. On that note we also know the Angels watched God create Earth. Jb 38:4-7

Vs 17 Placed them in the Heaven above earth at this point God seems to want us to know when the Sun started shining on the earth on day 4. Kida blows any longer period of creation in my mind anyway. We could spend hours talking about all the things God created that require each other from bacteria all the way up to the Stars and planets.

I might also point out here for those who are concerned that the planet is going to self destruct soon we have God promises Gen_8:22, Gen_9:13; I love this passage also as this confirms God is real also what God states here was not known until modern times with very precise telescopes Job_38:31-32;

Genesis Part 4 Day Five & Six Creatures of Creation Genesis 1:20-25

Vs 21 here Winged Fowl mentioned in the Bible is a Leviton mentioned in Job 41:1-34, Psa_74:14, Psa_104:26, Isa_27:1

livyâthân

liv-yaw-thawn'

From H3867; a wreathed animal, that is, a serpent (especially the crocodile or some other large sea monster); figuratively the constellation of the dragon; also as a symbol of Babylon: - leviathan, mourning.

Dragon which remember the word Dinosaurs is a fairly new word and was used when they started finding these bones about 1841.

In 1841, Sir Richard Owen, an English biologist and paleontologist, came up with the name “dinosaur” to describe the extinct reptile fossils. The name comes from the Greek words “deinos,” meaning terrible, and “sauros,” meaning lizard.

The largest crocodile is the Saltwater Crocodile, which can grow up to 23.0 ft (7.0 m) in length, weighing 2,200 – 2,600 lb and lives about 50-75 years

So if this croc say lived to 800 years the size would continue to grow and could have reached the size of the Dinosaurs like brontosaurus is about 66 feet long head to tail or the Tyrannosaurus Rex (T-Rex) was one of the largest predatory dinosaurs that ever existed. Tyrannosaurus is a carnivore popularly known for its large 5' | 1.5 m skull, ferocious serrated teeth, small useless arms, strong tail, and powerful bipedal legs.

Tyrannosaurus Rex was 40' (12.3 m) in length, with a height of 17' (5.2 m), width of 6' (1.8 m), and hip height of 12'-13' (3.7-4 m). Tyrannosaurus Rex weighed roughly 18,500-30,800 lb (8.4-14 metric tons).

Vs 24 Beast of the Earth ? Earth based Dinos in Job 40:15-24 behemoth: בהמות [H930], Perhaps an extinct dinosaur, maybe a Diplodocus or Brachiosaurus, the exact meaning is unknown. Some translate as elephant or hippopotamus but from the description in Job_40:15-24, this is patently absurd.

But as the verse says it had a tail like a cedar so its could also be either but I lean towards a Brontasauros.

Vs 25 Creepeth IE Snake? Job_26:13

So we will stop here Man is next and we will get into that next time.

Genesis Part 5 Day Six God Created Mankind Genesis 1:26-31

Vs 26 And God (ělôhîym Plural of ělôahh Diety; gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God;)

Said Let Us Make Man in Our(Father, Son & Holy Spirit) Image

Then Likeness (dem-ooth' resemblance; concretely model, shape; adverbially like: -fashion, like (-ness, as), manner, similitude.)

So I was led to share a bit of a concern as to our relationship with some fellow churches in our town. I want to say up front I feel they are very Moral people great citizens and I in no way am saying anything bad about them as people. Very Family oriented and deserve our prayers for Salvation. Great work ethic and if I had a business I would hire them. But I would not allow them to teach at our Church and I'm sure they would not allow us to speak at their Church. I know of a man that tried and was asked to leave when he tried to pass out tracts at their Church.

I myself have family members who attend this church also and in my research am sure that most don't know what they are being taught.

The church I'm speaking of is the Church of Jesus Christ of LDS commonly referred to as Mormons as it's the name of their primary source of revelation from God. They will say they believe in parts of the Bible but say it's been corrupted so the book of mormon is their primary source.

. My main focus in sharing this is I believe they are part of our outreach as Christians to share the True Jesus Christ of the Bible not the one they pray to.

There are many videos I could share to help understand the issues with their beliefs and I will put a few in the remarks below. It would take hours to list all the differences of Doctrine. But I mainly want to share what we believe which contradicts what they believe. Like when tellers are learning how to identify counterfeit money they are not taught by handling the fake money but the real money and when a counterfeit comes into their window it's easy to notice the fake one since you're so used to the real one.

So as a refresher lets start with some truths of the Bible of who GOD is: Is there more than one God?

- Isaiah 43:10-12—No god formed before Him, and no god formed after Him.
- Isaiah 44:8—He knows of no other god.

Has God changed from a man to a god?

- Psalm 90:2—God has been God from everlasting to everlasting.
- Malachi 3:6—God doesn't change.
- Your God is not perfect if He changes.

Does God have a body?

- 1 Kings 8:27—A building could not contain God.
- Jeremiah 23:23–24—The LORD is near, and He fills the heavens and the earth.
- 1 Timothy 6:15–16—No one has seen God, nor is anyone able to see God.
- John 1:18—No man has seen God at any time.
- 1 Timothy 1:17—God is invisible.

Do you worship Jesus?

- Matthew 28:9, 2:11—People worship Jesus, and they aren't struck down.
- Exodus 34:14—We are to worship no other god—therefore, Jesus and the Father aren't two separate gods.

God is NOT a created Being and there is only ONE GOD. Who has the ability to manifest himself in 3 ways. God the father as a spirit everywhere at once, God the Son as the physical form of God who can interact with us in person, and God the Holy Spirit that indwells the Christian after salvation.

So one of the first things to consider is that the LDS believe God is a created Being that through good works has risen Himself to be the supreme god Leader of All. He also produced 2 children(the regular way thru intercourse(see Luke 1:34-35) Jesus Christ and Lucifer (Satan) who are spirit brothers.

So that's the main difference and the most important for us. They will try to convince you of how to prove what they believe is true is to pray to God and ask God if the book of Mormon is true? This comes from there book of mormen in Moroni 10:4-5 which reads

And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things

Which in itself contradicts what the Bible says in 1 Thess 5:20-21 examine all prophetic utterances carefully and Acts 17:11

So based on that lets look at Bibical Tests for New Revelations,

Deut 13:1-3, Gal 1:8

So basically f the test offered is to Pray about the Book of Mormen to be true to accept the test it offers as valid which that verse I mentioned says to do contradicts what the Bible itself says is a valid test of any Prophecy and as a matter of fact God thru Paul in 2 Thess 2:10-11 says just the opposite that if we believe in something not in scripture as the truth God will allow them to believe the Lie.

As an example have you ever prayed about whether Adultery is ok or anything else Like Murder or other religions like Islam is true ignoring the Bible? Probably not since its obvious what the Bible says about those activities. An Jesus Reveled thru John(Rev 1:1) in Rev 22:18-20 is very specific that if you add to this book you will suffer the Plagues that are written in this book

And they remove scripture also is that they say the only true book is the book of Mormon and the Bible has been corrupted so not to trust all of it. They will quote from it but very specific verses and actually are not allowed to study certain verses and Joseph Smith there founder will tell you which ones are corrupted . so they will also claim they use the KJV also but only certain parts.

So there are many other issues and I don't want to turn this into a bashing of the people that attend that Church but to yourself be a good Berean

Acts 17:10-11 These (Berea's) were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Genesis Part 6 Day Six of Creation Mankind Genesis 1:26-31

Okay after a review of who God is let's continue with Creation of Mankind which includes Women also.

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Vs 26-27 man: In Hebrew, Adam; probably so called either from the red earth of which he was formed, or from the blush or flesh-tint of the human countenance. The name is intended to designate the species.

In the Image Psa_139:14; Isa_43:3,7 (God Speaking); Eph_2:10, Eph_4:24;

Male & Female Gen_2:21-25, Gen_5:2; Mat_19:4; Mar_10:6;

Vs 28 Replenish is not what it sounds like as to replace what was already here like after a disaster. But in a broad sense to Fill

mâlê' mâlâ'

maw-lay', maw-law'

A primitive root, to fill or (intransitively) be full of, in a wide application (literally and figuratively): - accomplish, confirm, + consecrate, be at an end, be expired, be fenced, fill, fulfil, (be, become, X draw, give in, go) fully (-ly, -ly set, tale), [over-] flow, fulness, furnish, gather (selves, together), presume, replenish, satisfy, set, space, take a [hand-] full, + have wholly.

Some other examples where its translated Filled Gen_6:11 (2), Gen_6:13,
Gen_21:19

Only 5 times is it translated Replenish Jer_31:25, Eze_26:2,
Eze_27:25

and its kind of like “I feel replenished after good nights sleep”,

God also tells man to “subdue” the earth. This, I think, is the basis of learning and of scientific exploration in our day. One of the Proverbs says this: “It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter” (Pro_25:2).

God hides diamonds way down in the earth and God also puts the treasures down where man has to dig for them, and I believe that today the same thing is true about knowledge. I think it is true about the study of the Word of God. God wants us to go into the laboratory to use the test tube and the microscope, but unfortunately man comes out with an atom bomb, and he is trying to destroy the human family in our day.

“And have dominion” is God's instruction to man. Adam was not just a gardener to cut the grass. Man was created to rule this earth. I think that Adam could control the weather just as we control the air-conditioning in our homes. He ruled this earth. This is what we see in the Lord Jesus. When He was here on this earth, He had control over nature. He could say to a storm, “Be still.” He could feed a multitude with five loaves and two fishes. It is my opinion that Adam could have done all of that until his fall. At the Fall he lost the dominion that God had given him.

vs 29 so prior to the flood they were Vegaterians Meat use in this verse just means in the Greek (ôklâh

ok-law' Feminine of H401; food: - consume, devour, eat, food, meat.)

I also point out that we see that the full grown tree came first as we see the seed is in the fruit.

So he does provide as stated here and following Mat_6:11, Mat_6:25-26;
Act_14:17

But I believe also as we will see in Chapter 3 that we are to work for it. He just provides the resource for use to gather and prepare. I like the analogy of the man who sat on his couch and was praying for God to provide the food. I can here God now saying this verse Gen 3:19, Psalm 128:2, Proverbs 6:8 so as Paul reminds us 2 Thes 3:10 if we want to eat we should be working. Now I know that there are times we don't have resources and I fully support us helping one another and use of public services but not as a crutch to be lazy. And actually, if you are sitting on a couch waiting it may not come until you ask.

Vs 30 same for the animals and insects, Have you ever seen how busy wildlife is at the task of providing for their families? My favorite are bees. They gather sun up to sundown collecting pollen to make honey and provide for the hive. And produce so much we can harvest it and still leave plenty for the hive. Or the momma bird getting worms to feed to her babies. Amazing how God has provided the resources we need. We just have to go get it.

Vs 31 Very Good Job_38:7; Psa_19:1-2, Psa_104:24, Psa_104:31;

Sixth day Exo_20:11

so Creation complete and tomorrow we will start chapter 2 one day left and one God takes seriously. A day of Rest at least one per week notice it states Very Good and as a final note I can't see God saying that the creation of Evil is very Good. I honestly think that what caused Satan to fall was Pride and Joyously. With him being the top Angel he got jealous of Man being created in God's image.

I believe that's why God sees Pride as a pretty severe Sin as we have heard the main things that get us in trouble 1 John 2:16, But not money itself but the Love of it 1 Tim 6:10

Part 7 Genesis 2:1-9 Day of Rest and Further Details of Creation

Vs 2 rested Heb 1:4, 8-10

Vs 3 First called the Sabbath Ex 16:23-26, 23:12 and all that work for us. I think its important to understand why God set aside one day to rest from our Labor, But like anything it can become something it did not intend to be. Jesus spoke on this at length during his ministry. Mar_2:24-27; So like today we cant always pick a certain day but should choose at least one. I do miss the days tho that Sunday nothing but Church and Family time enjoy fellowship with friends neighbors and family. A day where almost nothing was open and only emergency services worked.

Vs 4 First mention of the word LORD God LORD (Heb. Jehovah)(1) The primary meaning of the name LORD (Jehovah) is the "self-existent One." Literally (as in Exo_3:14), "He that is who He is, therefore the eternal I AM:"

But Havah, from which Jehovah, or Yahwe, is formed, signifies also "to become," that is, to become known, thus pointing to a continuous and increasing self-revelation. Combining these meanings of Havah, we arrive at the meaning of the name Jehovah. He is "the self-existent One who reveals Himself." The name is, in itself, an advance upon the name "God" (El, Elah, Elohim), which suggests certain attributes of Deity, as strength, etc., rather than His essential being.

(2) It is significant that the first appearance of the name Jehovah in Scripture follows the creation of man. It was God (Elohim) who said, "Let us make man in our image" (Gen_1:26); but when man, as in the second chapter of Genesis, is to fill the scene and become dominant over creation, it is the Lord God (Jehovah Elohim) who acts. This clearly indicates a special relation of Deity, in His Jehovah character, to man, and all Scripture emphasizes this.

Other References 1Ki_18:39; 2Ch_20:6;

So God created all things as follows and I like to point out that Jesus as part of God was there also John 1:1,14 this I believe is when the Angels including Lucifer was created also base on the wording here of vs 4 when the Lord God had created them

Vs 5 no rain until after the flood Gen 7:4, Job_5:10

till the ground Gen 3:23

vs 7 Man Mt 19:4-6, Mk 10:6, 1 corth 15:45-47

vs 8 Eden means Delight

Part 8 Genesis 2:10-15 Can we Discover Where is Eden

Vs 10 My best theory is Eden is current day Israel and the river flowed from Jerusalem as it will again during the Millennium Kingdom Lets compare a few verses River went out from Eden to the Garden. We see in the new Kingdom a similar river Rev 22:1-3 which also had a tree of Life we see in the Garden also Gen 2:9 and as a final proof we know a curse was placed on the Garden which will be removed in Rev 22:3. So I can see that Eden is current day Jerusalem which Jesus will rebuild in the Millennium Kingdom. Ezk 47:1-12

So based on this the map shown could be the original layout but based on the flood these rivers changed and even became seas like the Red Sea which heads towards Ethiopia current Jordan River south thru dead sea and towards red sea. But I can see the Nile as a possibility also. We also know that Noah based on the resting place of the Ark was in this general area also and that Life starting with Noah spread from the Fertial crescent as its called today

Vs 11 Pison (dispersive) we see a reference to one of Noah's decendents and near Egypt Ham which settled Africa Gen 10 is called the list of the original nations and are used to see how ancient names of the Bible equate to modern places today. Gen_10:6-7, Gen_10:29, Gen_25:16-18; 1Sa_15:7

Vs 13 Gihon a spring in Israel and could be under land now as a spring Just speculation but somehow at this time it went to either the Nile or Red sea area to get to Ethiopia

At this point I might also state that rivers flow based on altitude and we do know that the mountain ranges today are different then before the flood. So the flow direction may be different today than prior flood when God flooded the earth he

used underground water as we will study in Chapter 6-8 Gen 8:1-3 so even tho the Nile runs north now towards the Med it could have been going south like all the others did. Mention reversing river in Canada

Vs 14 we see today Hiddekel is the Tigris and the Euphrates as we know it today

Hiddekel: Dan_10:4, The Tigris we know Daniel was in Babylon so this verse confirms the Tigris

toward the east of: or, eastward to, Gen_10:11, Gen_10:22, same direction both of them Gen 25:18

Euphrates: Gen_15:18; Deu_1:7, Deu_11:24; Rev_9:14

Vs 15 put: Gen_2:8; Psa_128:2; Eph_4:28

Part 9 Genesis 2:16-25 First Covenants & Creation of Woman

Vs 15-16 So lets start by talking about Covenants as we are starting the first one Here The warning this is known as the Edenic Covenant (Covenant Definition 1: a usually formal, solemn, and binding agreement) when God Commanded Adam to not eat of one certain tree, Now this is the first of 8 covenants God will pronounce on Mankind of which as a sovereign God He can't change. As we used to say with certain promises No Do overs. Here are the Eight as we will see as we continue to study: which correlate with 7 Dispensations (means "a system of order, government, or organization of a nation, community, etc., especially as existing at a particular time." Looking through the Bible, we can find seven distinct dispensations, or "ways of doing things" that were God-ordered and God-ordained. Each dispensation has a purpose in the overall story.) (slides)

Heb 8:8-13

Tree interestingly that Jesus ends this transgression on a tree Acts 5:30, 10:39-40, 1 Pet 2:24 and of course we will see the tree of Life again in Rev 2:7, 22:2

Vs 17 for in that day Rom 5:12, 1 Corth 15:21-22 Physical Gen 3:19 and Spiritual Gen 3:3 Death Adam and soon Eve were made fully aware

But first lets have the first wedding

Vs 18 help 1 corth 11:8-12

Meet (fit)

Vs 21 So Now let talk about our great partners as we see God create our Better Halves. Woman I wonder if we each have a rib in common with a woman somewhere on earth

Vs 22 Brought Her unto the Man very symbolic of the wedding ceremony where the Woman is brought to the Man as the Bridal procession and as we also will be presented to the Lord during the rapture as the bride of Christ to meet the Lord in the Air 1 Thess 4:16-18

Vs 23 This Is (a type) Eve

Eve, type of the Church as bride of Christ Joh_3:28; Joh_3:29; 2Co_11:2; Eph_5:25-32; Rev_19:7; Rev_19:8

Part 10 Genesis 3:1-7 The Fall of Satan and Mankind

Vs 1 I think we need to consider is we don't have a timeframe from the creation until the fall. Many like to say Satan fell in Gen 1:1 but I believe it happen at some point between Chapter 2 & 3. Lets look at the account of the Fall of Lucifer to become Satan We see here in vs 1 He is referenced as the Serpent and when it comes to the serpent Satan is most likely indwelling the Serpent

So its possible as we see the fallen state to remember there are snakes who have beautiful colorization and I remember my kids handling some at a zoo once

The are graceful in there movement and at least here with Eve she was not in fear of them. The serpent, in his Edenic form, is not to be thought of as a writhing reptile. That is the effect of the curse Gen_3:14. The creature which lent itself to Satan may well have been the most beautiful as was the most "subtle" of creatures less than man. Traces of that beauty remain despite the curse. Every movement of a serpent is graceful, and many species are beautifully coloured. In the serpent, Satan first appeared as "an angel of light" 2Co_11:14.He is referenced

as a serpent in Rev 12:9, 14-15, 20:2 and for his fall its recorded in Isa 14:12-14 . also

son of the morning

Isa_14:12-14 evidently refer to Satan, who, as prince of this world-system (see "World," Joh_7:7 (See Scofield on Rev_13:8) is the real unseen ruler of the successive world- powers. Tyre, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, etc. (see Eze_28:12-14 Lucifer, "day-star," can be none other that Satan. This tremendous passage marks the beginning of sin in the universe. When Lucifer said, "I will," sin began

So in the passages we can see Satan was very beautiful to look at and the typical images of a Horned man with a pitch fork of sorts is far from his appearance. So as the world will see in the future he will deceive once again an entire world thru his man antichrist coming sooner than most believe.

Vs 2-3 interesting parrell on touch is seen as a commandment in Ex 19:12-13 and actually God didn't say touch but only eat of it Gen 2:17 so I can see Eve testing the waters by touching the tree and nothing happens so satan states the following

Vs 6 so we see this same tattic when Satan tempted Jesus in Matt 4:1-11, 1 Jonh 2:16 and we can see that Eve just with here statement in vs 3 about touching it she was primed for a deception and doubted herself as to what God said. Satan will always hit us in our biggest weakness for the attack so Like Jesus in Matt we need to be read up on the word to be ready to know the wiles of the Devil Eph 6:10-18 and vs 18 I like to call the heavy Artillery PRAYER

So we have the deception and Satan has her in doubt of what God said so she gives in and the rest is history but honestly haven't we all been there when it comes to temptation and Like us Im sure Eve was forgiven.

Vs 7 Notice here that they made clothes of vegetation but that wont be good enough and God shows us in Verse 21 that only by the shedding of innocent blood are our sins forgiven a future prophecy of Jesus Blood shed for many for the remission of sin Matt 26:28

Part 11 Genesis 3:7-15 God Keep His Word & Sin Enters Creation

So here we enter the second dispensation of Conscience They new now they had sinned and tried to hid themselves. Boy are we guilty of that. We love to avoid discipline as a child and try to justify it to lesson the punishment. Well when it comes to God he sees all now hiding from him is not possible prov 15:3, Ecc 12:13-14, Jer 23:24, Heb 4:12 and many more

Vs 8 Walking in the Garden what an awesome day that will be when we have a physical presence with God an as Ive discussed in prior lessons I believe this is Jesus as the physical presence of the Triune God. My Favorite is when Abraham meet with the 3 men about Sarah's having a baby and Sodom and Gomorrah in Gen 18 here is a few verses but the whole chapter we will study later vs 1-5

Heard the voice of the Lord Deu_4:33, Deu_5:25

cool of the day: Heb. wind, Job_34:21-22, Job_38:1l might point out that every time you see God the Father it's a voice out of the shy. Like he has no physical presence except thru Jesus Like we see especially when The Father speaks about Jesus during his ministry Jn 1:18, Mt 3:17, Mk 1:11 to name a few

Hid Job_31:33,34:22; Pro_15:3; Jer_23:24; Amo_9:2-3,, Jon_1:3,9-10;

Vs 9 we know he knew even before Eve ate the Fruit this was going to happen. Kind of a rhetorical question as probably most days when God came to visit Adam and Eve were eager to see him and was not hiding. God already knew the answer

Vs 10 Honesty always the best policy But it was more that thy we ashamed Exo_32:25; Isa_47:3; Rev_3:17-18, Rev_16:15 Based on these verses it seems this nakedness is more about being ashamed than actually having no clothes or both in Adam & Eves case.

Vs 11-13 it would seem also that they did disobey God but it almost seems that they were doing pretty good up to now but once Satan brought in doubt and the Lust of the Eyes took over But also Satan ends up with the worse punishment as we see in

vs 14 which lasts even for the snake into the Mililumium Kingdom Isa 65:25 and now we talk about the First Prophecy about the Solution thru Jesus.

Part 12 Genesis 3:15 War Begins Between Satan's Seed and Christ

Vs 15 I want to concentrate here on the word seed and notice we have 2 seeds. One for Satan and one for the Woman so lets look at some verses on these topics first we have Enmity which is defined as a war

EN'MITY, n.

1. The quality of being an enemy; the opposite of friendship; ill will; hatred; unfriendly dispositions; malevolence. It expresses more than aversion and less than malice, and differs from displeasure in denoting a fixed or rooted hatred, whereas displeasure is more transient.

I will put enmity between thee and the woman. Gen 3.

The carnal mind is enmity against God. Rom 8:21-22 As we see Here this Curse applies to creation also.

2. A state of opposition.

The friendship of the world is enmity with God. James 4:4.

And the war we have here is between Satan and the decedents of Adam so in my studies I believe this is a partial list of how Satan has in the past made attempts to cause Jesus not to be Born and or not have a nation of Israel to fulfill Gods plan. Have you ever wondered why certain events have happened throughout history? Well thru time God revels a little more of his plan to redeem us from the curse of Sin.

But also remember what the goal of Satan is. He wants to stop the prophecy of Revelation 20:1-3 and ultimately vs 10 so here is a partial list and others who study prophecy also see this list as accurate.

Cain kills Abel Gen 4:8

The sons of God came unto the daughters of men Gen 6:1-8

All male babies thrown in the Nile (Moses saved) Exodus 1:22, 2:10

Red sea (all of Israel was there) Exodus 14:7-10, 16-17

Hamon almost had all the Jews killed Est. 3:8-10, but Esther saves the day Est 9:12-14 and is celebrated to this day with the festive of Purim

Now we move into the New Testament

Jesus Born and Herod has all babies killed under 2 Matt 2:16-18 Jesus taken to Egypt Mat 2:13-15

Temptation in the wilderness Matt 4:1-2, 8-11 Bypass the Cross But be subject under Satan who did have power to grant this Temptation.

Realize even tho Jesus did die it had to be on a certain day to fulfill prophecy and to be our Sacrificial Lamb on Passover.

The Storm Is Stilled Luk_8:22-25

Rejection at Nazareth Luk_4:16-22, 28-30

Part 13 Genesis 3:15 The War Continues to Corrupt Humanity

Vs 15 I want to concentrate here on the word seed and notice we have 2 seeds. One for Satan and one for the Woman so let's look at these seeds

thy seed(Satan's) Based on this Snake reference the use of the symbol of the Snake represents this Curse until Christ Death on the Cross pays the Penalty of Death: Mat_3:7, Mat_12:34, Mat_13:37-43, Mat_23:33-39; Joh_8:44-47; 1Jn_3:8-10

her seed the Woman Mary (Jesus): Psa_132:11-14; Isa_7:14; Immanuel(God with Us Old Test Jesus), Jer_31:22; Mic_5:3; Mat_1:23-25; Luk_1:31-35, Gal_4:4-7

Now we move to the future and what prophecy tells us the future holds for the Human Seed as Satan I believe is still going to upset God's plan thru the Seed Jesus died for.

Daniel prophecy on the seed Dan 2:43 speaking of a period of time when the antichrist sets up 10 Kings which is the future kingdom the antichrist sets up but somehow this kingdom will cause a seed problem, we see in Rev 9:6? why can't

they die? 13:16-18, which what ever this mark is you can't be saved? Rev 14:9-11
my take on this tie's in with transhumanism

"Transhumanism is an international intellectual and cultural movement supporting the use of science and technology to improve human mental and physical characteristics and capacities. The movement regards aspects of the human condition, such as disability, suffering, disease, aging, and involuntary death as unnecessary and undesirable. Transhumanists look to biotechnologies and other emerging technologies for these purposes." (Wikipedia)

Transhumanist philosophers argue that there not only exists a perfectionist ethical imperative for humans to strive for progress and improvement of the human condition but that it is possible and desirable for humanity to enter a transhuman phase of existence, in which humans are in control of their own evolution. In such a phase, natural evolution would be replaced with deliberate change." (Wikipedia)

Realize Jesus died for us humans who are of the image of God. If we are not human any more could that be why those we just spoke about could not die and can't repent of their sins. Interesting times we are heading into.

Now we know the Prophecy of Bruise His Heel happened thru Judas in John 13:18,26-28, Matt 26:23-25 and on the Cross with a nail

as for Satan's head or his man known as the antichrist is mentioned in Rev 13:3, 12-14

This Verse packs a lot of Prophecy to follow of which we have seen thru the Word and Time pasts happened so far exactly as God intended. I hope this gave us a bit of confidence that the future Prophecies will happen exactly as God has already shown us.z

Part 14 Genesis 3:16-24 Sin Enters Creation-But God Has a Plan

Vs 16 rule over, this is one area its hard to take at first glance since we like to understand we all are equal and I too have difficulty with saying these verses as I see my fellow humans as equal. But at the same time it as I see it more about responsibility. In any structure there must be those placed over us like a boss or

someone of higher rank than ourselves. I like to remember as an example Jesus as God did also serve us in the washing of the disciples' feet. John 13:4-7 So let's not see this as like master slave arrangement but more of structure. Because as we will see the man is given responsibility to protect the woman and provide for her.

I like a message I heard once in reference to what bone God used was a rib like on the side of his and her body. Not the head or the foot but the side. Like how our relationship should be side by side working together to face this world as partners. I like that thought as no part of our own bodies are any more necessary than any other. We need all parts to make us whole.

1 Corth 11:3, Eph 5:22-33, 1 Pet 3:1

Vs 17 cursed is the ground Isa_24:5-6; Rom_8:22-23

19 Dust return Gen_5:5; Heb_9:27-28

Vs 20 Eve (Life Giver)

Vs 21 Coats of Skin 1 corth 1:29-30, Rev 19:8 represents what will be necessary to be in the presence of God, Romans 3:23, 6:23 Shedding of Blood as a payment for Sin which is a Prophecy of the Ultimate Sacrifice on the Cross. Which bridges the Gap between us and God as we saw during the Crux fiction when the veil in the Temple was torn in two between the Holy place and the Holy of Holies. Matt 27:-51.

Righteousness as a coat Job 29:14

Vs 22 now because man had to die to pay for sin God removed him from access to the tree of Life. For now BUT we will see this tree again which I believe is for as it says in Rev healing for those still in there mortal bodies during the Milium kingdom to live forever once they accept the Lord. Rev 2:7, 22:2,14

Vs 23 I might add here that the Garden of Eden being east of Eden may indicate that the garden was actual in Lower Mesopotamia near the current place the 4 rivers come together and empty into the Persian Gulf of which 2 still survive the Tigris and Euphrates rives. Satellite imaging has shown the possibility of 2 additional rivers. My theory on Jerusalem may Be the Land of Eden (based on God promised land Gen 15:18) with the end of the Persian Gulf (east of Eden) as the

actual location of the Garden. Now flooded due to the Flood of Noah's Time. And maybe the tree is at the bottom of the Gulf now to be replanted in the land of Eden at Jerusalem. Just a speculation and as I've heard others say not enough to start a new church (doesn't take away from the Gospel).¹⁰

Vs 24 Cherubim's Psa_80:1,99:1, 104:4; Eze_10:2-22;

Flaming Fire 1Ch_21:16-17; Heb_1:7

Part 15 Genesis 1:1-16 Birth of Cain and Abel

Vs 1 Cain is born Cain ("acquisition") is a type of the mere man of the earth. His religion was destitute of any adequate sense of sin, or need of atonement. This religious type is described in 2 Peter 2:1-3, 9-10,

. Seven things are said of him:

- (1) he worships in self-will (2) is angry with God (3) refuses to bring a sin offering (4) murders his brother (5) lies to God (6) becomes a vagabond (7) is, nevertheless, the object of the divine solicitude

Vs 2 Abel is born Abel

Abel ("exhalation," or, "that which ascends") is a type of the spiritual man. His sacrifice, in which atoning blood was shed Heb_9:22 was therefore at once his confession of sin and the expression of his faith in the interposition of a substitute Heb_11:4

So we see that Cain was a definite type but his Brother understood what was a proper sacrifice.

We now enter into the 2nd Dispensation of Conscience where Sacrifice is required But has to be God's way Rom 2:14-15 which lasts until the Flood in Chapter 6-9 and Human Government starts

Vs 3 we see Cain brought the offering he wanted not what God required. Maybe a sense of how many believe there are many ways to get to heaven and justify in their own hearts what the process is rather than looking to God for the answers. Fruit offerings do have a place but not for a sin offering like at first fruits which is at harvest time as an offering for a bountiful harvest. In other words his own way

not God's way. I find it of interest that so many modern religions want to bypass the part about shedding of blood. The approach that God is Love and not of Judgement. Yes he is a God of Love but like any good parent knows when discipline is needed. And when judgement is required over evil is quick to be the God of Judgement,

Vs 4 Abel here we see brought a proper Sin offering realizing he was a sinner and needed to be repetitive. A place all true children of God have to come to. And then the blessing God who loves giving gifts to his children Respect , Heb_11:4-6,

Vs 7 sin

Or, sin-offering. In Hebrew the same word is used for "sin," and "sin-offering," thus emphasizing in a remarkable way the complete identification of the believer's sin with his sin offering (cf) Joh_3:14; 2Co_5:21.

Here both meanings are brought together. "Sin lieth at the door," but so also "a sin-offering croucheth at the tent door." It is "where sin abounded" that "grace did much more abound" Rom_5:20.

Abel's offering implies a previous instruction (cf) Gen_3:21 for it was "by faith" Heb_11:4 and faith is taking God at His word; so that Cain's unbloody offering was a refusal of the divine way. But Jehovah made a last appeal to Cain Gen_4:7 even yet to bring the required offering.

Vs 9 My Brothers Keeper 1 Corth 8:11-13

Vs 15 The law against Murder was not instituted until Gen 9:6 but like we mentioned before we all have a sense of right and wrong as the moral Law. The original reason for the written law was to show us what God's law is and why we can't live up to his requirements as it says in as our school master Gal 3:24 and by faith we are saved not works Gal 2:16

Vs 16 became a wanderer in the land of Nod which is east of Eden Nod means wanderer which I find interesting in that even today there are those that live in

tents in the area near there and as we will see in Cains genology he had a son vs 4:20 that dwelled in tents and today they are called

The Bedouin, Beduin or Bedu (/ˈbɛduɪn/;[21] Arabic: بَدُو, romanized: badū, singular بَدَوِي badawī) are nomadic Arab tribes who have historically inhabited the desert regions in the Arabian Peninsula, North Africa, the Levant, and Mesopotamia.[22] However, the Arabian Peninsula is the historic and original homeland of the Bedouin Arabs. The English word bedouin comes from the Arabic badawī, which means "desert dweller", and is traditionally contrasted with ḥāḍir, the term for sedentary people.[23] Bedouin territory stretches from the vast deserts of North Africa to the rocky sands of the Middle East.[24] They are traditionally divided into tribes, or clans (known in Arabic as ʿašāʾir; عَشَائِر), and historically share a common culture of herding camels and goats.[24] The vast majority of Bedouins adhere to Islam, although there are some fewer numbers of Christian Bedouins present in the Fertile Crescent.[

I also believe Paul spent time as a tentmaker working with the Bedouin when he was in Arabia during the time after his conversion Gal 1:16-17, and worked as a tentmaker with Acts 18:2-3

Part 16 Genesis 4:17-26 Cain's Genealogy-Adam & Eve Have Seth

We see here next the Genealogy of Cain as pretty much his line dies in the flood. But of interest was how fast certain technologies and worldly ways develop pre flood. Cain other than in Genesis mentioned 16 Times, is also mentioned 4 more times and none of them in a nice way. We can see the leading up to some of the Sins God condemns is manifested in Cains line. Joshua 15:55-57(may be a clue where Cain Settled), Heb 11:4, particularly these 2 really show that Satan was the force behind his being evil 1 Jn 3:12, Jude 1:11

Lest read until the end of the chapter and try and see Why God gave us this passage. We see some other sins God had not intended begin here like Polygamy

Let's see if we can get some clues from the names as with most names in the Bible they carry meaning.

Enoch was born Irad: and Irad(fleet) begat Mehujael: and Mehujael (smitten by God) begat Methusael (man of God) and Methusael begat Lamech. And Lamech (powerful) took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. And Adah bare Jabal(stream). And his brother's name was Jubal (music):: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. And Zillah(shade), she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah("sweetness"). Adah("beauty") and Zillah("shadow").

Vs 19 Lamech took unto him two wives — This is the first transgression of the law of marriage on record, and the practice of polygamy, like all other breaches of God's institutions, has been a fruitful source of corruption and misery. His two wives, Adah and Zillah, and his daughter Naamah, are, with Eve, the only antediluvian women, whose names are mentioned by Moses.

His three sons, Jabal, Jubal and Tubal-cain, are celebrated in Scripture as authors of useful inventions. The remarkable poem which Lamech uttered may, perhaps, be regarded as Lamech's song of exultation, on the invention of the sword, by his son Tubal-cain, in the possession of which, he foresaw a great advantage to himself, and his family over any enemies.

Vs 19 first polygamist; Gen_2:18, Gen_2:24; Mat_19:4-6, Mat_19:8 -9,

Vs 20 We see here the beginning of tent dwelling besides Cities being built. dwell: Gen_4:2, 13:2-3, 18:1, 25:27; Jer_35:9-10; Probably due to the cattle industry is one where roaming to find feed is common as a herdsman. We see many times in the Bible those that spent time away from there dwellings Like Abraham and Lot had to separate due to cattle Gen 13:5-6 and particularly Paul in his journeys as an evangelist took up the profession.

Paul spent time as a tentmaker working with the Bedouin I believe when he was in Arabia during the time after his conversion Gal 1:16-17, and worked as a tentmaker with Acts 18:2-3 .

Vs 21 Music and based on the worldliness of this line as Music can be honoring to God I somehow think from this line it probably was more secular music and God dishonoring. We see the contrast here in these Passages . Psm 100, 95:1-2 &

Job_21:11-14, ; Isa_5:11-14 These are great examples of what caused the world to become so evil that God only found 1 family worthy to save during the flood. Gen 6:7-9

Vs 22 Brass (Probably Copper mixed with tin) and Iron Being this is pre flood speaks volumes of the advances during this period. Most secular History doesn't mention these abilities until much later Bronze Age 3100 -700 BC, Iron 1200-550 BC

Vs 23-24 First defense of Killing by self defense and as such mentions a term Jesus uses about forgiveness Matt 18:21-22

Vs 25 Seth("foundation,") is Born so here we do Have a timing period as Adam was 130 here so it would be about 3874 BC.

Seth: Heb. Sheth; i. e. appointed, or put

Vs 26 Enos("frailty"): Heb. Enosh, to call upon the name of the Lord. or, call themselves by the name of the Lord.

First used name of the LORD which is used 108 times in the Bible and some other examples Abraham Gen 21:33, Issac Gen 26:25, one of the commandment Ex 20:7, Taken very seriously Lev 24:16, David meeting Goliath 1 Sam 17:45, Solomn 2 Ch 2:4, Job 1:21, New Test by Jesus Himself as He came into the city John 12:13, Luk 13:35 and what he needs to hear for the 2nd coming. And what we must do to be saved Acts 2:21, Rom 10:13 and where we get our famous saying as we Prey 1 Corth 6:11, Col 3:17.

Beautiful way to end this Chapter. Next we see the genealogy of Ada

Part 17 Genesis 5 Adam's Genealogy until Noah

Vs 1 Adam, as the natural head of the race Luk_3:38 is a contrasting type of Christ, the Head of the new creation. See; Rom_5:14; 1Co_15:21; 1Co_15:22; 1Co_15:45-47.

Vs 2 Mk 10:6 Blessed Gen 1:28, 9:1

Vs 4 Seth Foundation, Vs 5 Enos Mortal Man, vs 9 Cainan Possessor,

Vs 12 Mahal'ale-el. (praise of God), vs 16 Ja'red. (descent),
vs 18 E'noch. (dedicated), vs 21 Methu'selah. (man of the dart)
vs 22 Walked with God Gen_6:9, Gen_17:1

vs 24 First Rapture as a Pattern of whats to follow 2Ki_2:11;Heb_11:5-6; and for the Church we have the promise from Jesus John 14:1-3, 1 Thess 4:15-18, and another pattern in Daniel in the scean of the furnace and Daniel missing as a pattern of the Church. I will go indepth when we get to Chapter 6 and some things of interest as to why the flood and how Noah in the Ark is a type also.

Vs 28 La'mech. (powerful) I find it interesting that as the evil side of the line of Cain how he tried to confuse the genealogies using similar names kind of like how Satan tries to imitate Jesus thru the anti-christ. We know this tho the only people saved out of all those alive at the time of the flood is Noah's family of 3 sons with wives. Most likely Cain's offspring didn't even know there cousins of the Seth line and its just a coincidence that there are a few similar names.

Vs 30 No'ah. (rest) Of interest is that Noah did'nt have any children until 500 years old. I find it interesting that Noah probably heard stores of Adam thru his father Lamech since Lamech was alive during Adams life. And even all the way to Abraham had opportunity to get stories from Noah. So its not unrealistic that there is only a few people that separate many of the Patriarchs.

so I can see that oral tradition could be real strong up until Moses started writing Genesis. Abraham probably even knew Jacob as he was born when Abraham was about 160 years old and lived until 175. So as oral tradition goes there was only about 5 people that needed to keep the stories going Adam to lemech to Noah to Abraham then to Jacob to Joseph who most likely wrote a lot down in Egypt when written documents became more in use as secular sources date writing to

Part 18 Genesis 6:1-9 Corruption Leading up to The Flood

I am beginning to see a pattern of what Satan is capable of when it comes to corruption that I believe will manifest itself in the Tribulation. In this first section we will see something unnatural happen to Corrupt the world so much God had to destroy it both Man and Beast. I see a repeat of that as we will look at what

happens in the Tribulation, better known as Daniel's 70th week or A Time of Jacobs(as the father of the 12 tribes that make up the Jewish Nation) Trouble. Psm 20:1, Jer 30:7-10, Dan 9:27

Vs 1-2 sons of God in the Old Testament always means Angels Job 1:6. 2:1, 38:7 now some will argue that Jesus says in Mt 22:30 that Angels don't marry and my come back is because one they are all male but also there is no need for reproduction. As we saw in Gen 3:14-15 Satan has a seed and He is an Angel who fell it does seem they have the ability but not necessary as God made them and they live forever.

Vs 3 this is the time I believe that God is allowing repentance while he has Noah Build the Ark and evangelize for as many as receive God can join them on the Ark. Some say the Ark could not fit everyone but also realize God sees all and knew how many will Repent about about 35 % of the Ark was animals and adding for food supplies they have calculated based on how much space a human needs easily another 2400 people could have fit and that comfortably fit in the Ark, in a pinch probably more. That was based on a prison cell with 4 inmates.

The Spirit is the Holy Spirit as we see by the context with Lord. Ge 41:38-39, 2 Thes 2:7

Vs 4 Here is where I believe the seed of man was corrupted, as realize Jesus was to die for us who are the seed of Adam but with Satan's seed mixed in via the fallen Angels is the problem and Its at this point where we are no longer Created in the Image of God. Lets look at some future dates where Satan will also I believe, thru Genome manipulation cause what we read in Rev to occur, this is why Jesus also said the statement in Matt 24. But first let's see what happens to these Angels that sinned. 2 Pet 2:4-9, Jude 6-7 Except Noah and Family Heb 11:7 we will discuss patterns of the Ark itself tomorrow for now it seems this seed mixing brought the Wrath of Gon on all Both Man and Beast. Now it does say also after this period we read in Num 13:30-33. Remember that Until Satan is eliminated, he may try this again and I believe some prophecies we see in Daniel and by Jesus Himself warn us of this. Dan 2:43, Matt 24:37-39, Luk 17:26-30 and the result is something I believe Rev is talking about something we call Transhumanism Here is the Definition:

Transhumanism is a philosophical and intellectual movement which advocates for the enhancement of the human condition by developing and making widely available sophisticated technologies that can greatly enhance longevity and cognition. It also predicts the inevitability of such technologies in the future.

Transhumanist thinkers study the potential benefits and dangers of emerging technologies that could overcome fundamental human limitations as well as the ethics[3] of using such technologies. Some transhumanists believe that human beings may eventually be able to transform themselves into beings with abilities so greatly expanded from the current condition as to merit the label of posthuman beings.(Source Wikipedia)

So basically manipulating our DNA and Bionics to try and achieve immortality Which I believe is what John is referring too in the following verses Rev 13:16-18,14:9-11 I believe this mark is a label of sorts that you have undergone what ever causes the next issue, Some kind of DNA manipulation that those who follow the Antichrist undergo probably for some kind of Immortality and is the result of the following Rev 9:2-6 where something happens to them that they can't die. Ive heard some say a type of demon possessed person like what they portray as Zombies. Those movies may not be as far fetched as we may think. When you try and mess with Gods design im betting God will have the last say over something like that.

Vs 5 Imagination Gen 8:21-22

Vs 8 Noah it seems is the only one who did not get Corrupted with these unnatural unions.

Tomorrow we will see also how the Flood itself is a pattern of what we are looking forward to Via the Rapture.

Part 19 Genesis 6:8-22 God calls Noah to build the Ark

Vs 8-9 Noah Perfect in His generations Ge 7:1 in great company Ge 5:24

Vs 10 Show slide Noah had 3 sons and more on them later but we can see they were born late in life and according to Chapter 11:10 he was 98 when the flood

Happen Ham & Japheth we don't know for sure but all of them were on the Ark at the time of the Flood . If Noah Started Building the Ark 120 Years prior He didn't have his sons until about 22 Years into the project and at best probably another 10-12 years before they were much help. So imagine God gives you this task and no one seems to care and ridicule you. Yes you have 120 years but not much help.

Vs 11 Also during this time as we see in Ezk 8:17 God is patient but not forever. And as 2 Pet 2:5 says Noah as a Preacher was trying to save more but as I commented yesterday not a single saved soul except for his Children and their wives. I think about those wives and wonder how they felt about their own families. That must have been tough. Most likely they were daughters of those in the Messianic Line possibly Daughters of one of Lamech Children he lived until just before the flood Gen 5:30. And had daughters. Realize unlike us now many during this time frame married their own close relatives but as time goes on our Gene pool gets more and more corrupted so that's why now its recommended we only get as close as our 2nd cousins.

Vs 12-13 Kind of get a hint here that God knew no one was going to get saved except Noah's family of 3 sons, and Wives.

Vs 14 So here is the Plan God gave Noah and this is a good time to show some patterns I love to share as a Pattern of the Rapture and Tribulation. Here we see as a pattern that Enoch represents the Church as Raptured John 14:1-3, 1 Thess 4:16-18 prior to the Flood Gen 5:24, Heb 11:5, The Arc (Symbolic of Jesus Protection Heb 11:7) & Noah's Family as the Jewish Nations protected during the Flood like the 144,000 will be during the Tribulation Rev 7:2-4, and those that perish being the non-believers we see die in the flood and in many places in the tribulation. Rev 14:19-20 is the final battle of the Tribulation The Blood will be up to the horses bridle for 200 miles in this valley. Not a pretty site.

Ok Pattern 2 Daniel and the Furnace, Daniel 3 and first Nebuchadnezzar set up this Statue and commanded all to worship it. Well, I see this as a pattern as for some reason Daniel was not in Babylon when this happen so Daniel represents the Church raptured prior to this Time of trouble, Dan 3:1, 5 is the requirement. Well Daniel's 3 friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused Dan 3:12-14 and were cast into the furnace vs 20-21 well as we witness by the Kings own words in

vs 24-25 they were protected during the trouble period. Which represents the 144,000 Jews seeing the 3 men were Jews protected during the Deluge (the fire heated 7 Times for 7 Which represents the 144,000 Jews seeing the 3 men were Jews protected during the deluge (the fire heated 7 Times for 7 Years and Jesus protecting them)

3rd pattern is also mentioned often when we are talking end times and that's Sodom and Gomorah Which is a story we find in Gen 19 and will read a few verses But we will study in detail when we get there but Basically Lot and Family were removed prior to God Wrath vs 19:15-17, 22-25, as we are told we also will not go thru God's Wrath 1 Thess 1:10, 5:9-11,

Vs 15 The dimensions of the Ark are proof of the accuracy. Based on these dimensions is what is considered used in our current building of seaworthy ships like ocean liners. With a cubit of 18" which is avg the Ark was 450 ft long 75ft wide, 45ft depth.

Vs 16 we see what may be ventilation with the window 1 cubit high or 1.5 ft but no with so it may be running around the top of the ark and 3 stories. But in vs 8:6 it mentions a window that Noah opened and its singular so probably just a small window

Vs 18 next covenant Noachic mention Gen 8:20-9:17 read 8:21, 9:10-13

Vs 22 This took a lot of faith as realize up to this point it had not rained and based on where he was probably not near any ocean's, so Noah was definitely a man of faith Heb 11:7, which God definitely honored along with others of great faith Ezk 14:14, 20 which also are verses on we can only save our own souls as our rightness does not save others.

Part 20 Genesis 7:1-11 God Prepares To Flood the World

Vs 1 First mention of “Come” which is the basic tenant of the Bible to Come unto the Lord and the Final Come is in Rev 22:17, 20-21

Righteousness Gen 6:9(Noah),15:6(Abraham) we see that Abraham was also in this Generation Noah Died 2 years before Abraham was Born and most Likely Abraham knew most of Noah’s Sons but at least Shem that settled in the same General Area as Abraham and lived almost as Long. I can imagine many conversations about the flood left the area due to the Tower of Babel Gen 10:25, 11:4-9 as we see almost every culture has a flood story most likely adopted from the real one we are studying.

MYTH	CIVILIZATION	SIMILARITIES TO THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT
The Epic of Gilgamesh	Mesopotamia	Construction of a boat, destruction of all humanity, dove, raven, sacrifice
The Ark of Nu’u	Hawaii	Construction of a boat, Nu’u vs. Noah, rainbow, post-flood sacrifice
The Nüwa Flood	China	Construction of a boat, Nüwa vs. Noah, divine judgment
Deucalion’s Flood	Greece	Construction of a boat, divine judgment
Manu’s Flood	India	Construction of a boat, preserving animals
Unu Pachakuti	Inca	Construction of a boat, divine judgment
Thai Flood	Thai	Divine judgment on human cruelty

Vs 2 Clean and Unclean Deu_14:3-20 Plus some clean for Sacrifice as Worship continued as we see later in the chapter 8

Vs 3 seed alive may mean that the birds help move the seed around

Vs 5 very faithful Gen 6:22

Vs 10 even as the rain started and water

Vs 11 This is where we see that water was in the heavens above the earth and under the earth also mentioned in the creation

windows: or, floodgates, Gen_1:6-8, Gen_8:2; This is why most believe that this layer of water in the upper atmosphere was the reason for long life as the harmful rays of the Sun would be filtered out. Plus most believe that the atmospheric pressure they were used to, gave them a much higher density of oxygen thus have a greater strength than the average man now.

Same day mentioned a few times as significant and as I talked about yesterday a moment that will be repeated in the Tribulation Mat 24:38-39, Lk 17:27, 2 Pet 2:5, 3:6

Part 21 Genesis 7:12-24 God Floods The World

Vs 12 Forty days and forty nights: The number 40 becomes associated with testing and purification, especially before entering into something new and significant.

This is seen in:

- Moses' time on Mount Sinai (Exo_24:18, Deu_9:25).
- The spies' trip to Canaan (Num_13:23-25 of interest about the Mighty men those grapes were so large it took 2 men to carry them).
- Israel's time in the wilderness (Num_14:33; Num_32:13).
- Elijah's miraculous journey to Sinai (1Ki_19:8).
- Jesus' temptation in the wilderness (Mar_1:13).

Vs 13-16

According to the Bible, the ark had three decks (floors). It is not difficult to show that there was plenty of room for 16,000 animals, assuming they required approximately the same floor space as animals in typical farm enclosures and laboratories today. The vast majority of the creatures (birds, reptiles, and mammals) are small. The largest animals were probably only a few hundred pounds of body weight.

It is still necessary to take account of the floor spaces required by large animals, such as elephants, giraffes, rhinos, and some dinosaurs. But even these, collectively, do not require a large area. God would likely have sent to Noah young (and therefore small, but not newborn) representatives of these kinds so that they would have a full reproductive potential for life after the Flood to repopulate the earth (Genesis 7:1–3). Even the largest dinosaurs were relatively small when only a few years old.

Without tiering of cages, only 47 percent of the ark floor would have been necessary. What's more, many could have been housed in groups, which would have further reduced the required space.

What about the provisions for the animals? It can be shown that the food would have filled only 6 to 12 percent of the volume of the ark, and the potable water only an additional 9 percent of the same.

So even tho we see here only about 68 % used there could have been room for many more People. What ever happen to cause this level of Evil and I believe it was due to the sons of God who fell that caused this. I have heard that due to the interbreeding of Fallen Angels may be what we know today as disembodied demons who were a result of the Flood like we see in Mary Magdala Mk 16:9 and the Gergesenes Demoniacs Mat 8:28-32 always seeking a body to dwell in. Just speculation but is interesting. As we see that some of those who did this issue, we saw in Gen 6 are in chains Jude 6 so they can't be roaming the earth. There is so much happening in the spirit world that I think we have no idea how much God is restraining at this moment, and he will unleash during the tribulation. Rev 12: 12

Vs 17-20 Psm 104:6

Vs 19 I use to think how they did breath up that high to be above the mountains since I understand we need Oxygen to breath above 26,000 feet but I then read a report that makes perfect sense. With the water itself that high its like being at sea level and the air will go up with the water so no need to worry about breathing inside the ark. Now for those that drowned I dont thing most could tread water that long and climbing Mt Everest would take to long as I think the water rose pretty quickly. The Guinness book of records puts a man treading water is 85 hours or 3.5 days not even close to almost a year before the water subsided when Noah left the Ark Gen 7:11-8:13 just about 1 year to the day. Now based 8:5 it does say some mt tops were showing but im sure even if some figured out a way to make a boat real fast they would have starved to death in 10 months.

Vs 21 All flesh I find this verse brings to mind a rule God implemented in Lev 18:23, 20:15-16. If you really knew what happens behind closed doors when it comes to what some consider normal, I'm very surprised God has not called down Fire and Brimstone on America. We are definitely in the place that Jesus warns us about As in the days of Noah Matt 24:37-39.

Vs 24 150 Days also shows us that in the Days of Noah when you compare Gen 7:11 and 8:4 you see that 150 days here is equal to 5 months showing that here we have 30 day Months. So at this point we don't have the issue of the extra 5.25 days per year which may be what also changed due to the Long day of Joshua 10:12-14 or the turning back the sundial 10 degrees in Isiah 38:8 may have had something to do with it.

Part 22 Genesis 8 Flood Subsides Noahic Covenant Begins

Vs 1 Well Time to get to work recovering from the Deluge. Interesting Words God remembered Noah I don't believe its an indication God ever forgot him but that its Time to turn his attention back to Noah. I can imagine just like other times in History that God was forced to do something he did not take pleasure in. I think about a passage in Revelation where I believe God again must punish mankind and takes no Pleasure in it. It's the pause between the 6th and 7th Seal Judgement. Lets take a look Rev 8:1 which we see at the completion of Seal 6, I believe is talking

about the midway point of the Tribulation and now Gods Wrath will be poured out due to the Antichrist Desecrating His(God) Holy Temple. Let's just take a look at a few verses of this coming day when God again has to judge the world for the final Time. Just before this moment of silence we see during seal 6 Rev 6:12-17, we see in a note in Chapt 11:13 what this earthquake may look like, we get here a glimpse of another passage Jesus warns those in Judea to flee for their lives Matt 24:15-22, Joel 2:10-11, 31-32, which is when the Antichrist will setup an abomination of Desolation we see in Dan 9:27 and the details in Rev 12:6-10,17. So my prophecy moment for today as this is future and If you are a child of God and put your trust in the Lord Jesus you will be spared this period of time.

So back to our regular scheduled programming

We also see in the time of Abraham how God remembers the rightness Gen 19:29 Vs 2 -6 40 days again and we looked at that list yesterday but here is another one I missed Gen 50:2-3

Vs 7 interesting that the Raven never returned, we see this as a symbol of being drawn to the world as the Raven is a unclean bird Det 14:12-14 that feeds of death so he saw all this death and started feeding off of it, not returning to the Ark. Great message in that as when we are drawn to the worldly pleasures of abundance, we forget God and never return.

Vs 8-9 Now for the next bird a different story and how the Dove returned. Seeing that there was no place desirable to land.

Vs 10-11 with an Olive branch has always meant peace. But based on its mission to help Noah returned to show life was returning to earth. Remembering the Mission

Vs 12 now did not return to show Noah its time to get to work

Vs 13-14 so lets add up how long Noah was on the Ark it all started in vs 7:11 2nd month 17th day of the 600th year. With the 601st year Vs 13 then the 2nd month 27th day comes out to a Year and 10days he was on the Ark or the difference between a lunar and solar year so it seems here we can prove the Solar Year became the standard. Where in vs 13 it was the 1st month 1st day of the month which is the new moon or the solar month of 29.5 days verses 30 day months of the solar year.

Vs 15-17 Here starts the next Dispensation of Human Government beginning here with Noah starting with repopulating the Earth

Gen 1:22, Psa_121:8

Vs 21 the Lord said in heart

The Third Dispensation: Human Government. Under Conscience, as in Innocence, man utterly failed, and the judgment of the Flood marks the end of the second dispensation and the beginning of the third. The declaration of the Noahic Covenant subjects' humanity to a new test. Its distinctive feature is the institution, for the first time, of human government--the government of man by man. The highest function of government is the judicial taking of life. All other governmental powers are implied in that. It follows that the third dispensation is distinctively that of human government. Man is responsible to govern the world for God. That responsibility rested upon the whole race, Jew and Gentile, until the failure of Israel under the Palestinian Covenant (Deu_28:1) brought the judgment of the Captivities, when "the times of the Gentiles" (See); Luk_21:24; began, and the government of the world passed exclusively into Gentile hands; Dan_2:36-45; Luk_21:24; Act_15:14-17. That both Israel and the Gentiles have governed for self, not God, is sadly apparent. The judgment of the confusion of tongues ended the racial testing; that of the captivities the Jewish; while the Gentile testing will end in the smiting of the Image (Daniel 2.) and the judgment of the nation's Mat_25:31-46.

Vs 22 While the earth remained: Heb. as yet all the days of the earth, Isa_54:8

seedtime: Most of the European nations divide the year into four distinct parts, called quarters or seasons; but there are six divisions in the text, which obtained in Palestine among the Hebrews, and exist among the Arabs to the present day. According to this gracious promise, the heavenly bodies have preserved their courses, the seasons their successions, and the earth its increase for the use of man. Gen_45:6; Exo_34:21; Psa_74:16-17; Son_2:11-12; Isa_54:9;

Part 23 Genesis 9:1-19 Third Covenant, The Noahic Covenant

We here start to institute Human Government in as much as for good order rules are necessary. God here will start to implement Laws on Killing and Dietary Laws. But also a promise to never Wipe out man, animal or the earth with a flood and gives us the rainbow as a sign of that promise.

Vs 1 Be fruitful and Multiply Here again we basically start over to repopulate the earth. It recalls another time in the future we will also witness God repopulating the earth in the Milliumm Kingdom. In that case we as the Church will be overseers of that period Ruling and Reigning with Christ Rev 5:10, 20:6. But those who survive the Tribulation will be also repopulating the earth as we see there will be kids being born Isa 11:6-9, 65:20-25, Zec 8:5, And we also know that we won't be having Children as Jesus mentions in Luke20:34-36 but what a joy to be around young kids and I can see us being the spiritual guide and teachers since they will also need salvation. So ends our prophecy moment for today.

Vs 2 we see here and based on this verse it would seem our relationship with the Animal will change and they also will fear us would seem to indicate that prior to this they were like our pets but now we will see in the next verse we will begin to eat meat. Unlike prior to this Gen 1:26

Vs 3 Now in the next few verses we will see some changes to Laws and our available Diet plan. We will also eat meat but not the blood as that is where the Life of the creature is. I find this fall in line with the idea that our DNA is incased and distributed thru the body via the blood. Lev 17:11-14

Vs 5 -6 Also realize we also have the dispensation of Human Government and now there are Laws with penalties to maintain good order. Prior to this it seems God relied on his morality he gave all of use but now its necessary for Man to keep order of Man. So now Man is responsible to protect the sanctity of Human Life by orderly rule over individual man, even to capital punishment. Rom 13:1-7, Gen 42:22, 4:9-10, Ex 21:12,14

Vs 9-17 again the Covenant is established and it's a non-conditional covenant as God has stated as much and is signified by the Rainbow we all still enjoy after a rain, but somehow some believe it has another meaning. I don't think God is very happy about those who change his symbols He set forth here in Genesis.

Part 24 Genesis 9:20-29 Noah's Sin & Prophecy

Here we find an interesting account of Noah showing us a great lesson about misuse of wine to get drunk. I can attest to the fact that it will get you into trouble but we see an interesting outcome that I admit has me a bit baffled as to what took place the morning after. I will try and show the 2 possibilities of why Ham's son is cursed due to what his father did but also it may just be a coincidence.

So let's read through the verses.

Vs 21 Pro_20:1; Pro_23:29-33 Getting Drunk I can tell you that I'm not proud of the fact I indulged in alcohol myself and did a few things I'm definitely not proud of. This is repulsive, but not terribly surprising. Many people who get drunk become victims of abuse, sexual and otherwise. A large majority of the men and women involved in date-rape situations were drinking or taking drugs just before the attack. According to some statistics, half of all rapes involve alcohol.

And became uncovered in his tent: It may be Noah was abused sexually by one of his sons or relatives. The phrase became uncovered, and the idea of nakedness is sometimes associated with sexual relations (Lev_18:1-4,6-10, 17-30). Now we see here also that this is a briefing given to Moses and the Jewish Nation just prior to entering into Canaan where they will be instructed to kill most of the descendants of Ham's Son Canaan (Gen_10:15-19;). Which we know what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah which was destroyed due to sexual sin. Gen 19:24-25

I can't imagine it just about seeing a relative unclothed. As we saw in Lev it mentions close relatives and as a father and brother I have seen my young children unclothed as I cared for them. Plus I have showered with my Father as we were both in the military together and took showers in open bay type showers very common in the military and even in places like Gyms swimming pools etc.

Vs 22 Saw the nakedness of his father: Others think Ham's only sin here was in seeing Noah's drunken, uncovered state, and that he made fun of him, mocking him as a father and as a man of God.

Literally, the ancient Hebrew says that Ham “told with delight” what he saw in his father’s tent. He determined to mock his father and was undermining his authority as a man of God.

Vs 24a. Knew what his younger son had done to him: This seems to indicate that whatever happened to Noah, it was more than one of his sons or grandsons seeing his nudity. This explains the strength of the curse.

Vs 25 Cursed be Canaan: It seems strange that if Ham sinned against Noah, that Canaan (Ham’s son) was cursed. Perhaps Canaan was also involved in this sin against Noah in a way not mentioned in the text. Perhaps the strongest punishment against Ham was for Noah to prophetically reveal the destiny of his son Canaan.

We can trust God is not punishing the son (Canaan) for the sin of the father (Ham). This goes against the heart and justice of God (Eze_18:2-6, 10-11, 19-20). However, through Noah’s prophecy, God told Ham what would happen to his son as we read earlier

Vs 26 the prophecy continues with the other sons

Shem of course is the most blessed to be the line leading to King David and ultimately to the Messiah.

Vs 27 Japheth becomes enlarged.

We will take a look at those nations in chapter 10 as its also named a list of nations we use to determine their modern names.

Noah had a long, interesting life and Like I keep saying we will have the opportunity to meet all these great Men of early creation I’m sure in the Millennium Kingdom (Ezk 37:12-14, Dan 12:1-2 OT Saints), (Rev 20:4,6 trib saints) all others doomed for the lake of fire after the 1000 years Rev 20:5

Part 25 Genesis 10:1-20 Noah’s Genealogy-Table of Nations

Vs 2 The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

- a. The sons of Japheth: He was the father of the Indo-European peoples, those stretching from India to the shores of Western Europe. They are each linked by linguistic similarities that often seem invisible to the layman but are much more obvious to the linguist.
- b. Gomer: From this son of Japheth came the Germanic peoples, from whom came most of the original peoples of Western Europe. These include the original French, Spanish, and Celtic settlers. Ezk 38:6,
- c. Magog...Tubal, Meshech: These settled in the far north of Europe and became the Russian peoples. Ezk 38:2-4, here is our Prophecy Moment as there is a future war that God will defend Israel and its talked about here in Ezk 38:5—12, 15-23 and I believe may be the War we see in Rev 6:3-4 followed by the 3rd & 4th horse Rev 6:5-8, 12-17 notice also that its also mentioned at the end of the Millium Kingdom when Satan is released for a short time and the sad part is even under a perfect world with perfect Government their will be those who follow Satan one last time Rev20:7-9
- d. Madai: From this son of Japheth came the ancient Medes and they populated what are now Iran and Iraq. The peoples of India also came from this branch of Japheth's family.
- e. Javan: From this son of Japheth came the ancient Greeks, whose sea-faring ways are described in

Vs 3 Gomer Son of Japheth

- a. Ashkenaz: From this son of Gomer came the peoples who settled north of Judea into what we call the Fertile Crescent.
- b. Togarmah: From this son of Gomer came the Armenians. Eze_38:6

Vs 4 -5 The sons of Javan (the ancient Greeks) Isa 66:19, Ezk 27:12-14

- a. The sons of Javan were: Geographic names that spring from these names in this chapter abound. Linguists have no trouble seeing the connection between Kittim and Cyprus, Rodanim and Rhodes, Gomer and Germany, Meschech and Moscow, Tubal and Tobolsk.
- b. Everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations: These divisions of mankind developed into language, genetic (families) and ethnic (nations) divisions.

VS 6 The sons of Ham.

- a. Ham: The descendants of Ham are the peoples who populated Africa and the Far East. Psa_78:51, 105:23, 105:27, 106:22
- b. Cush: Apparently, this family divided into two branches early. Some founded Babylon (notably, Nimrod) and others founded Ethiopia. Isa_11:11
- c. Mizraim: This is another way the Bible refers to Egypt. Put refers to Libya, the region of North Africa west of Egypt. Canaan refers to the peoples who originally settled the land we today think of as Israel and its surrounding regions.

Vs 7-12 The Sons of Cush

Shinar: Gen_11:2, Gen_14:1; Isa_11:11; Dan_1:2; Zec_5:11

Nineveh which has a checked past as very evil But God showed us even this city can be saved with the story of Jonah Jon_1:2, 3:5,10 but doesn't last forever about 150 ears later Zep_2:13,

- a. Cush begot Nimrod: Mic_5:6 One son of Cush worthy of note is Nimrod. He was a mighty one on the earth, but not in a good way. He ruled over Babel, which was the first organized rebellion of humans against God. The name Nimrod itself means, "let us rebel."
- b. Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD: The context shows that this is not a compliment of Nimrod. The idea is that Nimrod was an offense before the face of God.

i. “This is not talking about Nimrod’s ability to hunt wild game. He was not a hunter of animals. He was a hunter of men – a warrior. It was through his ability to fight and kill and rule ruthlessly that his kingdom of the Euphrates valley city states was consolidated.” (Boice)

ii. A Jerusalem Targum says: “He was powerful in hunting and in wickedness before the Lord, for he was a hunter of the sons of men, and he said to them, ‘Depart from the judgment of the Lord, and adhere to the judgment of Nimrod!’ Therefore it is said: ‘As Nimrod the strong one, strong in hunting, and in wickedness before the Lord’” (cited in Morris).

iii. Ginzberg quotes from a Jewish legend: “The great success that attended all of Nimrod’s undertakings produced a sinister effect. Men no longer trusted in God, but rather in their own prowess and ability, an attitude to which Nimrod tried to convert the whole world.”

Vs 13-14 from Mizraim came the Philistines and Caphtorim Jer_47:4

Vs 15-19 The sons of Canaan

a. Canaan begot Sidon: The family of Sidon, the son of Canaan, went north and is related to the Hittites and Lebanese.

b. And the Sinite: Many people believe the Oriental peoples descended from the Sinites.

Realize that most of this area will be eliminated when the nation of Israel takes over the land God gave them Gen_13:12-17, Gen_15:18-21; Num_34:2-15 (just mention); Jos_12:7-8,

Part 26 Genesis 10:21-11:9 Noah’s Genealogy to The Tower of Babel

Review Curse of Canaan as it seems since the flood God thru Noah emphasizes this. Gen 9:18, 22, 25-27 and will come to pass this area gets Judgement (See above passage)

vs 21-22 a. Children were born also to Shem: From Shem comes Elam, who was an ancestor of the Persian peoples; Asshur, who was the father of the

Assyrians; Lud was father to the Lydians who lived for a time in Asia Minor; and Aram was father to the Arameans, who we also know as the Syrians. Arphaxad was the ancestor of Abram and the Hebrews.

Vs 23 The sons of Aram

a. Uz: Later, a region in Arabia was named after this son of Aram. Job came from the land of Uz (Job_1:1).

Vs 24-30 The sons and descendants of Arphaxad.

a. All these were the sons of Joktan: The names after the son of Joktan (son of Eber, son of Salah, son of Arphaxad) are all associated with various Arabic peoples.

b. And Jobab: The one named Jobab may be the one we know as Job in the Old Testament.

Vs 31 A review as to indicate that these were all the nations of the earth after the flood. Hence the reason we call it the table of Nations.

Chapter 11:1-9 Tower of Babel Lets review the time line here since the flood, Realize that Chapter 10 really did not happen until after Babel. Initially we pick up here the events just after the Flood. Noah and his 3 sons headed south from Mountains of Ararat (Armenia) realize the word Ararat in Hebrew is ararat and is found in 4 places in the Bible ararat, twice Gen_8:4, Jer_51:27 Armenia, and twice 2Ki_19:37, Isa_37:38 (see Map on silk road)

Vs vs 2 Shinar Gen_14:1; Isa_11:11; Dan_1:2; Zec_5:11so I can see based on the silk rd that travel from the east may be possible from Susa area and Persia. Remember this word was inhabited before so these routes may have existed even prior flood either way the Bible says he came from the east so we know the Bible is Always true.

Vs 3 Pretty advanced technology for this period as it was believed most construction was with rock.

Vs 4 Show Ziggurats of Ur where Abraham was from

Vs 6 God here realizes that he wanted them to spread out and not all stay in one area as it can breed issues with pride.

Vs 7 so here begins the cause of why we have so many languages now. It don't say how many groups left this area but the places where the sons descendants may give us a clue.

Vs 9 Babel interesting play on word as the Hebrew word for to confuse is Babal Isa 13:1, Rev 18:2

Which as we head into the period I believe is the time for Satan to be working extra hard to deceive the whole use of this area used as God's judgement has an interesting tie in thru history. A place where all anti Real God of the Bible is blasphemed with pagan worship. And the worldly belief that we don't need God we can do it on our own.

Part 27 Genesis 11:10-32 Shem's Genealogy to Abraham

Before we look at Shem's line one more thing that the patriates of old intersected in history with Ham's descendants is thru Egypt so here is a bit more info on that.

Synchronisms between Old Testament characters and Egypt include the following:

Pre-Dynastic and Old Kingdom

Mizraim, Abram

Middle Kingdom

Joseph, Moses

New Kingdom

Solomon, Rehoboam, Asa, Ahab

Third Intermediate and Late Periods

Hezekiah, Josiah, Jeremiah

Predynastic Egypt and Old Kingdom—the Post-Flood World

Most histories begin with the unsubstantiated notion that primitive people slowly developed civilization from rudimentary beginnings. Archaeology around the world has instead revealed advanced ancient technology without discernible periods of evolution.³⁵ This sudden appearance of cultures possessing advanced technology approximately 4,000 years ago is consistent with the Bible's account of the Flood, the proliferation of intelligent people on the plains of Shinar, and their subsequent scattering from the Tower of Babel.

Mizraim's Family Each group leaving Babel took with it whatever skills its members possessed.

Mizraim, Noah's grandson, founded Egypt around 2188 B.C., a date consistent with both biblical and secular records.³⁷ The Egyptians, the Sumerians, and the Mayans all retained the technology to build pyramids. Imhotep designed Egypt's first pyramid for third dynasty pharaoh Zoser. The Great Pyramid of Giza, built for pharaoh Khufu of the fourth dynasty, is "the largest and most accurately constructed building in the world."³⁸ This pyramid required advanced optical, surveying, mathematical, and construction techniques, an impressive leap beyond the technology demonstrated in earlier pyramids. I might point out here as we see that God insured that we had accurate years to help us determine when creation Happen. A man who was a Archbishop of Ireland did a lot of research to determine the timing of creation based on working backwards from the Babylonian period and the death of King Nebuchadnezzar captivity of 586 BC His name it James Ussher and he lived from 1581-1656 AD and used the bible as his main source and when possible secular sources that were reliable So

that's where most of these dates come from . So He put Creation in October 23rd 4004 BC even the month & Day. But he put this work into a book of 1600 pages of a timeline from 70 AD to creation, The title is "The Annals of the World" published in 1658. The main source was the Bible but found that when the Mede-Persian Empire came into existence they kept good records which helped. Here are some of the dates he used in his Calculation besides Gen Chapter 5 and 11 which we have studied he also used the following verses to help.

1921 BC Abraham left Haran (Genesis 12:10; Exodo 12:40; Galatians 3:17)
2,083 yrs.

↑ 430 years to the very day ↓

1491 BC The Jewish Exodus (1 Kings 6:1) 2,513 yrs.

↑ 479 years ↓

(In the 480th year or after 479 years)

1012 BC Start of the Temple (1 Kings 11:42) 2,992 yrs.

↑ 38 years ↓

(Solomon reigns 40 years; Temple was started in his 4th year)

974 BC Jeroboam's Golden Calves (Ezekiel 4:4–6) 3,030 yrs.

↑ 390 whole years ↓

584 BC The Final Deportation of the Jews 3,420 yrs.

Hence the Year of Creation = 584 + 3,420 = 4004 BC

So lets finish our Genealogy up to Abram where the more detailed portion begins.

Gen 11:10-17

Vs 18 It was During This period that the world became divided 1 Chr 1:19 and Nimrod Ham's Son started Building the Tower based on this I Speculate that Shem's line stayed away from Nimrod and the tower. It is believed also by Josephus that Hebrew was the common tongue that was confused

Vs 20 This is the point that God Dispersed the nation's at Babylon and based on Josephus was when the people first moved to other continents possible the America's Gen 11:9

Antiquities Of The Jews By Flavius Josephus Book 1, Chapter 5

AFTER WHAT MANNER THE POSTERITY OF NOAH SENT OUT COLONIES AND INHABITED THE WHOLE EARTH.

1. AFTER this they were dispersed abroad, on account of their languages, and went out by colonies every where; and each colony took possession of that land which they light upon, and unto which God led them; so that the whole continent was filled with them, both the inland and the maritime countries. There were some also who passed over the sea in ships, and inhabited the islands: and some of those nations do still retain the denominations which were given them by their first founders; but some have lost them also, and some have only admitted certain changes in them, that they might be the more intelligible to the inhabitants. And they were the Greeks who became the authors of such mutations. For when in after-ages they grew potent, they claimed to themselves the glory of antiquity; giving names to the nations that sounded well (in Greek) that they might be better understood among themselves; and setting agreeable forms of government over them, as if they were a people derived from themselves.

So just some other interesting facts is that as late as Abram whose Dad knew Noah who knew and Noah knew of Adam thru his father Lamiech that pretty much the first 2000 years of history was only 4 Men apart. I can see that not only the Bible was verifiable as Gods word But that by the time Moses was writing these books the information was not many hands removed. The written word was well on its way during the Egyptian era and probably went back to the Tower of Babel as most people groups believe in a Flood story.

Part 28 Genesis 12:1-20 Shem's Genealogy to Abraham

Now we enter the Abrahamic Covenant 4th Dispensation Promise Genesis 12-Exodus 18:27

Vs 1-3 Important Promise that no other nation on earth received so as the saying Goes here that any Nation that does not follow Gods law here of vs 2 will suffer loss. Its an interesting study to see every time the nations of the world defy Gods promise it usually has consequences. Honestly the current time we are in and how often people want to divide Israel up particularly with the PLO something bad happens. One I have heard for an example for the Good was partly the reason

America has prospered so well is out friendship with Israel. But on the reverse so say the timing of the Hurricane Katrina was Gods judgement on America due to giving up land for peace and dividing Israel with the giving of the Gaza Strip to the Palestinians in August 2005 exactly when Katrina hit New Orleans followed by 2 more in September and October Hurricanes Ophelia, Rita, Wilma one of the most active Hurricanes seasons with 7 major Hurricanes that set a record of the most to hit America since the 1930's

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Israeli disengagement from Gaza was the unilateral dismantling in August 2005 of the 21 Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip and the evacuation of Israeli settlers and army from inside the Gaza Strip

Maybe coincidence but definitely interesting. The latest situation continues with the current administration not very supportive of Israel and some in the Congress wanting to put additional laws on the books against Israel. We do know America does not have much of if any a role in Last Days events so just like other things we will study with other areas later in Genesis America is overdue for God's Wrath.

Vs 3 be blessed Gen 27:29; Exo 23:22; Num 24:9; Mat 25:40,

In thee Gal 3:8

Vs 4 Went Heb 11:8

Vs 7 everlasting covenant Psa 105:9-12

Vs 8 important principle we still rely on today to become a child of God called Gen 4:26; Gen 13:4; Gen 21:33; Psa 116:4-9; Joe 2:32; Act 2:21; Rom 10:12-14; 1Co 1:2 so some like to say in the OT they were saved by keeping the Law but realize the Law was only to point out Sin not a means to salvation All thru the Old and New testament it was always about Grace Eph 2:8-9

Vs 9-10 Famine first of 3 times the descendants of Abraham went to Egypt due to a famine Gen 26:1; Gen 42:5; Gen 43:1; Gen 47:13;

Vs 12 Isaac will pull the same stunt in Gen 26:7

Vs 13 He actually was not lying as She was both Wife and Half-Sister Gen_20:12-13,

Vs 20 so as an interesting historical note maybe part of the reason the Pharaoh was so nice to him was due to his help with building the Khufu's Pyramid

Abram's visit to Egypt may explain Egypt's sudden advance. Abram grew up in the advanced but idolatrous culture of Ur about three centuries after the Flood.

Josephus wrote that Abram "communicated to them arithmetic, and delivered to them the science of astronomy; for before Abram came into Egypt, they were unacquainted with those parts of learning; for that science came from the Chaldeans into Egypt. Based on Josephus's statement, Abram's visit to Egypt may well have occurred during the fourth dynasty

Part 29 Genesis 13:1-18 Abram Heads towards Canaan

am 2086, B.C. 1918

vs 1 the south: The south of Canaan; as in leaving Egypt, it is said he "came from the south," and the southern part of the promised land lay north-east of Egypt. Gen_20:1, Gen_21:33;

vs 2 I like verses like this and others Gen_24:35, Gen_26:12-13; Deu_8:18; 1Sa_2:7; Job_1:3, Psa_112:1-3; Pro_3:9-10, Mat_6:33;

So its not riches that cause a man to sin but the Love of Money before God that's the problem. 1 Tim 6:10

Vs 3 Bethel and Hai: i.e., The place which was afterwards called Bethel by Jacob, and so called when Moses wrote; for its first name was Luz (Gen_28:19)

Vs 5 Lot was doing well also. So them together was causing a problem cattle need lots of grazing room so this probably was becoming an issue.

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Vs 7 we also note that the Canaanites are also still here and at a future date they will be driven from the land and Killed as a people group bt not for a while until the land is conquered by Joshua some 400 years from now. So for now they will get along and share the land. But as we know today the Jewish nation is still

waiting to control all the land promised. Gen_10:19, Gen_12:6, Of note also I read in another commentary was here we see a good example to others. As Abram and Lot 's men were having strife in front of the Canaanites and Perizzites was not good. So when Abram offered to suggest Lot and him divide the land God gave to Abram he was being Righteous vs 8-9. As we also should be around others to show we are different. Like Jesus mentions in a Matt 5:16, or others 1 Corth 11:1, Phil 3:17

Vs 10-11 Lots 1st step towards backsliding Looks towards Sodom

Vs 12-13 2nd step Sets his tent towards Sodom

3rd Step Moves in Gen 19:1-2 and because an Important man sitting at the Gate is normally where those of power in a city conducted daily business. So now the moral compass of his daughters has been compromised Gen19:33. As I too know of my past its easy to get wrapped up into this worlds evil's. Interesting comparison of Abram and Lot.

Vs 14-15 God shows Abram the area he will someday inherit. The Abrahamic Covenant 15:5, 12:2, Rom 11:26-27

Vs 16-17 gen 28:14 Here we see that the evils of Sodom did not sway Abram and God has him leave and return to the Plains near Hebron where in the future God will dwell in Jerusalem. By then Sodom is destroyed and Joshua will be dealing with the others who are also removed

Vs 18 Abram remembering the Lord and returns to where he will fulfill a good portion of his days

Mamre: Gen_14:13, Gen_18:1,

Hebron: Gen_23:2, Gen_35:27, Gen_37:14

altar: Gen_13:4, Gen_8:20, Gen_12:7-8; Psa_16:8; 1Ti_2:8

so a great lesson here that when you take your eyes off the Lord it will lead to destruction. BTW as we will probably comment on when we get to the Destruction of Sodom but the incestuous union of Lots daughters produced the people we know today as the Moabites and Amorites of which are enemies of the Jewish

Nation. Except even in that evil culture we have Ruth who was a Moabite and turned towards God. Great testimony of how our passed can be changed.

Part 30 Genesis 14:1-24 Battle of the 4 Kings, Abram Saves Lot

Vs 1- 17 Melchizedek Psm 110:4, Heb 5:6

1 Melchizedek, type of Christ the King-Priest. The type strictly applies to the priestly work of Christ in resurrection, since Melchizedek presents only the memorials of sacrifice, bread and wine. "After the order of Melchizedek" (Heb_6:20) refers to the royal authority and unending duration of Christ's high priesthood (Heb_7:23); (Heb_7:24). The Aaronic priesthood was often interrupted by death. Christ is a priest after the order of Melchizedek, as King of righteousness, King of peace; (Isa_11:4-9); (Heb_7:2) and in the endlessness of his priesthood; but the Aaronic priesthood typifies His priestly work.

most high God

vs 18-23 "Most high," or "most high God" (Hebrew, El Elyon). "Elyon means simply "highest

(1) The first revelation of this name (Gen_14:18) indicates its distinctive meanings. Abram, returning from his victory over the confederated kings (Gen_14:1-17) is met by Melchizedek, King of Salem. . . The "priest of the most high God" (El Elyon), who blesses Abram in the name of El Elyon, "possessor of heaven and earth." This revelation produced a remarkable impression upon the patriarch. Not only did he at once give Melchizedek "tithes of all" the spoil of the battle, but when the King of Sodom offered other of that spoil to Abram, his answer was; "I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord Jehovah, the most high God El-Elyon, the possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet," etc.

(a) The Lord (Jehovah) is know to a Gentile king (Melchizedek) by the name "most high god" El Elyon);

(b) a Gentile is the priest of El Elyon and

(c) His distinctive character as most high God is "possessor of heaven and earth."

Appropriately to this Gentile knowledge of God by His name "Most High," we read that "the Most High divided to the nationsthat is, Gentiles] their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam," etc. (Deu_32:8). As "possessor heaven and earth," it was the prerogative of the Most High to distribute the earth among the nations according to whatever principle He chose. That principle is declared (Deu_32:8). To the same purport is the use of the name in Daniel, the book of Gentile prophecy; (Dan_3:26); (Dan_4:17); (Dan_4:24); (Dan_4:25); (Dan_4:32); (Dan_4:34); (Dan_4:35); (Dan_5:18); (Dan_5:21).

(2) As "possessor of heaven and earth," the most high God has and exercises authority in both spheres:

(a) the heavenly authority of El Elyon (for example (Dan_4:35); (Dan_4:37); (Isa_14:13); (Isa_14:14); (Mat_28:18).

(b) the earthly authority of El Elyon (e.g). (Deu_32:8); (Psa_9:2-5); (Psa_21:7); (Psa_47:2-4); (Psa_56:2-3); (Psa_82:6); (Psa_82:8); (Psa_83:16-18); (Psa_91:9-12); (2Sa_22:14); (2Sa_22:15); (Dan_5:18).

Vs 22-24 Abram here base on Raising of his hand to the Lord wants to show that he gives all the glory to God and not to Men so prefers not to take of the spoil, But also allowed the others to partake of the spoil based on their own traditions.

So as a final thought and my Prophecy moment we see that except for Jesus no one else ever was a King and Priest except for Melchizedek with God's permission except for our King, Jesus Christ and as the body of Christ The church as we see in Rev 5, 8-10 as the Redeemed Saints as I believe is represented as the 24 Elders. Notice Jesus is from the Tribe of Juda which David was from but all the priests came from Levi once when a King did perform the task that only a Priest could do was Punished and did not receive the Kingdom as he would have 1 Sam 10:8, 13:13-14. Or David when he tried to move the Arc and Mercy seat and it was done improperly (only by hand Exo 25:12-15, and by Levites Num 4:14)and the driver Died when he tried to stop the arc from falling Num 4:15 But we as the Body of Christ and His position as our King and High Priest Rev 19:16, Heb 4:14-15 by adoption also have that role kings: Rev_1:5-6, Rev_20:6, 1Pe_2:5-9

Part 31 Genesis 15:1-21 God's Covenant and a Prophecy

Covenant is a unconditional one as we will see. Typically, in this culture this would be a covenant sealed by Blood.

Vs 2 Great passage as we have some words that carry a lot of meaning.

Lord God here we see the word Lord which by itself can mean:

"Lord" (Heb. Adon, Adonai)

(1) The primary meaning of Adon, Adonai, is Master, and it is applied in the Old Testament Scriptures both to Deity and to man. The latter instances are distinguished in the English version by the omission of the capital. As applied to man, the word is used of two relationships; master and husband Gen_24:9-12 "master" may illustrate the former; Gen_18:12 "lord," the latter). Both these relationships exist between Christ and the believer Joh_13:13 "master"; 2Co_11:2-3 "husband").

(2) Two principles inhere in the relation of master and servant:

(a) the Master's right to implicit obedience Joh_13:13; Mat_23:10; Luk_6:46

(b) the servant's right to direction in service Isa_6:8-11

"Lord God" (Heb. Adonai Jehovah). When used distinctively, this compound name, while gathering into one the special meanings of each will be found to emphasize the Adonai rather than the Jehovah character of Deity. (The following passages may suffice to illustrate this:) Deu_3:24;9:26; Jos_7:7; Jdg_6:22, 16:28; 2Sa_7:18-20, 7:28-29; Psa_69:6; 71:5

Almost here in like a plead that Thank you for all you given me but what I really need is a Son. Not really a complaint as God does understand and in a Father loving way confirms he will get a Son in due time. I haven't forsaken You. So at this point God is going to do a covenant to seal the deal and give Abram some peace.

Vs 9 Cut them in two... and placed each piece opposite the other:

Abram knew exactly what to do with these animals; he understood that according to the custom of his time, God told him to get a contract ready for signing.

i. In those days, contracts were made by the sacrificial cutting of animals, with the split carcasses of the animals lying on the ground. The covenant was made when

parties to the agreement walked through the animal parts together, repeating the terms of the covenant. The LORD made a covenant in Gen_15:18 is literally, “the LORD cut a covenant. “we see here that even tho this land God has promised has never come completely under Jewish Control and wont until the Millennium Kingdome. But this for sure will happen as God has made this promise. And not a single promise God has made ever not happened.

ii. Jer_34:18-20 refers to this same practice of a covenant made by cutting animals and repeating the oath of the covenant as one walks through the animal parts.

iii. The symbolism was plain. First, this is a covenant so serious, it is sealed with blood. Second, if I break this covenant, let this same bloodshed be poured out on my animals and me. IE God

iv. When Abram had his doubts and wanted assurance from the LORD, God said to him clearly, “Let’s sign a contract and settle this once for all.”

Because God alone stated the conditions of the covenant and passed thru the split animals meant it was the responsibility og God alone and nothing would change that in the Jeremiah passage God there is stating what happens when you break the covenant. In that case it was a conditional one between two parties. But God’s was an Unconditional one

vs 13- 16 We have a another prophecy here that the Jewish Nation will endure 400 years in Egypt or 4 Generations. Speaking of the time after Joseph where Moses comes on the scene. But also one of the definitions of a generation dividing 400 by 4 or 100 year generations. So this is an area many try to date the tribulation as being that Jesus said in Matt 24:34 about a generation and that the Jewish nation regained its land in 1948 that we can approximate when the tribulation will start. Most use 70-80 years as a generation from the passage in Psalm 90:10 but we have this one also which tells us 100 not 70-80. So back to we don’t know the day or hour. And remember there are no signs for the Rapture so be ready all the time

Part 32 Genesis 16:1-16 God’s Timing is Always Perfect

I believe we are all guilty of thinking we need to help God accomplish what we think he wants. 100% of the Time God does know what's best. I try to remember that particularly when it seems I'm hitting every obstacle to my goals. Like when your late for an appointment and for some reason you hit every red light. But you might be surprised as to what God has in store for you. Next time it seems we are hitting every red light might be God keeping us from the Auto Accident that would have happen if he didn't delay our trip. Here we See Abram & Sarai will learn that valuable lesson.

Vs 1-2, We just saw the covenant in the last chapter where Abram here should have put his foot down but somehow forgot the whole promise made by God that he would have a son Gen_13:16, and the confirmation in Chapter 15:5. Reminds me of another Husband that was swayed by his wife Gen 3:17 , I guess us guys need to be careful and not let Beauty sway our judgement. I too have been their myself. The year here is 1912BC and the last chapter was 1911 BC so its only been a year. But also Abram and Sarai are not getting any younger so I can relate. And the practice of multiple wives we will see in Jacob is condoned on occasion if it be Gods will. I don't Think God plans it that way but allows it under certain circumstances.

Vs 4 Pro_30:20-21, 23 The drive to have offspring is a strong desire particularly in that culture. A woman who doesn't have children is looked down upon severely. We see Hannah in 1 Sam 1:5-7 in a similar situation but she did it correctly and seek the Lord 1 Sam 1:20

Vs 5 we see here it seems there was a confrontation between Sarai and the Egyptian, It seems some ridicule could have happen between them.

Vs 6 most likely Sarai took it to an extreme, so the woman fled probably thinking she was in danger.

Vs 7-9 angel of the Lord, When God Himself is physically present, we understand that it is a pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ. We understand this because of God the Father it says: No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him (Joh_1:18), and no man has ever seen God in the Person of the Father (1Ti_6:16). Therefore, if God

physically appeared and spoke as one Person to another in the Old Testament, we understand this as an appearance of the eternal Son, the Second Person of the Trinity, before His incarnation in Bethlehem.

- The Angel of the LORD would later appear to Abraham (Genesis 22:11).
- The Angel of the LORD would later appear to Moses (Exodus 3:2).
- The Angel of the LORD would later appear to Balaam (Numbers 22:5).
- The Angel of the LORD would later appear to Israel collectively (Judges 2:1).

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- The Angel of the LORD would later appear to Gideon (Judges 6:11).
- The Angel of the LORD would later appear to Samson's parents (Judges 13:3, 11-23).
- The Angel of the LORD would later appear to David (2 Samuel 24:16).
- The Angel of the LORD would later appear to Elijah (1 Kings 19:7).

iii. This is the first appearance of the Angel of the LORD in the Bible. He didn't first appear to Noah or Enoch or Abram. The Angel of the LORD first appeared to a single mother-to-be who had a pride problem and was mistreated by the woman who put her into the whole mess.

I can't Help but also see how the same Lord after his resurrection also appeared to a woman first. Mark 16:9, Jn 20:15-17

Vs 9 Great lesson here tho to face our problems not run away.

Vs 10 Gen 17:20 Father of the Arab nations and a descendant of Mohammad father of Islam

Vs 12 has been mostly seen in violence and murder among Arabs themselves. They kill each other even more than they kill Jews and Christians. For their own sake, even more than ours, we pray: God, bring salvation to the Arab people.

Vs 14 also know by Lahairoi Gen_24:62, Gen_25:11

Vs 16 Abram was 86 and it will be when he is 100 when Issac is born 14 more years. Great example of never doubt the Lord.

Part 33 Genesis 17:1-14 Abraham and the Covenant of Circumcision

Vs 1 Almighty God here we are about 1897 BC or 2107 years since creation

Perfect realize means like upright, Sincere not like something really hard to achieve without God.

"Almighty God" (Heb. El Shaddai)

(1) The Historical Origin of of this word Almighty God (El Shaddai) is both interesting and touching. God (El) signifies the "Strong One". The qualifying word Shaddai is formed from the Hebrew word "shad," the breast, invariably used in Scripture for a woman's breast; e.g. Gen_49:25; Job_3:12; Psa_22:9, Isa_28:9;. BTW there were a bunch from Song of Solomon but I decided a bit to descriptive , Young Jewish Boys were not even allowed to read Son until they were like 30 years old. Shaddai therefore means primarily "the breasted." God is "Shaddai," because He is the Nourisher, the Strength-giver, and so, in a secondary sense, the Satisfier, who pours himself into believing lives. As a fretful, unsatisfied babe is not only strengthened and nourished from the mother's breast, but also is quieted, rested, satisfied, so El Shaddai is that name of God which sets Him forth as the Strength-giver and Satisfier of His people. It is on every account to be regretted that "Shaddai" was translated "Almighty." The primary name El or Elohim sufficiently signifies almightiness. "All-sufficient" would far better express both the Hebrew meaning and the characteristic use of the name in Scripture.

(2) Almighty God (El Shaddai) not only enriches, but makes fruitful. This is nowhere better illustrated than in the first occurrence of the name

Gen_17:1-8. To a man ninety-nine years of age, and "as good as dead"

Heb_11:12. He said: "I am the Almighty God El Shaddai. .. I will. .. multiply thee exceedingly." To the same purport is the use of the name in Gen_28:3-4.

(3) As Giver of fruitfulness, Almighty God (El Shaddai) chastens His people. For the moral connection of chastening with fruit bearing, see Joh_15:2; Heb_12:10; Rth_1:20. Hence, Almighty is the characteristic name of God in Job, occurring thirty-one times in that book. The hand of El Shaddai falls upon Job, the best man of his time, not in judgment, but in purifying unto greater fruitfulness Job_5:17-25.

Vs 4-5 Abram to Abraham from Exalted Father to Father of a Multitude

Vs 6 Nations Gen 35:11, Kings Gen36:31, 1 Sam 8:22

Vs 8 Gen 12:7, 13:15, Acts 7:5

Circumcision instituted :Interesting practice as I know it was very common in my years of childhood and was a common practice by most families I knew. Probably more from a Hygyne position rather than as a Religious Practice. So when I discovered it was in the Bible it did make me curious why it was done even then?. But this [passage is of particular noteworthy here in vs 12, (Read up to 12)so even better why the 8th day? I know when my son was born you usually stayed an extra day in the hospital and it was done either the 2nd or 3rd day after birth. But of particular interest is they would give a shot of vitamin K to infants to boost there healing properties so the cut would heal faster. Vitamin K as it of interest reaches it maximum level on the 8th day after birth. Some would say how did they know? Well we see right here God told

them. So when you atheist friends want to say God doesn't exist this

might be a great story to tell them. Also it the clotting factor of Vit K and this was discovered by medical Science in 1939. So who says the Bible is out dated....

Vs 13 its also important to remember as Paul will spell out in the following passages, This was a Jewish Law and with Christ we are no longer under the Law. Rom 2:25-29, 4:9-12, 1 Cor 7:18-19, Gal 5:2-3, Col 2:11-13 But as a Jew even Jesus was also. Luk 2:21

Vs 14 I kind of se this as another way of stating that without the shedding of Blood there is no remission for sin and its symbolic of that and for the Ladies the reproductive process itself every month.

Part 34 Genesis 17:15-27 Isaac's Birth Promised

Vs 15 Sarah: i.e. princess

Vs 16 1 Sam 8:22, Promise of a future day Gen_18:10-14

Vs 17 laughed: Gen_18:12, Gen_21:6; Joh_8:56-58 Jesus admitted he was God;
Rom_4:19-20

Child Born to Older Parents, this will happen again in about 1850 years to Elizabeth and Zacharias in Luke 1:13-20

Vs 18 I think its important to realize that the handmaids even of Jacob or out of the Jewish nation like under Esau did not produce any children outside the Jewish nation in the line going to Jesus. We see this in Abraham Isaac and Jacob leading to the tribe of Judah which is the

lineage to Jesus. The Mothers in these cases were Sarah, Rebecca and Leah Jacobs first wife and also Levi who were the priest. So even if God

allowed multiple wives it seems for his line to the messiah it was all first wives or wives that met the Biblical definition of . The example I can think of is Ruth as she was married before, but Her Husband had died thus keeping to the proper law of marriage. Deut 25:5-6, 1 Corth 7:8-9, 1 Tim 5:14

Vs 19 Isaac: Yitzchak, which we change into Isaac, signifies laughter; in allusion to Abraham's laughing, Gen_17:17. By this Abraham did not express his unbelief or weakness of faith, but his joy at the prospect of the fulfilment of so glorious a promise; and to this our Lord evidently alludes, Joh_8:56.

Covenant Gen 22:16 Abraham's faith seed Romans 11:26 starting with Adam Gen 3:15 and leading until Jesus Acts 1:11

Vs 20 Twelve Princes Gen 16:10, 25:12-16, Show Map

Vs 21 Isaac Gen 26:2-5, set time Gen 18:14

Part 35 Genesis 18:1-33 Abraham & Sarah's Visitors as Promised

Vs 1 One of the More special appearances of Christ, He is accompanied by 2 Angels we will see again in the City of Sodom in Chapter 19.

Theophanies are Pre Birth appearances of the second part of the God Head The Son who Became Flesh in 4-2 BC and dwelt among us John 1:1-2,14. But we see pre NT I talked about last week Isaac will get a similar appearance in Gen 26:2, and

one of my favorite is the encounter with Joshua in Joshua 5:13-15 Angels never allow worship. This was Jesus Pre-incarnet Page 78

Vs 2 Abraham seems to immediately recognize the Lord as he approaches. But probably looked similar to their last meeting. Gen 17:1

Vs 4 wash your feet: In those ancient times, shoes such as ours, were not in use; and the foot was protected only with sandals or soles, fastened round the foot with straps. It was, therefore, not only necessary from motives of cleanliness, but also a very great refreshment, in so hot a country, to get the feet washed at the end of a day's journey; and this is the first thing that Abraham proposes. Gen_19:2, Gen_24:32, 1Sa_25:41; Luk_7:44; Joh_13:5-15; 1Ti_5:10 usually done by a lowly servant but here Abraham is doing it himself

tree: Rest in the shade was the second requisite for the refreshment of a weary traveler.

Vs 5 Jesus accepted the Hospitality. It reminds me of how in a past period of time even in my lifetime which I still try to do is to greet new neighbors as they move into the neighborhood or even if I meet someone on the street. I get the sense though that this kind of hospitality is long passed in most places in America today. The south has always been better at this than a lot of big cities up north. Sad days.

Vs 12 Here we see she is not laughing at the lord but is very pleased to have this honor. Heb_11:11-12 and another honor bestowed by God Luk_1:34-35;

Vs 15 Can't hide anything from God. Psa_44:21; Pro_12:19; Mar_2:8;

Vs 16 we will see them in Sodom in Chapt 19

Vs 17 Psa_25:14; Amo_3:7; Joh_15:15; Jas_2:23 vs
18-21 Command his children Deu_4:9-10, Pro_6:20-22, Pro_22:6; so based on this passage about Children God probably is remembering Lot. We see that Here God has determined that Abraham should know of the fate of Sodom, We know Lot lives their and based on the exchange in the rest of the chapter God will spare those who are righteous.

So I wonder if God would have spared Lot and his family if Abraham would not of spoke on their behalf. As we study Chapter 19-20 of this

destruction its interesting that the Angels can't do the deed until Lot and his family is removed. Speaks volumes of how we should pray for our loved ones. I know I have family I am concerned about.

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom

Vs 22-23 I give Abraham a lot of Credit on how far he went , But as we also know God was well aware that Abraham was going to request this and it also shows the patience of God. I can see that we can also have confidence that our request to God are taken just as patiently as Abrahams. I see in this ref that God honors who stand in the gap but if none do he may not change his mind. Eze_22:30; these are they whodo intercede for their fellow man even when they are our enemy Acts 7:55-60; 1Ti_2:1

Vs 24-32 Righteous Seems maybe even if their was one he would have spared them. Based on their being no Sodom today we now besides Lot and his 2 Daughters there was no other righteous. I feel that's also why America is still protected from God's wrath which is way overdue. But for the Church America I'm afraid would look like Sodom. Isa_1:9; Jer_5:1; Mat_7:13-14

Part 36 Genesis 19:1- 17 Sodom & Gomorrah Escape

Vs 1 We see here that the 2 Men with the Lord were angels as indicated here. Now it doesn't say whether Lot knew this at first? I don't think so and probably just was being polite to some distinguished looking strangers coming to the city. Keep in mind and I believe I may have had an encounter with angels once. Heb_13:2

Lot Sat at the Gate , There was a steady progression of compromise in Lot's life. He went from looking toward Sodom (Gen_13:10), to pitching his tent toward Sodom (Gen_13:12), to living in Sodom (Gen_14:12), and losing everything when Sodom was attacked.

Now, back at the infamous city, Lot sat in the gate of Sodom, indicating he was a civic leader. The gate area of an ancient city was sort of a town-hall where the important men of the city judged disputes, conferred with one another, and supervised those who entered and left the city. Deu_21:19; Deu_21:20. Lot

himself was a righteous man who was grieved by the sin he saw around him (2Pe_2:7-8), but because of his deep compromise few of his family and none of his friends were saved. Compromise destroyed his testimony.

Vs 2 As Ive always heard and seen many times that in the Middle eastern Culture this was not uncommon. Luk_24:28-29;

Act_16:15, But also reminds me of what Jesus said as he sent out the disciples 2 by 2 Luk 10:1, 8-12

Vs 4-7 This whole story is placed in the Bible for obvious reasons. I find that I have known some who feel this way and it disturbs me that they feel it is completely normal But There is no doubt the Bible declares homosexual conduct is sin (Rom_1:26-28). Old Testament also

(Lev_18:22; Lev_20:13) condemn homosexual conduct. Jesus Half Brother Jude mentions it Jude 7, Jesus Himself affirmed the Old Testament's condemnation of homosexual conduct when He said, do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill (Mat_5:17). Jesus also affirmed the Biblical ideal of marriage consisting of one man and one woman joined in a life-long relationship (Mat_19:4-6). The Bible condemns homosexual conduct in the same context as it condemns incest and bestiality (as in Lev_18:22; Lev_20:13). I truly feel this story and what Abraham showed us is that the only reason Much of the world has not fallen to the same Judgement as Sodom is the Righteous members of the Church Gen 18:24-26. Billy Graham once made that observation that if God didn't Judge American, he will have to apologize to Sodom & Gomorrah

vs 8 Has always bothered me. How can the solution to this situation be to offer His Daughters. Now Im pretty sure it would not have happen with the Angels there but it kind of shows how much Lot had fallen into the World. But I also see he did not turn to God in this situation and tried to handle it Himself. Are we guilty of that also? More than I want to admit. But also in this culture also The honor to protect a Guest superseded one's own family. Also women many times were look as 2nd class citizens. Actually, Jesus Christ did more to promote women than any religious leader of that period of time. Even in America women did not have the vote in the

early years and we are considered a Christian Nation. Even now in many Arabic countries where follow Shera Law Women can't drive, Must walk behind a man, I remember hearing in Japan a husband wouldn't be charged for abuse to his wife and could beat her to death if he wanted. So in an evil culture we see in Sodom this is not a surprise. But also as we will see in the next verse They want the Men who came into town and this verse may just be to show us it was a Homosexual desire and not a desire of women.

Vs 9 Judge Ex 2:14 There passion for those men was beyond reason. What pray tell can cause this kind of Evil. But we know even today the darkside of those who are driven by worldly Lust both for sexual desire, Power and Money.

Vs 11 Time for God's messengers to step in. This vers reminds me of how Angels have a lot of power when authorized by God. In 2 Kings 19:38 one Angel 185,000 Assyrians so don't mess with angels on a mission. Also with a punishment for a sin David did in 1 Chron 21:14-17 an angel was going to destroy Jerusalem but God stopped that destruction after already killing 70,000 .

Vs 16 Angels here actually forced them out of the city before distruction in a similar way that we as the Church are snatched out during the Rapture BEFORE Destruction 1 Thess 4:16-17 Caught Up which in the Greek is

harpazō har-pad'-zo

From a derivative of G138; to seize (in various applications): - catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force).

Vs 17 Don't look back as his wife will Most likely its an order to put that life behind you and move forward. Gen_19:26; Today's Prophecy moment Luk_9:62, Luk_17:31-32; now this one may be Nuclear and there is a great reason not to look back. You will be blinded. Php_3:13-14 but a great lesson which I also have problems with. But all we can do is keep trying.

Part 37 Genesis 19:18-38 Sodom & Gomorrah Destruction

Vs 17 Review we see Lot and his Wife, and 2 Daughters taken by force out of Sodom most likely due to Abrahams petition. Says a lot about Prayer.

This verse also reminds me of a future day both in 70 AD and still future yet 3.5 years into the Tribulation Luke 21:20-21 (70 AD) Matt 24:15-16 (Mid-Trib) Patterns when you find them to me speak volumes that the Bible all 66 books may have been penned by over 40 writers but have one author God John 1:1-3,14, 14:26, 1 Cor 2:12-13, Act 17:11

Vs 19-22 I find this fascinating as after this he ends up going to the Mountains anyway. But it would also seem it just was closer and Lot feared not making it to the Mountains before the destruction. Zoar means Little. They have found evidence of this town and a cemetery located their. Its also mentioned Deu_34:3-6 Interesting side note on Moses and who Buried Him as no one knows but God and some believe he may be one of the 2 witness's, Isa_15:5, Jer_48:34-36. Moab has a pretty bleak outcome.

Vs 25-26 Jesus helps us to understand what this may mean in Luk_17:29-33;. I used to be familiar with how Nuclear weapons are deployed and the protection necessary to protect the person delivering the weapon or if you see a blast in the distance. The initial blast is like a very bright light that similar to welding Arc that can blind you, Then there is a mighty wind that first comes at you then due to the vacuum near the blast reverses course and the wind comes back from the other direction. So we were trained to if possible to drop to a low spot on the ground and cover our eyes. This may be what Jesus is referring to as what will happen at this future date.

Now this destruction could have been by volcanic action. Very possible because there is evidence of volcanic eruptions in that area, a lot of evidence of that. There, of course, are tremendous salt deposits in that area. The southern end of the west of the Dead Sea there on the western side, there is a mountain of salt seven hundred feet high and five miles long. A mountain of salt; it isn't sodium chloride, your table salt. It's more of the potassium nitrate, sodium nitrate, vast deposits of salt. Mountains of salt in that area that cannot be explained by slow sedimentation. But have to be explained by deposits through eruptions of some kind; a great overthrowing.

Now potassium nitrate is a particular salt if mixed with potassium permanganate. All you need is just a little glycerin poured upon it and you've got fire and brimstone. You got a Fourth of July display. You've got fire shooting and spouting and all it needs is just a little glycerin upon it to really set the whole thing off. The heavy water will respond upon the potassium permanganate and the potassium nitrates will keep the thing really going and sputtering and sparking. And it's like a flare, it sputters and all. But all of the potassium nitrate in the area, potassium permanganate in the area, and of course, the area did have great asphalt deposits.

Josephus calls the area rather than the Dead Sea, he called it the Asphalt Sea because of the tremendous asphalt deposits. So all it needed was just a spark from heaven to set things off. And so the whole valley turned into a furnace, a cauldron, and the judgment of God came upon these cities and they were destroyed.

But his wife looked back from behind him (Gen_19:26),

Now notice, she was behind him. She was still lagging back. The word "look back" can be translated "lag back" or "turn back." And the "turn back" is the preferable translation. Lot's wife actually began to turn back towards Sodom and in turning back, she was caught in this great conflagration and the bubbling, boiling spewing salts covered her.

Vs 27-29 God remembered Abraham and probably the promises and based on what Peter said in 2 Pet 2:6-9

Part 38 Genesis 19:29-38 Lot Father of the Moabites & Amorites

Lots Final Step in Backsliding Lets review the progression Gen 19:29, 13:10,12, 19:1 and in a similar way Peter who Denied Jesus Luk 22:31-34, 45-46, 54-62. Satan always hits us in our weakest area. And as we will see in this section Lot it seems had a drinking problem and his Daughters knew it. I can attest to the fact that Alcohol is definitely what is commonly referred to as Liquid Courage. We know how fearful Lot was and it would not take much to get him forgetting his troubles. And when

drunk it is very easy to do things you will regret later. The Bible has a lot to say on this subject Prov 20:1, 23:29-35, , 1 Pet 5:8, Isa 5:11. I can attest to all of it. Praise God he took this problem from me now 7 years ago. I haven't desired a drink now at all.

Vs 29-36 Thus were Abraham and Lot are contrasted characters. Of the same stock Gen_11:31 subjected to the same environment, and both justified men; Gen_15:1,6; 2Pe_2:7-8 the contrast in character and career is shown to be the result of their respective choices at the crisis of their lives. Lot "chose him all the plain of Jordan" for present

advantage; Abraham "looked for a city which hath foundations"; Heb_11:10; Gen_13:18 "came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre (fatness), which is in Hebron" (communion). The men remain types of the worldly and spiritual believer.

Vs 37 Moabites Dt 2:9-11

Vs 38 Ammon Dt 2:19-20 or modern Day Jordan very interestingly that this is one area protected even from the Anti-Christ Daniel 11:41 the land that is not the people since they are gone at the moment it's the city of Petra Area. Fascinating place as its basically a Rock city and I found this really neat video tour of it. Total its like 5 hours long but here is an intro and a few pictures of the city.

Part 39 Genesis 20:1-18 Abraham's Lapse at Gerar

Vs 1 Gerar, Abrahams son Issac will experience a similar issue with his wife Here also. Gen 26:1,6-7. It seems to be an issue in this family as this is the second time Abraham told a half truth due to fear. reminds me of his nephew also that we just saw fear Gen 19:18-19 seems to be a dominate trait in this family. Especially since the Angels told them they would not get hurt. Just shows also that even vey righteous Abraham had fleshly issues to deal with. With him it seemed to be his wife's beauty and his demise. As He will state in his excuse to this King in vs 13.

Vs 2 Sister Gen 12:13, 26:7 I will say that at least in these 2 husbands eyes their wives were very Beautiful I sure that was a pleasant thing for Sarah and Rebecca to hear. But now how do these ladies avoid having an affair with the Kings. Sticky situation. I remember a saying once about lying that speaks volumes it was a quote

by Sir Walter Scott “ Oh What a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive”

Vs 3 BUT GOD got to love how God keeps us out of trouble. As humans we are sinners and Praise God he is watching out for us.

One other thought I read in a commentary is Abraham said of Sarah his wife, “She is my sister”: Abraham’s concern was probably not because Sarah looked like a young beauty at 90 years of age. We can surmise that she was reasonably attractive at that age, but more importantly she was connected to one of the richest and most influential men of the region. In that day, a harem was sometimes more of a political statement than a romantic statement.

At the same time, we should not ignore the idea of Sarah’s continued attractiveness even in old age. “She had in some measure been physically rejuvenated, in order to conceive, bear, and nurse Isaac, and possibly this manifested itself in renewed beauty as well” (Morris).

We get a hint of this in what The Lord said in Gen 18:10

Vs 4 Well done here I think as Abimelech did believe in the Lord due to this. And is in good company when it comes to repentance Gen 18:23(Abraham), Num 16:22(David)

Vs 6 and God answers Him God Withheld thee like he has others Here David is also 1 Sam 25:26, 34

Against God Gen 39:9 (Joseph with Potiphar’s wife) But even if we sin and are forgiven sometimes there are consequences, we will have to live with Like in David’s sake 2 Sam 13-14

Vs 7 Here I think God knew his heart really wanted her so God allowed his repentance as long as he had Abrahams prayers. He may have disobeyed God Unless there was consequences.

A Prophet Here its not someone who tells the future but similar to Aaron a spokesman The title was also given to men eminent for eloquence and literary

abilities Exo 4:15-16 or can be like a teacher, and intercessor as Paul alludes to in 1 Cor 14:4

Vs 11 fear of God Psm 19:9, Slay me Gen 12:12

Vs 12 the answer was not a complete lie but I would also say that the answer should have been his wife and trust God to protect him.

Vs 18 Because of Sarah Gen 12:17

Part 40 Genesis 21:1-13 Sarah Conceives & Isaac is Born

Vs 1-2 Gen_17:19-21,18:10,14; Psa_12:6; Mat_24:35; Tit_1:2 Rom_9:9 Heb 11:11-12 God's promises always come to pass and great lesson here how nothing is impossible with God. Which is repeated for John the Baptist Luk_1:36;

Vs 4 Circumcised I see this as p[roof that God did in fact teach the early believers much and proves He does exist. The fact that Circumcision was don on the 8th day is very medically sound as there is a vitamin k & Prothrombin that is necessary for our blood to coagulate properly. Newborns don't have any until it reaches its peak on the 8th day. And then drops down to a regular level after that. So how did these men know about this you ask? God told them Gen_17:10-12, Luk_1:59, Even Jesus Luk_2:21;

Discovered: In the 1930s, Danish researcher Henrik Dam and American researcher Edward Doisy found that which was required for blood to clot. They shared the 1943 Nobel Prize in Medicine for this research.

The human body has 2 blood clotting elements. One of them is called Vitamin K. Vitamin K is not formed in the body up until the 5th to the 7th day.

The 2nd clotting factor which is essential is called Prothrombin. It surprisingly enough develops to 30% of normal by the 3rd day of life and after that with seeming in-consequence, peaks at 110% on the 8th day, just before leveling off at 100% of normal.

If vitamin K is not present when a baby boy is circumcised, the baby will bleed to death. The reason why Yahweh established Day Eight for circumcision is that

vitamin K peaks in a newborn at 8 days of age. The 8th day is the optimum day for circumcision because of the highest presence of the clotting factor vitamin K.

Today when baby boys are circumcised within a couple of days of birth, they are administered vitamin K to help with blood clotting.

How did Abraham and Moses know to circumcise on the 8th day? Solely the Creator, who understands every intricate detail of human physiology (since He made it), could have disclosed this to them.

Vs 6 Isaac means Laughter, and this was a laugh of joy not like that its funny or sarcastic.

Vs 9 Here we have an interesting parallel between these 2 sons of Abraham one of the Flesh and one of Promise , Paul here Helps us to see the comparison of under the law vs Grace Gal_4:21-31 Just a few definitions on that passage

Sarah, type of grace, "the freewoman," and of the "Jerusalem which is above." See Gen_17:15-19; Gal_4:22-31

2 Isaac is typical in fourfold way:

(1) of the Church as composed of the spiritual children of Abraham Gal_4:28.

(2) of Christ as the Son "obedient unto death" Gen_22:1-10 (Isaac Sacrifice Abraham Faith Test); Php_2:5-8.

(3) of Christ as the Bridegroom of a called-out bride see Genesis 24; also, "Church," Mat_16:18(Peter is a Rock 1 of 12 as the Church's foundation, Jesus the Corner Stone),

(4) of the new nature of the believer as "born after the Spirit" Gal_4:29.

Part 41 Genesis 21:12-21 Hagar & The Angel of God

Vs 12-13 Here we see an unusual situation that many in our culture seem harsh But they are according to a Code of Hammurabi a Great Babylonian Law Code of Mesopotamia That based on Abraham growing up in that area (Ur of the Chaldeans)would have been the bedrock Law he was familiar with. The Mosaic law

came later with Moses so except for what God showed him would have been mostly on this Code , Also some have stated that Such a complex code of the Mosaic Law would not have been possible in this timeframe but upon discovery of the Hammurabi code being much older and more complex made the Mosaic code (even tho not derived from the Hammurabi code) more conceivable.

The Code of Hammurabi is a Babylonian legal text composed c. 1755–1750 BC. It is the longest, best-organised, and best-preserved legal text from the ancient Near East. It is written in the Old Babylonian dialect of Akkadian, purportedly by Hammurabi, sixth king of the First Dynasty of

Babylon. The primary copy of the text is inscribed on a basalt or diorite[[note 1](#)] stele 2.25 m (7 ft 4+1/2 in) tall.

The stele was rediscovered in 1901 at the site of Susa in present-day Iran, where it had been taken as plunder six hundred years after its creation. The text itself was copied and studied by Mesopotamian scribes for over a millennium. The stele now resides in the Louvre Museum.

The top of the stele features an image in relief of Hammurabi with Shamash, the Babylonian sun god and god of justice. Below the relief are about 4,130 lines of cuneiform text: one fifth contains a prologue and epilogue in poetic style, while the remaining four fifths contain what are generally called the laws. In the prologue, Hammurabi claims to have been granted his rule by the gods "to prevent the strong from oppressing the weak". The laws are casuistic, expressed as "if ... then" conditional sentences. Their scope is broad, including, for example, criminal law, family law, property law, and commercial law.

Modern scholars responded to the Code with admiration at its perceived fairness and respect for the rule of law, and at the complexity of Old Babylonian society. There was also much discussion of its influence on the Mosaic Law. Scholars quickly identified *lex talionis*—the "eye for an eye" principle—underlying the two collections. Debate among Assyriologists has since centered around several aspects of the Code: its purpose, its underlying principles, its language, and its relation to earlier and later law collections.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding these issues, Hammurabi is regarded outside Assyriology as an important figure in the history of law and the document as a true legal code. The U.S. Capitol has a relief portrait of Hammurabi alongside those of other lawgivers. There are replicas of the stele in numerous institutions, including the headquarters of the United Nations in New York City and the Pergamon Museum in Berlin.

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So this Code actually comes after Abraham but most believe these Laws were in Practice in Abrahams Time as we see evident in this period also and just written down by Hammurabi just after Abraham was in the Ur of the Chaldeans when he left the area in 1950 BC and Hammurabi Reigned from and wrote the code in 1755-50 BC

One of the most famous was the Classic Eye for an Eye Law where if you caused a man to lose his hand you would also. One of the ones I heard is still in use today is for stealing your right hand is cut off, I heard this was still done in Turkey when I was there in the military in the 1990's . But it works as most shop keepers just cover their products at night and no one dare steal anything.

So History lesson over and Lets take a look at this passage

Vs 13 A Nation and when we get to Chapter 25 we have a short Genealogy of his Descendants Ill list them in a bit , But this also fulfills what God told him that he would be Father of Many Nations Gen 17:4,6,16 so between the Jewish Nation we have also the 12 Princes of the Arabians a Great Nation Gen 17:20and also thu his 3rd wife after Sarah Died Keturah Gen 25:1-4 who were not Israelites nor Ishmaelites. But another we will study these more in Chapter 25.

Vs 14-15 realize Child(on Begotten or Born) here is anyone up to the Age of Adult Ishmael is about 15 here Gen 16:16 vs 21:5 and he was abandoned near aBush in the shade .

Vs 16 a Bow Shot about a half a mile

Vs 17 angel of God Called out to Hagar we saw once before in 16:7 and will also in 22:11 for Abraham Jud 2:1

Vs 19 Touching Scene here as She probably was without Hope but just like God grace will be there for us when Life seems at its end God opens our eyes to his Love and Care. but this reminds me of something Jesus said to the woman at the well Jn 4:10-14 and Living water.

Vs 21 25:12-18,

Part 42 Genesis 21:22-34 Abraham at Beersheba 1886 BC

Vs 22-24 Abimelech: Gen_20:2, Gen_26:26 Had a relationship of trust developed, Gen 20:14-18 that after the Sarah/Sister incident they have built a relationship now as we will see tho I see a lesson here of insuring you have a covenant with the right intentions. Wells and Water in a desert are prime commodities and wars were fought over them. This particular well has a rich history as we will see in Chapter 26 that as soon as Abraham was dead, the Philistines filled them in Gen 26:15. So it seems at least while Abraham was alive Abimelech did honor the covenant.

Vs 25 But Abraham also reminded him of how someone from his Land did take control with violence and we will see that Abraham raises that issue before finalizing the deal. As it is for any well dug during these times it was a lot of work as it was all by hand. Pro_17:10, Pro_25:9, Mat_18:15

Vs 26 Seems Abimelech says he did not know of this and based on the statement in vs 23 expected Abraham to respect the covenant also.

Vs 27-30 interesting symbology here where using Sheep as witnesses had some kind of cultural meaning but we see it also here similar things as witness:

Gen_31:44-48, Gen_31:52

Vs 31 Beersheba: i.e., The well of the oath, or the well of the seven. Alluding to the seven ewe lambs. The verb rendered "to swear" is derived from the word translated seven. Gen_21:14, Gen_26:23-25; Jos_15:20, 28; used as a Southern Marker Jdg_20:1; 2Sa_17:11; 1Ki_4:25

Vs 32 Lots of History with these people the Philistines: some Gen_26:8, Gen_26:14; Jdg_13:1 But the most famous was the David and Goliath incident as Goliath was a Philistine. 1 Sam 17:1-4, 23, 51. This reminds me that we too as Americans have in times past Allies who now are our Enemy. One I remember vividly was Iraqi Soldiers used to train in the states and I remember seeing them at military bases I was at . Russia at one time too prior to WW2 was friendly with us.

Vs 33-34 we see Abraham spent a good part of his life here and as it says here sojourned is a temporary situation just like we are as this is not our permanent Homes. I like the analogy of Ambassadors for Christ as when ever there is going to be a war the first thing you do is call home your ambassadors. As Paul stated in 2 Corth 5:20-21 we as the Church are Ambassadors for Christ and need to be about our Fathers Business Luke 2:49

Part 43 Genesis 22:1-14 Abraham Offers Isaac

We will see with this passage so many parallels to What God did offering His Son Jesus as our Sacrifice.

Vs 1 Here we see a test of Loyalty and Faith, God here is allowing Abraham to be tested , Realizing God never tests us to do Evil as we see

written in James 1:2,13-14, Ex 17:2,7, Isa 7:12 and my favorite is when Jesus was tempted by Satan Matt 4:1-2, 6-7

Vs 2 First use of the word Love Jn 5:30 as a fore shadow of another Son offered. Mt Moriah the place most believe is close to where the Temple was Built in Jerusalem. 2 Ch 3:1 There is evidence the Dome of the Rock may be the actual location. (see Map)

Paul also comments on this Test Heb 11:17-19

So Here the Faith of Abraham is manifested in now based on the Promise of God Knew that God would if sacrificed would raise Him from the dead.

Vs 4 An interesting note that at this point Abraham considered Isaac Dead already as we see the 3-day period that another Father's Son will be 3 days in the grave Matt 12:39-40

Vs 5 Paul also comments on this faith as Abraham is sure both will return Heb 11:17-19

Vs 6 Laid on Isaac Realize Isaac was not a child but a young man as he was probably some guess about 30 since that would be about the Age of Jesus when he was Crucified, But either way at least late teens, Remember back in Gen 21:14 we determined that Isaac was about 15 then. One other thing to note here is how lovingly Isaac submitted to his Father as another parallel to Jesus Christ Heb 5:7-9

Vs 8 Lamb Jn 1:29,36

Vs 9 so here we have a type of Christ represented in Isaac Obedient to death Phil 2:5-8, Abraham a type of Father who spared not his own Son, But delivered him up for us All Rom8:32, Jn 3:16, and as we will see a Ram as a substitute in Christ for us in our Stead Heb 10:5-10 with the

Resurrection Heb 11:19 which we just read which confirms the typology of James 2:21-23

Vs 12 Ps 19:9 The "fear of the Lord," a phrase of the O.T. piety, meaning reverential trust, with hatred of evil.

Withheld Jn 3:16 also

Vs 14 Jehovahjireh "The Lord will Provide"

Part 44 Genesis 22:15-24 Isaac's Future Foretold

Vs 15 We know God here after Abraham completed the Faith testing with a reconfirming of the Covenant which Abraham which is also for Isaac. Kind of an interesting event here as to The angel of the Lord or as we have seen in the past is a preincarnate voice from Jesus himself. A bit ironic as he will be the one who will endure the actual Death.

Vs 17 Here we see that the Promises for All the patriarchs is the same Abraham Isaac and ultimately Jacob Bless Gen 17:16,26:3 stars Gen 15:5, 26:4 and Sand for Jacob Gen 32:12 which for our Prophecy moment we have the classic Dream of Joseph in Gen 37:9-11 which reappears in Revelation 12:1 representing those that Bring forth our Savior Jesus Luke 1:30-33, Isa 9:6-7, Jer 23:5-6 of the Tribe of Judah

and inherit the Holy Land we see in talking about the 12 Tribes of Israel Gen 49:1-28 but I will only read a few important facts Judah the tribe of our Lord vs 8-12, , who went into Egypt Exod 1:1-7 and will inherit the area told us in Ezekiel 47:13-21

Vs 20-24 we see His Brother Nahor descendants and one in particular vs 23 Rebekah the soon to be wife of Isaac

Vs 24 I might mention that this is the first mention of Concubine's who's Children are acceptable in this culture but never by God. I found

it interesting that even tho Jacob had 2 wives and 2 concubines that the Line leading to both Joseph and Mary are from Jacobs first wife and probably the only one God recognized as his wife. The others as we also saw with Abraham when the Lord said in Gen 22:15-16 was from his first wife Sarah

Part 45 Genesis 23:1-20 Sarah's Death and Burial

Vs 1 Sarah: It is worthy of remark, that Sarah is the only woman whose age, death, and burial are distinctly noted in the Bible.

The life of Sarah: Nowhere in the Bible are we told to look to Mary the mother of Jesus as an example of a godly woman. Twice we are told to look to Sarah as such an example (Isa_51:1-2 and 1Pe_3:3-7).

Vs 2 For the convenience of feeding his numerous flocks, Abraham had several places of temporary residence; and it is likely, that while he sojourned at Beer-sheba, as we find he did from Gen_22:19 of the preceding chapter, Sarah died at Hebron, which was 24 miles distant. As the Father of many Nations I think it Important to realize that here we have a great example that as Men we should be allowed to weep. Jesus Himself also gave us this example. Jn 11:35 and happens to be the shortest verse in the Bible, but also in Luke 19:41-42 over Jerusalem and the Hebrew Nation and Hebrews 5:7-9 which is a report of the time Jesus wept in prayer in Gethsemane

Vs 3-6 we see Abraham was well respected here as noted in these verses. a mighty prince: Heb. a prince of God, Gen_21:22;

as we remember also in Gen 13:2 Abraham was a wealthy person and Well respected probably as a Business Man by their reaction.

Vs 9 much money: Heb. full money, Rom_12:17, Rom_13:8. Abraham wanted to do this properly and did not want to use his position to receive this without proper payment. But also I suspect as we will see later that gifts can be not honerd depending on who is in power. Even as we see today the Land God gave as an inheritance is constantly in dispute even now. Israel has never hade position of what God has promised.

Vs 10 dwelt: Or, sitting (as the word frequently denotes) among the children of Heth, at the gate of the city, where all public business was transacted. Ephron, though a chief man, might have been personally unknown to Abraham; but now he answers for himself, making a free tender of the field and cave to Abraham, in the presence of all the people, which amounted to a legal conveyance to the Patriarch.

Vs 11-16 Ephron the Hittite followed the cultural customs of bargaining. First, the seller offered to give the item – confident that the buyer would refuse the ceremonial offer. When the buyer refused to receive it as a gift, the seller suggested a price, which he claimed was modest but was really very high. This was understood to be the starting point, and from there the bargaining began.

Abraham bowed himself down to the people of the land: Abraham showed how a follower of God should conduct business with the world: courteously, fairly, prudently. In not giving a counter-offer to the suggested price of four hundred shekels of silver, Abraham was remarkably generous in his dealings with Ephron.

Vs 18 Everything in proper order Both Honoring God and The Men of the City Business like this was always at the Gate of the City kind of like a Town Hall Gen_34:20; Rth_4:1;

of particular note it sems that this plot was repurchased by Jacob even tho it already was owned but that was taken over for a period of time but the rights of the Kinsman was used to require the land. f. Gen_33:19; Gen_50:13; Jos_24:32; Act_7:15; Act_7:16. A discrepancy in these statements has been fancied. It

disappears entirely before the natural supposition that in the interval of about eighty years between the purchase by Abraham of the family sepulchre Gen_23:4-20 and Jacob's purchase Gen_33:19, the descendants of Hamor (or "Emmor," Act_7:15; Act_7:16 had resumed possession of the field in which the burial cave was situated. Instead of asserting an ancient title by inheritance, Jacob repurchased the field. Heth was the common ancestor.

Part 46 Genesis 24:1-22 A Bride Sought for Isaac

The Story of Isaac and Rebekah-A Model of Jesus Christ & The Church

The entire chapter is highly typical and we will spend today Looking at the first part of the Model so as we read thru the Story it will show us a beautiful Story of How Jesus and The Church are a picture of this Story :

Vs 1 Abraham, type of a certain king who would make a marriage for his son
Mat_22:2; Joh_6:44.

Vs 2 the unnamed servant, type of the Holy Spirit, who does not "speak of himself,"

Vs 5-6 The first Coming of Christ that was not received Luk 19:41-44

Vs 10 but takes of the things of the Bridegroom with which to win the bride
Joh_16:13-15

Vs 12-14 prayer Pro_3:6;, Php_4:6; 1Th_3:10-11, and my favorite James 5:16c

Vs 22 the servant, type of the Spirit as enriching the bride with the Bridegroom's gifts Gal_5:22; 1Co_12:7-11.

Part 47 Genesis 24:22-48 A Bride Found for Isaac

So Picking up at vs 22 The Servant Has found a prospective Wife for Isaac. And the servant as we saw as a parallel to the Holy Spirit the servant, type of the Spirit is enriching the bride with the Bridegroom's gifts Gal_5:22; 1Co_12:7-11.

Vs 23-26 Prayers Answered as She passed the test and is who the Holy Spirit has shown is the one and of the House of Abrahams Brother Nahor . Gen_11:29,

Gen_22:20, Gen_22:23 so basically she would be a 2nd cousin since She is a Grand niece to Abraham and Grand Daughter to Abrahams Brother Naham. Even today that's considered ok to marry your 2nd cousin. But begs to know how Isaac called Her his Sister in upcoming verses,

Vs 27 Good Servant gave God the Glory Exo_18:10; Rth_4:14, Psa_72:18-19; Luk_1:68; Eph_1:3; 1Ti_1:17

Vs 32 Washing of feet, Based on it being a dusty environment and most wore open foot sandals this was always not only something to give a guest but also very refreshing. Gen 19:2, 43:24, Jn 13:5, 13-15. Here Jesus shows that any master is also a servant and to approach life that way. Typically foot washing was done by the lowest of servants .

Vs 33 First lets discuss the reason for my journey.

Vs 34-48 Basically a run down of the first part of the Chapter. So lets just read thru it and Ill point out a few additional thoughts.

Vs 36 Gen 25:5

Vs 46 I cant help but see the great upbringing of this Young Lady as She immediately helped the stranger and what parent would not be proud to here of this.

So next the negotiations begin. As the elder brother it was his responsibility to act on behalf of Her family. Even though the mother was their it wasn't uncommon that a Male son would be the head of the family if the Father was deceased. We see an example of this with Jesus being the Oldest Son and how he chose who would care for his mother upon his death, John got that Job probably based on the unbelief of his half brothers and possibly saw Jesus as a bastard child and maybe even blamed their Mother. But anyway Jesus did his duty as head of the household John 19:25-27.

Part 48 Genesis 24:49-67 Isaac Meets His Bride Rebekah

Vs 49 they recognize that this is the Lords will but as we see next She still has to decide.

Vs 57-58 Decision Time and with our analogy the same for us, I love the verse about Knocking on the Door Rev 3:20 (I do know this is in reference to a Church that has shut out God) We have the decision to become a part of the Family better known as the Church represented here on Rebekah also has a choice. But how simple a choice it is. The Bible main theme is Follow God and your life will be better. We usually use the Romans Road to show other how easy it is, Romans 3:23, 6:23. 10:9-10 But during our study we see the first mention of this truth in Genesis 24:6 and this simple statement is all that required, Lord here is a preincarnate Name for Jesus. God does the rest.

Vs 59-61a So we see Rebekah Choses to trust in the Lord and goes with Abraham's Servant. Now that's faith. But I believe when your in Gods will you just know when its right.

Vs 61b the servant, type of the Spirit as bringing the bride to the meeting with the Bridegroom Act_13:4; Act_16:6-7; Rom_8:11; 1Th_4:14-16.

Vs 61c Rebekah, type of the Church, the ecclesia, the "called out" virgin bride of Christ Gen_24:16; 2Co_11:2; Eph_5:25-32.

Vs 63 Isaac, type of the bridegroom who goes out to meet and receive His bride 1Th_4: 16-17.

Vs 66 Isaac, type of the bridegroom, "whom not having seen," the bride loves through the testimony of the unnamed Servant John 20:29-31, 1Pe_1:7-8.

Vs 67 Notice that prior to consummating there Marriage Rebekah was respected and stayed in another Tent until the Marriage was arranged. I grew up in a time period that this belief to stay a virgin until Marriage was not as prevalent as it should have been. Now years later as a man who is not proud of my early years really has discovered That if I can teach one thing to young people today is to stay a virgin until Marriage. And to wait on the Lord to show you who that is. That includes both Boys and Girls. I guarantee you will have a richer married Life if you do.

Part 49 Genesis 25:1-4 Abraham Weds Keturah

Abraham here as it seems he has completed his Morning Period for Loss of Sarah Interestingly though as we look at Abrahams Life he seemed to rejuvenate since having Isaac and had more children. A little

timeline I can discover in the verses so far Sarah had Isaac at 90 and Abraham was 100, Sarah Died at 107 when Abraham was 117, I cant find a date for his second Marriage but we also know He died at 175 Years old so between Sarah and his death was 68 Years so it seems having an additional family was definitely Possible and also a period to Morn which I know in our culture I've heard 5 Years is considered a good time frame. But I know of Marriages that were so solid that the living spouse never remarries. It depending on their ages Like in Ruth's case is recommended as we see Paul tells us in 1 Tim 5:9-10, 14,

So lets take a look at this Marriage as some interesting names are mentioned.

Vs 1-4 Chron 1:32-33 I want to concentrate on Just a few as they are mentioned in End Times and also important area during the time of Moses . So the 3 I see mentioned are Midian, and Jokshan's Sons Sheba and Dedan.

Midian produced the Midianits Gen_36:35, Gen_37:28, Gen_37:36; Exo_2:15-21, Exo_18:1-5; Num_22:1-4, and one of my favorite stories of this period was the talking Ass Numbers 22:22-31, a Num_25:17-18, Num_31:2, Num_31:8;

Sheba: 1Ki_10:1-13; (mention also in 2 Chron 9:1-12) Psm 72:10,15, Isa 60:6, Jer 6:20,

Dedan: Jer_25:23, Jer_49:8; Eze_25:13, 27:20, 38:13

During the Time of Gideon and the Judges God used Midian to punish the Israelites Judges 6:1-2 and most of Chapters 6-9 with many Battles

Part 50 Genesis 25:5-16 The Death of Abraham Isaac Becomes Heir to All

Vs 6 Both the Sons of Hagar and Keturah (sons plural) were sent to the east country with just some gifts. I also see that at least in the eyes of God only Sarah was considered his Wife as the others are called concubines, I will continue this Genealogy in vs 12 as there are a few traditions of what happen to Ishmael.

Vs 7 Death of Abraham Lived 38 years After Sarah's Death Having more Children seems to indicate a renewing of Abrahams body Gen 17:5-6,15-17, Rom 4:17-22

Vs 8 Friend of God Jas 2:23, Our Father Jas 2:21, Mt 3:9, Illustrated as an example of Justification Rom 4, Gal 3, Jas 2:21, and Faith Heb 11:8-19

Vs 12-16 this is what we call Saudi Arabia today. Different traditions but What happen after this and we will look at this Tomorrow since it shows how the Muslim world Sees Ishmael as the God given Heir, not Isaac.

Part 51 Genesis 25:12-18 Ishmael's Genealogy and the Muslim Beliefs

Vs 12-16 As we started yesterday Ishmael did become a large Nation and its why most Arabs look to Abraham thru Ishmael as there heritage The Ishmaelites settled in Northern Saudi Arabia and now occupy most of Current Day Saudi Arabia along with most of the Middle east. Different traditions but What happen after this and we will briefly look

at a couple since it shows how the Muslim world Sees Ishmael as the God given Heir not Isaac.

Jewish, Christian and Islamic traditions consider Ishmael to be the ancestor of the Ishmaelites (Hagarenes or Arabians) and patriarch of Qaydār. According to Muslim tradition, in which he is regarded as an ancestor of Muhammad, Ishmael thereby founded a great nation as promised by God in the Old Testament and was buried with his mother Hagar (Hājar) next to the Kaaba in Mecca, under the area demarcated by the semi-circular Hijr Ismail wall. (see Picture of Black Cube area) The Kaaba considered the most Holy spot of Islam is where a Muslim prays faces 5 times a day to Pray

The Qur'an contains several verses regarding the origin of the Kaaba (Large Black and Gold trim Cube). It states that the Kaaba was the first House of Worship for mankind, and that it was built by Ibrahim and Ismail on Allah's instructions.

While Abraham was building the Kaaba, an angel brought to him the Black Stone which he placed in the eastern corner of the structure. Another stone was the Maqam Ibrahim, the Station of Abraham, where Abraham stood for elevation while building the structure. The Black Stone and the Maqam Ibrahim are believed by Muslims to be the only remnant of the original structure made by Abraham as the remaining structure had to be demolished and rebuilt several times over history for its maintenance. After the construction was complete, God enjoined the descendants of Ismail to perform an annual pilgrimage: the Hajj and the Qurban, sacrifice of cattle. The vicinity of the shrine was also made a sanctuary where bloodshed and war were forbidden. [Quran 22:26–33]

Which is of course only legend and we know false due to what the Bible says. But it's the main reason the Muslims want Judaism & Christianity eliminated. According to the Quran are the only true Religion, with all others to be eliminated or converted. We as Americans are known as the Big Satan and Israel the Little Satan.

So let's return to the Truth of the Bible

After roaming the wilderness for some time, Ishmael and his mother settled in the Desert of Paran, Gen 21:20-21 where he became an expert in archery. Eventually, his mother found him a wife from the land of Egypt. [12] They had twelve sons each of whom became a tribal chief in one of the regions from Havilah to Shur

1. Ishmael settled in Shur (Midian): (from Assyria to the border of Egypt). His sons: 12 Total but a few are noteworthy

2. Ishmaelites = Midianites: Judges 8:22-24, Gen 37:25-28, 36; 39:1

3. Mt. Sinai was in Shur: Num 11:34; Ex 15:22

In the book of Galatians (4:21–31), Paul uses the incident to symbolize the two covenants the old but fulfilled and new covenant which is universal by promise through Jesus Christ. In Galatians 4:28–31, Hagar is associated with the Sinai covenant, while Sarah is associated with the covenant of grace into which her son Isaac enters.

Some Christians (not I and it's the first time I heard this) believe that God fulfills his promises to Ishmael today by blessing the Ishmaelites with oil and political strength.

Arabia= ar (Oedar) Ezek 27:21, Isa 21:13-16 {Kedar. Isa21:13-16}

Nebaioth (נְבַיּוֹת Nəḇāyōṯ) May be the Father of the Nabatians of the area known as Petra Based on Josephus, the Jewish historian of the

Roman era “When the lad was grown up, he married a wife, by birth an Egyptian, from whence the mother was herself derived originally. Of this wife were born to Ismael twelve sons; Nabaioth, Kedar, Abdeel, Mabsam, Idumas, Masmaos, Masaos, Chodad, Theman, Jetur, Naphesus, Cadmas. These inhabited all the country from Euphrates to the Red Sea, and called it Nabatene. They are an Arabian nation, and name their tribes from these, both because of their own virtue, and because of the dignity of Abraham their father”. (Jewish Antiquities 1.12.4).

Kedar (קֶדָר Qēḏār), father of the Qedarites, a northern Arab tribe that controlled the area between the Persian Gulf and the Sinai Peninsula. According to tradition, he is the ancestor of the Quraysh tribe, and thus, ancestor of the Islamic prophet Muhammad.[15]

Ishmael also had one known daughter, Mahalath or Basemath, the third wife of Esau.[16]Gen 28:8-9, 36:2-3

Isa 60:7 Mentions Kedar and Nebaioth

Vs 17 Ishmael appeared with Isaac at the burial of Abraham.[17] Ishmael died at the age of 137

Part 52 Genesis 25:19-24 Isaac & Rebekah Seek Children

Now we turn back to the Primary Son leading to the Jesus Christ. We have again 2 people groups that will come from Isaac , In our next story the 2 brothers one is in tune with God and one defies him.

Vs 20 Laban a Person we will see again in The Descendants of Jacob Gen_28:5-7

Vs 21 entreat (petitioned and Prayed for) 1Sa_1:11, 1:27; Psa_50:15, 65:2, Isa_45:11, 58:9, 65:24-25 (Millennium Kingdom); Luk_1:13

Entreat To make an earnest request of (someone). See Synonyms at beg.

To ask for earnestly, petition for

To deal with; treat.

Vs 22 1Sa_9:9, 1Sa_10:22, 1Sa_28:6-7 (Important one on when God is silent on a matter don't assume it's a Yes Saul here for is disobedience is killed 15-17.), 1Sa_30:8; Also realize at this period God spoke more often since they did not have a complete Bible So I believe at this current time we have the Bible and the Lord leads thru his word.

Vs 23 Here again Prophecy Fulfilled when Laban Suggested in Gen_24:60

Elder serve the Younger. During this phase we will see what appears as a deception about Birthright But Rebeka knows and remembers what the Lord told her here that as we will see Jacob will get the blessing and not Esau. This battle of these two brothers is still going on today. Esau the Father of the Edomites who to this day God has a problem with Psa_83:5-15; Isa_63:1-6;(Jesus Destroys at 2nd Coming), Eze_25:12-14, Eze_35:1-6&7-15; Amo_1:11-12; Oba_1:1-3-16; Mal_1:2&3-5; Rom_9:10-13

We will continue this Chapter Tomorrow, Now that we have a little background we can see how it develops

Part 53 Genesis 25:24-34 Jacob and Esau are Born

Vs 25 The word Esau has been generally considered to imply made, formed, or perfected; or perfect, robust, etc. But it appears to be a dialectical variation of the

Arabic atha, to be covered with hair; whence athai, hairy, as no doubt the word Esau imports, in allusion to the circumstance of his being covered with red hair or down at his birth. Gen_27:11, 27:16, 27:23

Esau also stands for the ordinary man of the earth. Heb_12:16-17. In many respects a nobler man, naturally, than Jacob, he was destitute of faith, and despised the birthright because it was a spiritual thing, of value only as there was faith to apprehend it.

Vs 26 Heel, Hos_12:3, Jacob Means Supplanter Gen_27:36, Additionally, the idea of a “heel-catcher” meant something in that day. It had the idea of “trickster,” “con-man,” “scoundrel,” or “rascal.” It wasn’t a compliment.

Vs 27 a. Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man: Like so many siblings in a family, Jacob and Esau were very different from each other in their personality and tastes; and as is sometimes the case, each parent had a favorite child.

But as we saw also Rebekah knew God had plans for Jacob so knew due to the birth order that some trickery was necessary as Isaac was more inclined to Esau and as traditions dictates, He should receive the Blessing. Gen 25:23

b. Jacob was a mild man: The Hebrew word for **mild** has the idea of “wholeness,” instead of someone who is weak or effeminate (feminine). The Hebrew word tam (mild) is used of Job in Job_1:8 : And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, **a perfect** and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Vs 28 Parents Say that they never play favorites with their children but here we have a situation that God has already decided. But also any parent who has more than 1 child will attest that they are all different and that we do love them all but we also see personality differences

that can be closer to our own personalities. Esau as the athlete hunter type does usually appeal to the Father type and if a son who love the indoor activities like cooking may hang around the domain of Mom. Not unusual. I for instance am a bit of Both, I love the out doors but love to eat too so I learned to Cook. I would say that when I am indoors Im typically eating LOL.

Esau Sells his Birthright

Vs 29-34

Quote from Dr J. Vernon McGee

This incident reveals the nature of both of these men. Esau came from the field. He had been outdoors, and he was tired. He was not starving to death as some would imply. No one who had been brought up in the home of Abraham would starve to death. There would always be something for him to eat. The thing was that there was nothing prepared right at that moment but this pottage, this stew, which Jacob had made. Jacob was the indoor boy. Evidently he was a good chef.

“Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red (notice in your King James Version that the word pottage is in italics, meaning that the word has been supplied by the translators); for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.” Edom means red or earthy just as Esau does. This man asks for some of the stew, and Jacob saw his chance. He is a trickster and a traitor, and he wanted the birthright. He said, “Sell me this day thy birthright.”

Let's stop and look for a minute at the value of the birthright and what it means. It means that the one who had it was the head of the house. It also means that the one who had it was the priest of the family. In this particular family, it means that the one who had it would be the one who would be in the line that would lead to Christ. Do you think that Esau had valued it at all? Jacob knew that he didn't. He attached

no importance to it, and he didn't want to be the priest of the family. In fact, that's the last thing that he wanted to be.

In our day, sometimes when a Christian is asked to do something for the cause of Christ, he replies, “Oh, I'm not a preacher; I can't do that!” There are too many folk today who do not want to do that which is spiritual. They don't even want to give the impression that they are interested in spiritual things.

That was Esau. He didn't want to give that impression. If anyone would have called him “deacon” or “preacher,” it would have insulted him. He didn't want the birthright. He didn't care about being in the line that led to Christ. No one could have cared less about being in that line.

Jacob sees this, and he says to him, “I'll tell you what I'll do, if you'll give me your birthright, I'll give you a bowl of stew.” Esau was very happy with the bargain. He said, “I'll be very happy to do it; what profit is the birthright to me? What do I care

about the birthright? I'd rather have a bowl of stew." That is the value which he attached to spiritual things.

So lets look at a few of these Verses

Vs 30 Edom: i.e. red, Gen_36:1, 9, 43; Exo_15:15; Num_20:14-21; Deu_23:7; 2Ki_8:20

Vs 34 Php_3:18-19; Heb_12:16-17

Me personally if Jacob would have said that to me I would have just said no problem Ill go get myself something to eat.

Part 54 Genesis 26:1-11 God Confirms Covenant ,Isaac Lapse in Judgement

Vs 1 Abimelech

("father of a king", or "father king".) A common title of many Philistine kings, as Pharaoh of the Egyptians, and Caesar and Augustus of the Roman: Padishah (father king) is similarly a title of the Persian king.

1. Hence, we find Achish called Abimelech in the title of Psalm 34, which explains the seeming discrepancy of name in 1Sa_21:11.

Vs 3 I believe that here God is confirming that originally He did not want Abraham to go to Egypt either. God again reviews the Covenant he originally gave to his father Abraham and will also give to Jacob in the future. Here are just a few of the references Gen Abram 12:1-3,7, 13:14-18,22:15-18, Isaac Here in 26:1-5, Both Isaac and Jacob 28:13-15, And all the seed of Jacob and beyond 35:11-13 something that the others around Israel today don't recognize like those we know as the squad that are pushing our government to divide the land to the Palestinian's. (Show Map of Muslim Countries)

Vs 6-7 Now we have Isaac making the same mistake as his Father. Gen_20:2, Gen_20:5, Gen_20:12-13 in Isaac Case this will be a Lie, Rebekah's Father was Abrahams Brother so that Makes Rebekah Isaac's Cousin not sister; Pro_29:25;

I have to admit I myself as a father of 5 realize I should have been a better Spiritual Father to my kids and a better example. Its amazing as I look back how much we as parents affect how our kids handle everyday situations. Abraham is no different

and Isaac will also make some mistakes going forward as we will be studying in Detail. Talk about the two completely opposite Children Isaac and Rebekah have is amazing as we discussed at

our last meeting. And will spend the next few chapters on that subject

Vs 8 Busted sporting is like playful laughing kind of like 2 of an intimate nature would do. Scofield uses the word Caressing as an example Pro_5:18-19; Ecc_9:9; Isa_62:5(How Jesus views the Church)

Vs 10-11 Pro_6:29; Zec_2:8 It would seem tho thru this period Isaac and Abimelech had become friends at least for the moment since he did not seem to punish him for it and ordered his kingdom to not touch Rebekah. It would also seem Abimelech also knew that God would punish him and his people Maybe a memory from his predecessor Gen_20:9-10 This wont last long as we see next Some are going to envy Isaac and his success and hinder his operation.

Vs 12 and it seems God was also OK with Isaac. We all at times are fearful of what may happen to us and unknowing have a lapse in faith that God has our backs.

Part 55 Genesis 26:12-25 Isaac Blessed of the Lord & The Well Digger

Vs 12 Hundredfold Mt 13:8,23(souls), Blessed Gen 25:11

Vs 13-16 As we left off we see Isaac seem to be in good relationship with Abimelech but his fame and prosperity has grown to the point that the people are envious of him.

Vs 17 So maybe just good advise or more like an order Abimelech asks Isaac to leave. Mightier Ex 1:9 But also it would seem the King here has a problem with those who are jealous

Vs 20 So now we start this game of Digging wells and the Philistines keep claiming they were there's. well of interest each of these names of the wells have meaning behind them.

name of the well

The wells of Genesis have significant names, and are associated with significant events:

(1) Beer-lahai-roi,(the one Isaac lived at after his Father Died) the well of him that liveth and seeth me Gen_16:14; Gen_24:62; Gen_25:11.

Vs 20 Esek, contention

Vs 21 Sitnah, hatred , Esek and Sitnah were Isaac's own attempts at well-digging. Afterward, he dwelt by the old wells of his father.

Vs 22 Rehoboth, enlargement

Vs 23 Beer-sheba, the well of the oath or covenant Gen_21:14-21; Gen_22:19; Gen_46:1-5

So we see one thing about Isaac is he is someone who rather than fight for the wells just decided it wasn't worth it and kept moving. It's an interesting analogy of the Word of God. We see Jesus uses this analogy when talking with the Woman at the well John 4:4-26 where what Jesus offers is the everlasting water of Salvation and we can see here with Isaac that when it comes to spreading the Gospel it would seem you plant seeds but if not received move on. Not easy Im willing to bet most would fight over it. Shows Isaac is very Patient. But I can see in vs 22 that Isaac senced that this was where the lord wanted him as here he could be fruitful without strife.

Vs 24 Again God Confirms the original Covenant with Abraham is also Isaac's

Vs 25 Alter Just like his Father Gen_12:7, Gen_13:18, Jacob Also 33:20

Called on the Lord again here we see the original way to God that is still the same today. Gen 21:33, 1 King 18:24 Psa_116:17

Part 56 Genesis 26:25-35 Abimelech Returns to Make a Covenant

Vs 25 Called on the Lord again here we see the original way to God that is still the same today. Gen 21:33, Romans 10:9-13

Vs 26-27 Here we see it seems Abimelech is concerned that the way they parted was not good and is worried that Isaac will retaliate at some point. Which I can see 2 things this brings to mind.

1. When we wrong someone else its always prudent to apologize and is directed by God in Matthw 18:15-16
2. Isaac based on this constant strife over wells he probably is warranted to retaliate but Isaac here was the bigger man as we say yesterday and let it be. I'm willing to bet tho his men had some complaints over digging so many wells. So lets take a look at this meeting.

We see in Vs 26 Phichol: Phichol, as well as Abimelech, "father king," seems to have been a name of office or dignity among the Philistines; for it is not probable that they were the same as are mentioned in the days of Abraham Just the fact that Abraham is Gone and he lived until 175 its very unlikely this Abimelech is the same one Isaac is dealing with.

Vs 28 Lord was with thee Rom_8:31; Make a covenant Heb 6:16 I definitely see a great life message here as how Isaac acted and this I believe is what Jesus spoke of when it came to being a good Neighbor and what he said about turning to the other cheek. The greatest Sermon he gave on this is the famous Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 but the well known "B" Attitudes in Matt 5:3-12 and Adversaries 23-25 Cheek 38-42

Vs 29 Reminds Isaac of the whole incident with Rebekah Gen_26:11, But his men a different story Gen_26:14-15

Vs 30 Some how food is always included in good negotiations'. Rom_12:18; Heb_12:14; 1Pe_4:9 and for Peter this was a great example of how Jesus can change us.

Vs 31 Sware Heb_6:16 a time frame where a mans handshake ment something, But in our nowday world not so much. Better put it in writing these days

Vs 32 The lord has blessed them who are willing to search for Him and he will bless those who are diligent. Pro_10:4, Pro_13:4; Mat_7:7.

Vs 33 Beersheba: i.e. the well of the oath, This may have been the same city which was called Beer-sheba a hundred years before this, in the time of Abraham; but as the well, from which it had its name originally, was closed up by the Philistines, the name of the place might have been abolished with the well; when, therefore, Isaac re-opened it, he restored the ancient name of the place.

Now we get an update on how Esau is doing.

Vs 34 the daughter: Gen_24:3; Exo_34:16; Heb_12:16

Bashemath: Gen_36:2-3

Vs 35 Gen_27:46, Gen_28:1-2, Gen_28:8-9 So Esau completely defied his Father and Mothers wishes and God, but as we will see soon Jacob does obey and gets the blessing for it .

Part 57 Genesis 27:1-14 Isaac Prepares to give a Blessing

Here we begin a feud that still is happening today. But this was Gods plan all along and Rebekah Knew it from God That Jacob would me the Spiritual Leader of the family and ultimately become the Nation of Israel. But here we see tradition is being played out as the eldest is always typically the leader of the family after the death of their Father. So the question is deception ok with God when warranted?

Now my take on this is my first thought is Isaac was not calling on God for an answer but was basing his blessing strictly on his own love for Esau's Hunting ability but even Isaac should know better as He was not the oldest of his Father Abraham. There are many examples of who God chooses is not necessarily who we would have. Some examples are David Himself 1 Sam 17:12-14, was not the first born, Solomon was not the oldest 2 Sam 3:2-3, 12:24. Juda, Jacob's son who leads to Jesus was not the oldest Gen 29:31-35 and that whole deception was maybe Gods Judgement. So did Rebekah really Sin? Or was she protecting Isaac from Gods judgement. Could possible Isaac have the onslaught of a bit of dementia? I look back at Gen 26:34-35 and how displeased Esau parents were and wonder if Isaac was forgetting that and just going with tradition? Hard to say . So you can be the judge and lets see how this plays out. Reminds me of a famous saying Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive. Not from the Bible but it is a good thought to live by.

Vs 1 eldest son: Gen_25:23-25

Vs 3 take me: Heb. hunt, Gen_25:27-28; 1Co_6:12

Vs 8 as a good God fearing Person here Jacob is following a very strict commandment from God on Honor thy Father and Mother . Gen_25:23; Act_4:19, Act_5:29; Eph_6:1

Vs 9 it would seem as we will see later that Isaac was not that good at identifying Goat from Venison which if your not aware is Deer meat and is very good and according to J. Vernon MaGee who had both during a dinner he put on at his church said they taste very similar and he could not tell the difference between Lamb and Venison

Vs 11-12 here we see Jacob is having doubts as to lying to Dad. Probably I would agree. This is actually as we see up to this point that People get ahead of God and try to accomplish God's plan without seeking him. Remember Abraham, Sarah and the handmaid producing a son God never intended, So important lesson here Let God make the arrangements and we just be ready to put them in action.

Vs 13-14 But as a good Son Jacob followed orders, Rebekah will take the heat. Psa_141:4; Pro_23:2-4;

So my take is this was a failure starting at Isaac when Esau disobeyed and married the Hittite women Isaac should have been sent him away and Jacob receive the blessing. But that is not a license to use deception to fulfill what you believe Gods will is. Let God Handle it.

As a positive Jacob I believe learns his lesson and when he is in the same position seeks Gods as to what will happen to his sons and Tells the boys Good r bad Gen 49:1-27 But ill just read a few vs 3-4, 8-12 so we will be studying this in more detail later but here we see Jacob is being honest of what God showed him of what his sons will accomplish and ultimately what the 12 tribes accomplish in the later days.

Part 58 Genesis 27:15-35 Jacob Impersonates His Brother

Well here we see Jacob is successful in deceiving his Father but as we say the last time he was obeying his Mother. Kind of a catch 22. With Isaac's condition of being blind and it seems possible not remembering what Rebekah had been told by God Isaac appears to have sunk into premature senility. But either way neither of them trusted God to handle the outcome and took it upon themselves. Unfortunately,

this is not unusual even for us today. I know how easy it is to be in a hurry and try to accomplish what we think is Gods will. So lets see how this plays out.

Vs 15 I see Rebekah is going to make sure she doesn't leave anything to chance. Most likely Esau being an outdoor type probably was not in the habit of being as clean smelling as Jacob.

Vs 16 skins: Travellers inform us, that the Eastern goats have long, fine, and beautiful hair, of the most delicate silky softness; indeed the animals generally in those hot countries are not covered with so thick a coat of hair as they are in more northerly regions; so that Isaac might easily be deceived, when his eyes were dim, and his feeling no less impaired than his sight.

Vs 19 Well here we see Jacob does Lie and we have some great verses as to what the Bible says Zec_13:3-4; but particularly this story of Peter dening Jesus Mat_26:70-74

Vs 20 This is a grave situation Using Gods name in Vain and a good example of what that commandment means. Most like to think its about swearing and for me if you use God or Jesus name in anger its also included but more so as I heard Chuck Missler Talk about is mis representing God like we see here and we are warned about in Exo_20:7; Job_13:7

Vs 21 we see here Isaac is very curious and is a bit mistrusting that it truly is Esau

Vs 22 This reminds me of a rule I remember during my security training in the military, When trying to insure you are speaking to the correct person particularly when you know them say on the phone or radio. Voice recognition is considered to be one of the best was of security along with visual recognition. No 2 humans have the same voice pattern as we see here Isaac really does believe its Jacob.

Vs 24 The Bible speaks volumes of this subject Pro_12:19,22, Pro_30:8; Zec_8:16; Rom_3:7-10; Eph_4:25; Col_3:9

Vs 29 this is actually what God intended anyway and does come to pass but honestly I've learned a valuable lesson in this story .

Here we know God had already gave this Blessing to Jacob while Rebekah was pregnant Gen 25:23 but here we see Isaac was knowingly giving it to Esau. So even though Jacob and Rebekah were sinning in their approach it would seem that at

least Rebekah thought she was doing what was right. As we will see as the story unfolds both Jacob and Rebekah will pay for this deception.

Vs 30 a bit ironic the timing was perfect. I might make mention though in the overall plan Isaac also did this in secret as I mentioned yesterday usually this is done during a time where the Father is speaking to all his sons during a nice meal so Isaac is not blameless either.

Vs 33 Paul makes an interesting comment about this in Heb_11:20 which makes it sound like they both got a Blessing

Vs 34 But also we see some references on this also Luk_13:24-28; Heb_12:17

Vs 35 1Th_4:6

Part 59 Genesis 27:36-46 Esau Plans to Kill Jacob, Jacob Flees to Laban

So we left off that Esau just found out that Jacob had deceived Dad and received the Blessing.

Vs 36 Jacob: i.e. a supplanter, Gen_25:26, Gen_25:31-34,

Vs 37 Gen_27:29, Gen_25:23; 2Sa_8:14; Rom_9:10-14 I'm going off on a bit of a tangent here as this verse has always bothered me and here are a few thoughts on this from some other fine Teachers

Dr J. Vernon MaGee

This is a quotation from the last book in the Old Testament (see Mal_1:2-3). This statement was not made until the two boys had lived their lives and two nations had come from them, which was about two thousand years later, and much history had been made. A student once said to Dr. Griffith Thomas that he was having trouble with this passage because he could not understand why God hated Esau. Dr. Thomas answered, "I am having a problem with that passage too, but mine is different. I do not understand why God loved Jacob." That is the big problem. It is easy to see why God rejected Esau, friend. He was a rascal; he was a godless fellow, filled with pride, and from him came a nation that wanted to live without God and turned their backs upon Him. I can understand why God rejected Esau, but not why He chose Jacob. The Bible tells us that He made His choice according to His sovereign will.

Some others Morris cites examples where hate clearly seems to mean something like “loved less” (Gen_29:31,33; Deu_21:15-16; Mat_6:24(this may be the Key where Jacob was of God but Esau was of the world a pattern); Luk_14:26; Joh_12:25). Yet he agrees with Calvin’s idea that the real thought here is much more like “accepted” and “rejected” more than our understanding of the terms “loved” and “hated.”

iii. All in all, we see that Esau was a blessed man (Gen_33:8-16, Genesis 36). God hated Esau in regard to inheriting the covenant, not in regard to blessing in this life or the next.

Vs 38-39 Behold: Gen_36:6-8; Jos_24:4; Heb_11:20

the fatness: or, of the fatness, Gen_27:28; It is here foretold, says Bp. Newton, that as to temporal advantages, the two brothers should be much alike Esau had cattle, beasts, and substance in abundance, and he went to dwell in Mount Seir of his own accord. When the Israelites desired leave to pass through the territories of Edom, the country abounded with fruitful fields and vineyards (Num_20:17).

Vs 40 Break the Yoke of servitude later during 2Ki_8:20-22; 2Ch_21:8,10, 28:17

Vs 41 God wont allow this Psa_37:12-13, but it most likely just a temporary anger as they kind of make up Later

Vs 42 Your Brother is pretty angry why not go to your uncle’s house until he cools off. Here again we see Rebekah taking things into her own hands. She tells Jacob, “You are going to have to leave home.”

Vs 45 Little did she know that she would pay for her part in this, her sin. She never saw this boy again. She said she would send him over there for a little while but it was a long while and she died before he got back.

Vs 46 We must remember that Jacob is her favorite. She wants Jacob to go to her brother, Laban, and that is where she will send him. This is where Jacob is going to learn his lesson. This is where the chickens will come home to roost. Old Uncle Laban is going to put him through school and teach him a few things. Jacob thought he was clever, but Uncle Laban is an expert at cleverness. Poor Jacob will find he is just an amateur, and he is going to cry out to God in desperation before it is all over.

Part 60 Genesis 28:1-10 Jacob Sent to Laban & Esau Defies God and Isaac

Vs 1-2 We see here that Rebekah's plea in Gen 27:46 was supported by Isaac as he also will want Jacob to head to Laban in Padanaram some verses to support this and a valuable lesson for us also. Particularly as I am an eye witness to what happens when your un equally yoked Exo_34:15-16; 2Co_6:14-16

Padanaram in Syria/Turkey Northern Mesopotamia Hos_12:12

Haran (also Harran) is located 28 mi. [45 km.] south-southeast of Sanliurfa in an open plain area. The name means "cross roads." It was located on the route that led from Nineveh in the east to the ford on the Euphrates River at Carchemish 55 mi. [90 km.] to the west.

It is mentioned 11 times in the Old Testament. Abram settled here for a period of time on his way from Ur to the Land of Canaan (Genesis 11 and 12). Isaac's wife Rebecca was from the area. Jacob lived here with Laban for 20 years after fleeing from his brother Esau (Genesis 29). Here he married Leah and Rachel, and all of his children, except Benjamin, were born here!

The city is mentioned in cuneiform texts as far back as 2000 B.C. It was a center of the worship of the moon god Sin - who was also worshiped at Ur. It appears frequently in cuneiform documents and was the last capital of the Assyrian Empire until being captured in 609 B.C. by the Babylonians. In 53 B.C. Crassus, a prominent Roman, was killed here and his troops annihilated. In A.D. 217 the Roman emperor Caracalla was murdered here.

Today about 7000 people live in the village and vicinity.

Vs 3 God Blessing and making fruitful Psm 127:1-5

Vs 4 the Blessing Gen_12:1-3, wherein thou art a stranger: Heb. of thy sojournings, Gen_17:8 , Psa_39:12, Psa_105:6-12; Heb_11:9-13 Re affirm the Abrahamic Covenant Which Jacob will see more of the promises than Abraham and Isaac. The rest of Genesis is about Jacob and his Children.

Vs 6 Esau Marries an Ishmaelite, It seems Esau's whole drive is to upset his parents. As soon as he hears of Jacob being sent to Laban he intentionally marries outside his parent wishes.

Vs 7 a man after God's own heart Pro_1:8, Eph_6:1-3; Col_3:20

Vs 9 Different spelling same woman Gen_36:3,13,18

Mahalath: called also, Bashemath, the sister.

Vs 10 we see Jacob has left and something very interesting happens on the way. The Lord appears to Jacob in a dream. We know this story as Jacobs Ladder. Which we will tackle tomorrow.

Part 61 Genesis 28:10-22 Jacob's Ladder–The Lord Appears to Jacob in a Dream

Vs 10 Haran Gen 27:43 So Jacob is on his way and it's probably about a 2-3 month trek. Distance between Beersheba and Haran is 5340 KM / 3318.3 miles. And based on either Camel or by foot for long journeys about 25 miles per day. If the journey is less than a week a Camel can get up to 50 miles a day and run for short periods of about 25-40 MPH. so as a conservative speed of 25 Miles per day about 4 months

Vs 11 First Stop in his journey Jacob has a dream which has become famous and gives us some insight of the going on activity in Heaven. A Stone for a Pillow. It seems he forgot to pack a softer pillow. I always find it interesting when a detail like this is in the Bible. As I've heard other Teachers Like Chuck Missler. Every word put into the Bible by the Holy Spirit is there on purpose and has a reason. As we see in vs 18 in the morning he put it on a Pillar and anointed it with oil. Could this be a reference to the Stone the Builders Refused ? Better known as Jesus Psm 118:22-23 Mark 12:1-3,6-12, , Isa 5 Also anointed by Mary is in all 4 gospels but here is one. Matthew 26:6-13 so interesting event.

The practice of setting up stones as a memorial by travelers still exists in Persia, and other parts of the East.

Vs 12 Jacob's Ladder Shows us Angels are with us unaware and You may never know when you may have entertained an Angel. Heb 13:2

Vs 13-15 Same promise both his Father and Grandfather received. Good to know God always keeps his promises both unconditional like this one is and conditional ones like Salvation.

Vs 14 All the Families be blessed Act_3:25; Gal_3:8,

Again Gen 31:3,13

Leave thee Deut 31:6, Heb 13:5

This place is called Luz Gen_35:1, Gen_35:6-7, Gen_48:3, Luz: Jdg_1:23

Vs 16-19 as discussed earlier Jacob recognizes this as a special place of God and holds it in Reverence. Like a portal of sorts so marks it with a pillar for now to find it again when he returns.

Bethel: i.e. the house of God Gen 35:7

As Scofield says To the Christian it stands for the realization , However imperfect, of the heavenly and spiritual contents of faith, answering to Paul's prayer in Eph 2:17-23

Vs 22 Here we see the second reference to Giving back a portion of the blessings God gives us I will: Gen_14:20; Lev_27:30-33; Deu_14:22-23

Part 62 Genesis 29:1-12 Jacob Arrives in Haran and Meets Rachel

Vs 1 People of the east: The district of Mesopotamia, and the whole country beyond the Euphrates, are called Kedem, or the East, in the Sacred Writings.

Jacob at Haran becomes a sterling illustration, if not type, of the nation descended from him in its present long dispersion. Like Israel, he was:

(1) Out of the place of blessing Gen_26:3.

(2) without an altar Hos_3:4-5.

(3) gained an evil name Gen_31:1; Rom_2:17-24.

(4) but was under the covenant care of Jehovah Gen_28:13-14; Rom_11:1,25-30.

(5) and was ultimately brought back Gen_31:3; Gen_35:1-4; Eze_37:21-23.

The personal lesson is obvious: while Jacob is not forsaken, he is permitted to reap the shame and sorrow of his self-chosen way.

Vs 2 a well: Gen_24:11-14; Same Well most likely that Abraham's servant came to to meet Rebekah Jacob's Mom.

There Lying next to the well puts new meaning to the famous Psalm: Psa_23:2; a great stone: In Arabia, and other places in the East, they cover up their wells of water, lest the sand, which is put in motion by the winds, should fill and quite stop them up. So great was their care not to leave the well open any length of time, that they waited till the flocks were all gathered together before they began to draw water; and when they had finished, the well was immediately closed again.

Vs 9 for she kept them: In those primitive times, a pastoral life was not only considered useful but honourable. Nor was it beneath the dignity of the daughters of the most opulent chiefs to carry water from the well, or tend the sheep. Jacob, Moses, and David were shepherds.

Vs 11 Now it probably would get you a slap across the face today if you walked up to a woman that didn't know you and just Kissed her. But im guessing this was more of a relative type kiss we see as very common in the Middle East kissed: Gen_33:4, Gen_45:14-15; Exo_4:27, Exo_18:7; Rom_16:16

Vs 12 Now she knows he is Kin, her first reaction to the Kiss was probably not as welcoming as Jacob hoped, But maybe she also realized he was Kin by that custom. Fathers Brother Now realize they did not distinguish between family members as much as we do Like nephew and Cousin. So this now shows us that Isaac was not really lying to Abimelech back when he said he was Rebekah's brother. Gen 26:7

Part 63 Genesis 29:12-30 Jacob Meets Laban and is Deceived By Him

We left off yesterday That Jacob caught the Love bug for Rachel who as we like to say Love a first sight. I'm still amazed that the Kiss vs 11 didn't get him a slap but it seems the love is mutual.

Vs 12 So She runs off to get Her father Laban, Jacob's Mother Rebekah's Brother. Rebekah's Son Gen 24:11-15, Ex 2:16-17 it would seem that Lots of marriages got started by wells in these days. Hey if you're a Guy and the young ladies were the

ones typically that got the water it seems like a great place. Now my suggestion in our day is Church. Particularly Youth Group or even better Church based School.

Vs 13 Kissed Him a very common greeting even between men Luke 15:20 The prodigal son has come home kind of, Laban got caught up as to how the family was doing and how his sister was. Being we are some 3000 miles from them and I don't think mail services was invented yet it had been at least 20-30 years since Rebekah left.

Vs 15 Wages now watch this conversation carefully, Laban never really says yes that Rachel would be the only one just that at some point for payment of the 7 years he will get Rachel. Shrewd Business man.

Vs 18-19 Watch Laban's response. He never really agrees to Jacob's terms but is a bit shroud in saying that Jacob is a good choice over others and just said abide with me. Typically in a Jewish Betrothal actual paperwork was written up as to the terms of the contract but here in northern Mesopotamia I guess customs are different.

Vs 20 Seeing Jacob had now dowery he chose to pay with his labor so 7 years are agreed upon for Rachel, At least in Jacobs mind.

Vs 21 here is where the deception comes to full tuition. Jacob will get a wife but more than he expected. Laban basically sets him up to believe what will happen on his wedding night. Notice Laban is not real talkative about which wife he gets first.

Vs 22 Feast Time and I'm sure plenty of Alcohol.

Vs 23 Bait and Switch the oldest con in the book. Jacob probably not in complete control of his senses thinks Rachel is the woman in his bed. Reminds me of another time a man was fooled by his daughters to have sex wit them without the man knowing. Lot gen 19:31-36 now it doesn't mention Alcohol but this party does seem to be for the deception of Jacob and with most Weddings Wine was definitely served. Most Famous was Jesus Turning water to wine in John 2:2-11

I also may mention that another tradition is the woman is veiled during the ceremony until the wedding night, with limited lighting even if not drunk he may have been fooled. Its always possible also this was God allowing this deception to teach Jacob a lesson when he was the one being the deceiver. Sometime God does take us to the woodshed on occasion to teach us. I can definitely attest to that fact. But as I like to think that when we are chastised lets remember the lesson so

it doesn't need to be repeated. Praise God for good instruction especially when we are stubborn. I like this passage on this subject Hebrews 12:6-11

Vs 24 Handmaids were also very common remember Sarah also had one

Vs 25 well the deception worked and probably at some point in Jacobs Life he realizes also it was payback for his sin.

Vs 28 Laben did ultimately fulfill his promise and we will see also for Leah's sake she probably was a willing participant as she probably options for her were limited. I can attest to how it is to not be the most desirable looking. I myself didn't date at all in High School as I had sever ache and not the most athletic type. Kind of the Girl next door who never get invited to the prom.

Part 64 Genesis 29:31-30:6 Jacob Ends up with 4 Wives competing for Sons

Here we begin what I would say is Jealousy between Jacobs 2 Official Wives and there Handmaids. What I find interesting about this passage is how God's Chosen Line is of his first Wife from the deception of Leah. She was the one that had Juda which becomes the tribe of Judea from whom Jesus is Born. But when it comes to most popular of all the sons Joseph- Rachel's first son by Jacob become the savor of the whole family in Egypt. So we will spend the rest of Genesis discovering the start of the 12 tribes of Israel. Huge end days prophecy at its beginning.

Vs 31 we see here that Jacob did not really have to wait 7 years for Rachel too but promised to work an additional 7 years for her.

You have to really see the disappointment in Leah life. Here she is Hated and really has no control over Jacob ever loving Her like Rachel. Sad situation and God does Bless her in a few ways, She Gave Jacob not only his first Son but also as we see in 2 of her sons a huge blessing to be the Mother of Juda and Levi which in Gods ultimate Plan have a special place, This will go on thru eternity thru the Birth of Jesus of the Judah tribe and ultimately the place God calls his special place Jerusalem and the Temple which Levi Serves.

Hate a power word but here it also can mean more like accepted and rejected. Lets look at some verses on this Gen_27:41; Deu_21:15-17; Mal_1:3-4; Mat_6:24, 10:37-39; Luk_14:26; Joh_12:25

I think the lesson here is to look to Jesus for our ultimate satisfaction and not Man. No matter what Man does to you we have a home soon where we will spend eternity being Loved by Jesus. Even Leah will be their most likely and finally get what she wants.

Vs 32 am 2252, B.C. 1752 Reuben: that is, see a son, Children will never make a bad marriage better. It may for a while but in the end will be just a casualty of probably a bitter Divorce.

Due to an affair Reuben does lose first born status Gen_35:22,

Vs 33 am 2253, B.C. 1751 Simeon: that is, Hearing Have a future of Vengeance with his Brother Levi Gen_49:5-6

Vs 34 am 2254, B.C. 1750 Levi: that is, joined, Num_18:2-4

Vs 35 am 2255, B.C. 1749 Judah: that is, Praise

left bearing (took a break) Heb. stood from bearing, Gen_49:8; That is, for a time; for she had several children afterwards. (See note on Gen_30:17 and following.)

vs 30:1 Rachel envied: Envy and jealousy are most tormenting passions to the breast which harbours them, vexatious to all around, and introductory to much impatience and ungodliness. "Who is able to stand before envy?" 1Sa_1:4-8; Pro_14:30; Ecc_4:4; 1Co_3:3; Gal_5:21; Tit_3:3; Jas_3:14, 4:5.

Vs 2 Jacob actually may be the reason due to his Hatred for Leah. But again this is not Rachel's fault either but may be God teaching Patience as it seems learning the lesson from Abraham and Sarah did not funnel down to Jacob.

Vs 3 again not what God planned but it still did not deter God plans either. "Bear upon my Knees" interesting term where the child is actually born as the woman is sitting on her lap to indicate it actually belongs to Rachel. Just like in the story of Ruth. The first born son of Ruth was actually for Naomi to have as an heir to her Husbands seed Rth 4:11, 13-17 and is even mentioned by the men at the gate,

Vs 6 am 2256, B.C. 1748 Dan: that is, Judging, Gen_49:16-17; Deu_33:22; interesting tie in from what was said about Jesus on the Cross Psm 22:12-17. Bashan was a region on the east side of the Jordan and was what Moses and Joshua dealt with when Taking over the Promised Land so who came from this region was a class of Giants Deut 3:11 who are workers for Satan and as such in

the Jesus Psm represent the Scribes and Pharisees as being instruments of Satan standing around the cross mocking Jesus. Num 21:33-35

Part 65 Genesis 30:6-24 Jacob Continues to bear Children to his 4 Wives

We continue here to see God working to ultimately Bear 12 Children unto Jacob which become the 12 Tribes of Israel. So would say did God allow polygamy. God forbid but even under God's rebellion of his original design of one Man to one Woman Gen 2:24, Mak 10:6-9

Vs 8 am 2257, B.C. 1747 Naphtali: that is, My wrestling, Gen_32:24-25; Mat_4:13, Nephthalim

Vs 11 am 2256, B.C. 1748 Gad: that is, A troop, or company, Isa_65:11

Vs 13 Asher: that is, Happy

Vs 14 am 2256, B.C. 1748 Now we get superstitious here is a write up about mandrakes: The mandrake may be the Hebrew dudaim. It is so rendered by all the ancient versions, and is a species of melon, of an agreeable odour. Hasselquist, speaking of Nazareth in Galilee, says, "What I found most remarkable at this village was the great number of mandrakes which grew in a vale below it. I had not the pleasure of seeing this plant in blossom, the fruit now (May 5th, O. S.) hanging ripe on the stem, which lay withered on the ground. From the season in which this mandrake blossoms and ripens fruit, one might form a conjecture that it was Rachel's dudaim. These were brought her in the wheat harvest, which in Galilee is in the month of May, about this time, and the mandrake was now in fruit." The Abbee Mariti describes it as growing "low like a lettuce, to which its leaves have a great resemblance, except that they have a dark green colour. The flowers are purple, and the root is for the most part forked. The fruit, when ripe in the beginning of May, is of the size and colour of a small apple, exceedingly ruddy, and of a most agreeable odour. Our guide thought us fools for suspecting it to be unwholesome." Son_7:13

Mandrakes (Heb. dudaim) are mentioned in (Genesis 30:14,16) and in Song 7:13 The mandrake, *Atropa mandragora*, is closely allied to the well-known deadly nightshade, *A. belladonna*, and to the tomato, and belongs to the order Solanaceae, or potato family. It grows in Palestine and Mesopotamia.

Vs 15 Lets make a deal this has become quite the competition A definit great reason for One Woman One Man for life Marrages. God is Always right.

Vs 18 So Leah is quite Blessed as a Child Bearer. Issachar: that is, An hire
And as we see it takes Rachel still many years before she will Conceive

Vs 20 am cir, 2258, B.C. cir, 1746 Zebulun: that is, Dwelling, Mat_4:13, Zabulon

Vs 21 am cir, 2259, B.C. 1745 Dinah: that is, Judgment And She will bring about the slaughter of a nation. An interesting story as to what really happen.

Vs 24 "Be fruitful and multiply," was the blessing of God: barrenness therefore was reckoned a reproach The intense desire of having children, observable among the Jewish women, arose not only from this reproach of barrenness, but from the hope of being the mother of the promised seed, and Him in whom all the nations of the earth were to be blessed.

What's interesting about this is that Mary was a Virgin when Jesus was Born so much for hoping to bear the Messiah if you already have had relations with a Man.

Luk_1:27 based on the prophecy in Isa 7:14 but at least here in Genesis they did not know about Isa yet.

Vs 24 Joseph: that is, Adding,add too me another son and she will have one more later Gen_35:17-18

Part 66 Genesis 30:25-43 Jacob's Prosperity

Jacob here has completed his Promise and then some. He promised 7 Years for Rachel twice to include Leah and did an additional 6 years on top of that for the Cattle. So Time to leave and head back to where God wants Jacob to be. Laban will try to sway him to stay mainly because he has prospered with Jacob around But as we will see Jacob takes charge and just leaves. Realize with a large family and the influence of an Idolatrous nation where Laban lives is not a good influence to his family. So as we will learn in the next chapter he is actually following Gods lead.

Vs 25-26 I served Thee Gen 29:18-20

Vs 27 Here we see Laban is not really thinking of Jacob and his situation but of Himself Gen_30:30, and God recognizes this as we will find out in Gen_31:13;

Vs 28 Remember that Laban did promise wages and He was faithful to complete the 7 years agreed upon Gen_29:15, Gen_29:19

Vs 30 Provide for my house 1 Tim 5:8

Vs 31 he also will not leave yet as he is still tending to Laban's flock but at this point he is just separating the cattle as God showed him.

Vs 32 Pay me with the livestock I have helped grow IN Multitude Gen 31:7-13, Its interesting here how Jacob with the control of the breeding process operating here by the Laws of God on Heredity, Not Jacobs plan but God's as we see in the next chapter Jacob was following a dream that God showed Him Gen 31:9-13

Vs 33 here Jacob is saying that when he leaves he will only take the spotted and sheep and if any brown are found in what he takes he can be accused of stealing.

Vs 34 Laban agrees

Vs 35 This verse is a bit confusing and I found in a commentary of another teacher that basically the deal was that after separating any spotted ring struck or any imperfections from the flock leaving only Black and brown cattle that the offspring from that group will be the wages for Jacob. Laban figuring not to allow any spotted cattle to influence the breeding had his sons take them 3 days journey away.

But GOD as we see in the following verses Modern Science sees a connection to what happens next. I give credit to an article from biblicalfoundations.weebly.com I got this information from

Article on what we know of modern genetics

We now know white to be dominant in sheep and all black to be recessive. While Laban immediately yanked all spotted sheep, goats, and cows to not give any animals to Jacob. So this means only the cows and sheep of a solid color, like all white and all black would have been left in Jacob's care. However in his haste to cheat Jacob out of any pay, what Laban failed to realize was what we now know in genetics that the dominant traits can mask the recessive traits of speckled and streaks. They are called heterozygous.

This means every single one of the speckled and spotted were completely recessive (bb). Laban had simply removed all the pure recessives (bb) from the herd and left Jacob with all the ones that only LOOKED unspotted and unspeckled

(BB & Bb). 2/3 of the remainder of the herd still carried the recessive trait of spotted and speckled, hidden by the dominant trait of all white. So the herds under Jacob's care had the genes for speckled and streaks.

Vs 37-39 Unraveling the Mysterious Trees & Mother's Diet

For a long time no one could figure out what these peeled rods of green poplar, hazel, and chestnut trees would do to cause ringstraked, speckled, and spotted. Some atheist to this day jeer at the Bible as they view this as nothing but fantasy, fables, lies, and the outright use of sorcery. However science itself has discovered WHAT THE MOTHER EATS CAN AFFECT THE OFFSPRING.

Some of the mothers consumed supplements high in very simple molecular compounds that zip around the genome turning off genes. One silenced gene was for yellow fur; when it is turned off, the mouse's fur color defaults to brown. For the mice, it wasn't just that "you are what you eat," but that you are what your mother ate, too." --biologists at Duke University Med Center, Durham, N.C.

These female mice (pictured above) are genetically identical, yet a change in the diet of the pregnant and nursing mothers is the reason the mouse on the right is brown instead of yellow and thin instead of obese.

Therefore the Bible is shown by science to be 100% right that what the mating herd's mothers drank in their water affected them coming out spotted and speckled. Did Jacob know about this or was it told to him by an all knowing God of the Bible? We will find out tomorrow's lesson

Vs 40-43 Selective Breeding to Keep the Strongest & Healthiest Animals

Now that we know diet not only turns genes on and off and even can make recessive traits come out as is the case with the recessive brown fur of the mice. Therefore we know scientifically the recessive spotted and speckled animals came forth when the mothers drank from the water laced with the sap of the 3 trees. All that remained was for Jacob to simply put it into the water of the strongest animals of the herd to produce spotted animals that were stronger and healthier.

This is simple selective breeding and not as stunning as the previous ability to turn genes on and off by simple diet of the mothers.

Conclusion

Here again we see God's divine wisdom in genetics at play some 3700 years ago, and today verified by science & medicine. This goes to show even the stuff atheist want to point to as proving the Bible is filled with fables and legend, all have hard science and real life truth in them. The Bible proves itself undisputed with statement of facts long before anyone knew anything about genetics and how diet can change it.

I would call this further Proof of the author of the Bible is God not man

Part 67 Genesis 31:1-13 God Orders Jacob back to Bethel

It seems conditions have changed as with the deal Jacob made with Laban has produced quite a lot of Cattle, Goats and Sheep. So Laban's sons are accusing Jacob of taking their Inheritance. But we know as we will see in this passage that God Blessed Jacob with these riches not anything Man has done. Les see how God rewards his faithful.

Vs 1 glory: "Glory" is here used for "wealth," riches, or property; since those who possess riches, generally make them the subject of glory. The original word cavod, signifies both "glory" and "weight." Gen_45:13; Est_5:11;

Vs 3 With Thee Isa_41:10; Heb_13:5, 23 Psalm Reminds me of one of my favorite poems Footsteps in the Sand (Discribe)

Vs 6 this was agreed on in the past Gen 30:28-29,

Vs 7 ten times: The Hebrew, âsereth monim, is literally, as Aquila renders, "ten numbers;" and Symmachus, "ten times in number;" which probably implies an indefinite number. (See note on Gen_31:41.) Num_14:22; Neh_4:12; Zec_8:23 (Prophecy Moment)

Vs 8 God had promised that what ever he said would come out tha way Gen 30:32

Vs 10 Here we find out that God was blessing Jacob thru this.

rams: or, he-goats

ringstreaked: Gen_30:39

grisled: The original word, beroodim, from barad, "hail" means marked with white spots like hail; to which our word grisled, from the old French gresle, now grêle, hail, perfectly agrees; hence greslê, spotted with white on a dark ground.

Vs 13 Gen_28:12-22, Great to see how God takes care of us when we follow Him. I believe this spot is where the original Tabernacle was set up north of Jerusalem and may be the location of the Temple in the Millennium . it has a rich history here as a few.

The Lord spoke and revealed Himself to Jacob as the God of his fathers (Genesis 28:17). Then Jacob set up a sacred pillar, named the place Bethel (verses 18–19), and consecrated the site as a place to worship God (verse 21).

Many years later, Jacob returned to Bethel, built an altar to God there, and called the place El-Bethel, which means "God of Bethel." Bethel remained one of the main worship centers of Israel. The ark of the covenant was kept at Bethel for a time, and the people often went there to seek God during times of trouble (Judges 20:18–28). The Bible says Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, was buried under an oak tree near Bethel (Genesis 35:8), and the better-known Deborah, judge of Israel, held court at a site between Ramah and Bethel (Judges 4:5). During the time of the divided kingdoms, King Jeroboam of Israel established two temples for the northern kingdom, one at Bethel and the other at Dan. In these temples, he set up golden calves (1 Kings 12:26–33). God often sent prophets to preach at Bethel (1 Kings 13:1–10). Many of these prophets pronounced judgment and condemnation on Bethel as a center of idolatry (Amos 3:14; 5:5–6; Hosea 10:15).

On Elijah's last day of ministry on earth, he and Elisha encountered a company of prophets at Bethel. These prophets confirmed Elijah's soon departure: "Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, 'Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?' 'Yes, I know,' Elisha replied, 'so be quiet'" (2 Kings 2:2–3). Elisha refused to leave Elijah. He was fiercely committed to assuming the older prophet's mantle and did not want to miss out on the opportunity.

After the northern kingdom of Israel fell to the Assyrians, Bethel remained a home for priests (2 Kings 17:28–41). In the seventh century BC, the high places of Bethel were destroyed by King Josiah of Judah as part of his religious reforms (2 Kings 23:4, 13–19). Eventually, by the time of Ezra, the city of Bethel had been burned down and reduced to a small village (Ezra 2:28). Bethel is not referred to in the New Testament.

But some interesting things mentioned in Ezk about worship in the Millennium Kingdome where this location may be where the Temple is The common spot of Shiloh where Joshua set up the Tabernacle Joshua 18:1 is one I found when studying Ezekiel but I can see Bethel also as Bethel is 12 miles from Jerusalem and Shiloh 15 miles But also all 3 are on a straight line depicted in the map of the Millennium Temple and Jerusalem. Gods holy places.

Part 68 Genesis 31:14-29 Jacob leaves Haran unannounced

I have to fix an error I said a few times now on the Distance from Haran to Jerusalem Area is only about 450 Miles. I wasn't aware at the time there is a Haran Turkey but its not the one we are talking about here its in northern Turkey. So this travel was only 2-3 weeks. We see he probably only did about 25 miles per day tho with Cattle and Children travel would be a bit slower.

In this chapter we find that Jacob leaves Laban without giving notice. They don't even have a farewell party for him. Laban takes out after him and overtakes him. We will take this story in the next 2 days as it's a lot of verses. Finally, Jacob and Laban made another contract, this time not to defraud or hurt each other. Then they separate in an outwardly friendly manner.

We will see that God wants to get Jacob out of that land. He recognizes that the influence of Laban's household is not good for Jacob and his growing family. The boys are going to be heads of the twelve tribes of Israel, and God is anxious to get them out from that environment and back into Abraham's country, the country which He had promised to Abraham.

Vs 14-16, Wives are onboard and thru the ages get quite the Honor of Women to be respected Rth_4:11. But we will see shortly that Rachel takes a little souvenir.

Vs 17 Very common mode of transportation even used today upon camels:
Gen_24:10, 61; (Show modern Picture of Nomads and Camels)

Vs 18 He only took what was agreed upon earlier the offspring that were Spotted and Ring-necked

Vs 19 This whole area including many from the 12 tribes who went into Idolatry so its easy to see That God wants Jacob out of this area to not have the influence. But some did turn to idols Here are some verses on that and many more I wont mention. images: Heb. teraphim, Gen_31:30,35:2-3; Jos_24:2; Jdg_17:4-5, mention Chapter 18 a story of when Dan set up Idols Jdg 18:1-2, 14-20, 30-31, Hence one of the reasons the Northern Region is taken into captivity by the Assyrians under God's Judgement. Some other verses on Idols Eze_21:21; Hos_3:4-5 vs 5 here is future and is starting to get fulfilled now But still in Unbelief; These might have been images devoted to superstitious or idolatrous purposes, as they are termed gods by Laban, in Gen_31:30. But we know for sure God destroyed and sent into Captivity for the depts that Israel Turned away from God and Jesus Christ 1 Kings 19:14-18, Matt 23:37-39. We as a nation are way over due, Our idols have changed to Money, Power and something even worse There is no God. Probably at some level worse than believing in multiple gods little g.

Vs 20 Some may say this was not the proper way, but honestly can you blame him? How many times did Laban deceive him and also Jacob is under direct orders from God. Vs 13

Vs 21 a bit different route home I believe the Mt Gilead spoken of here is on the east side of the Jordan river They are moving Fast. Im sure Jacob knew Laban may try and follow. Passed over the river most likely the Euphrates Gen_15:18; Jos_24:2-3

Gilead Num_32:1; Deu_3:12; Jos_13:8-9;

Vs 22-23 Laban really had been traveling fast to overtake him. You may be sure that Laban doesn't mean any good as far as Jacob is concerned. I am of the opinion that he is angry enough to kill him. But God intervened—

Vs 24 Take Heed Num_24:13; 2Sa_13:22; Psa_105:14-15; In other words, “You be very careful what you say and do.”

Vs 25 Best always to Listen to God even when you're an Idol worshipper like Laban

Vs 26-27 How clever Uncle Laban is, how diplomatic! He tries to make Jacob feel guilty for depriving his family of wonderful send-off party. He would have had a great celebration and a fond farewell. That's what he says, but I don't think that is what he would have done. that I: Pro_26:23-26

with mirth(Blessings and Joy): Gen_24:59-60; Job_21:11-14 tabret: Exo_15:20

Then he goes on to appeal to sentiment.

Vs 28 These “sons” would be his grandsons. They are destined to be very prominent as far as the history of this world is concerned.

vs 29 we see Laban definitely had Plans to do harm. BUT GOD even this man knows when to listen to God. Fascinating he obeyed even tho he believed in many Gods.

Part 69 Genesis 31:29-55 Laban’s Real Purpose fro Chasing Jacob

Vs 30 Now we see the real reason Laban came after Him. These gods notice Fathers House like an inheritance my gods Exo_12:12; Num_33:4;

Vs 31 Laban almost sure would not have been an pleasant send off and probably would have killed Jacob rather than let his daughters go.

Vs 32 He is sure no one would have stolen them from Laban. You see, Jacob didn't believe Laban. But if you think that Laban believed Jacob, you're wrong. They had absolutely no confidence in each other. It's been a nice, pleasant twenty years together, hasn't it?

vs 33-35 He really expected one of his daughters to have them. Rachel is quite a clever girl herself, isn't she? She is the daughter of her father! She had taken them and put them in the camel's furniture, which is the box that went on the camel's back. Then she sat down on them and excused herself to her father. She said she couldn't get up because she was in a woman’s time of the month Known as the Custom or Manner of Women.

custom: Gen_18:11; Quite the process Lev_15:19-28

All the while, she is sitting on them. What a realistic picture we get of this family!

Rachel's taking the teraphim from her father was probably much more serious than we had imagined. The possession of those household gods implied leadership of the family, which meant that Jacob was going to inherit everything old Laban had! That is the reason Laban was so wrought up over it. He surely did not want Jacob to get his estate—he felt he had gotten too much already.

Vs 36 Jacob gets a little confidence now. They can't locate the images, and Jacob is sure that they aren't anywhere around. He wants to rebuke his father-in-law who has come after him. We all have that point where we just need to speak our minds. But always remember some of these verses Pro_28:1; Mar_3:5; Eph_4:26; Jas_1:19-20

Vs 37 Heb_13:18; 1Pe_2:12, 3:16

Vs 38 Now Jacob voices his complaint. He has passed the course in the college of hard knocks, and now he is getting his degree.

Vs 39 He didn't even get his meals. He had to pay for those.

He couldn't even get any insurance. When a lamb was stolen or killed by a wild animal, Jacob had to pay for it. Believe me, this Laban is a hard taskmaster!

Vs 40 He didn't get a vacation in the summer. When the weather grew cold, he still had to stay out with the sheep and with the animals. Many nights he had to watch to protect the flock.

Vs 41 This is what has happened to Jacob. Here is the man who is clever, who thought that he could get by with sin, but God didn't let him get by with it because God has made it very clear that whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. Jacob refused submission to God at home; so he had to submit to his uncle. Jacob came to receive a wife in dignity, but he was made a servant because God respects the rights of the firstborn. Jacob had deceived his father; so he was deceived by his father-in-law. Jacob, the younger, became as the older. Then he found out that he was given the older when he thought he was getting the younger. He revealed a mercenary spirit that displayed itself in the way he got the birthright, allowing his mother to cover his hands with the skins of kids of goats. Later on, we will see that his own sons will deceive him in very much the same way. They killed a kid and in its blood they dipped Joseph's coat of many colors. He deceived his father about being the favorite son, and he will be deceived about his favorite son, Joseph. Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap.

Vs 42 Jacob has had his day in court. He has vented his grievances. Now he is going to leave Laban. They bid each other good-bye and make a contract.

Vs 43-50 In this covenant, Laban expressed how suspicious he was of Jacob. The idea of Mizpah (watch) is, "If you do wrong, God will see it and may He punish."

"In effect, the pillar of Mizpah meant, 'If you come over on my side of this line, the pact is void and I will kill you.' The covenant breaker would need God to take care of him, because the other would shoot to kill" (Barnhouse). Mizpah was never meant to be a nice sentiment – despite what a Mizpah coin shared between two people might say.

Chuck Smith said it has been used sometimes as sort of a Christian greeting. That's tragic. It isn't a very pleasant thing. It sounds beautiful to read that the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other. Like God watch over you, you know, my beloved friend, while we're absent. But that isn't the idea of the context at all. The idea is "I think you're a crook, I don't know what to do about it. You're leaving me; I can't watch you anymore. May God watch over you and if you do anything wrong, may God smite you". So next time one of your Christian friends says Mizpah, you might not be so willing to just smile. It isn't a pleasant departure but it has one intention, the Lord watch you, I can't.

J Vernon McGee The words of this contract have been used by young people's groups and other groups as a benediction. I don't think it ought to be used that way because it was a contract made between two rascals who are going to quit stealing from each other and work on somebody else! "The Lord watch between me and thee" is really saying, "May the Lord keep His eye on you so you won't steal from me anymore." That is exactly what these men are saying. And after this, they separate. The pile of stones remained at Mizpah as a boundary line between Laban and Jacob. Each promised not to cross over on the other's side.

Vs 51-53 their father: For avihem, "Their father," several manuscripts read avichem, "Your father," for Terah was an idolater (see note on Jos_24:2).

Vs 54-55, At least Jacob was faithful to allow Laban to have a proper Goodbye to his daughters and Grandkids after a nice meal. That actually based on this covenant was really difficult for Jacob. But a great message to us that sometimes keeping the peace is worth being a bit humble towards others. I believe this is what Jesus meant by the Passage Mat 5:38-48