



SHORTCUT TO THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Quick glance of the outline, themes, major people & events, and locations

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AUTHOR: Moses TYPE: Pentateuch

TIMESPAN: Beginning of time - ~1804 BC **MEANING:** origin, beginning, creation

THEME: Beginning of the human race, **IMPORTANCE:** God is the Creator

beginning of a nation God is the Provider

BEGINNING OF THE HUMAN RACE

1. CREATION (Chapters 1-2)

God is the sovereign Creator of all things. Within six days He created everything: the earth, space, time, light, atmosphere, dry land, plants, sun, moon, stars, seas, flying creatures, land animals, and humanity.

2. FALL (Chapters 3-5)

Creation is followed by corruption when man sins and breaks his fellowship with God. Yet there is a promise of the coming Messiah.

3. FLOOD (Chapters 6-9)

Sin multiplies as man multiplies and God, who is holy, must judge sin. So He sends judgment in the form of a flood. Yet He saves one family and multiple animals to repopulate the world.

4. NATIONS (Chapters 10-11)

God tells Adam and Noah to multiply and fill the earth, which would have resulted in different dialects and languages, but man fails to do so. Thus, God does in one moment what should have taken centuries to do and fills the earth with different nations.

BEGINNING OF A NATION

5. ABRAHAM (Chapters 11-25)

Abraham, which means "father of multitudes," is the first patriarch as he is considered the father of our faith as well as the father of the Hebrew race. God makes a covenant, or agreement, with Abraham, which includes three promises: land, descendants, and a blessing. This is known as the Abrahamic Covenant.

6. ISAAC (Chapters 25-26)

When Abraham is 100 years old, God blesses him with a son, Isaac, which means "laughter."

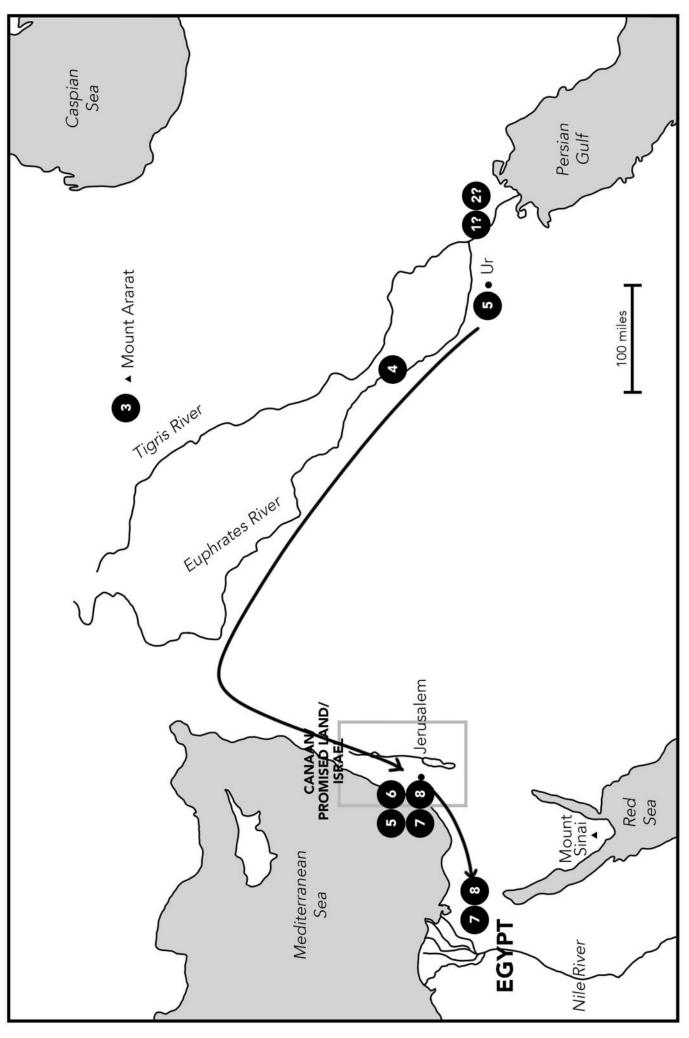
7. JACOB (Chapters 27-36)

Isaac has two sons, Esau and Jacob, and it is Jacob, which means "heel grabber" or "follower," who becomes the father of the twelve tribes of Israel.

8. JOSEPH (Chapters 37-50)

Jacob has twelve sons and one of the youngest is named Joseph, which means "may God add." At a young age, Joseph is sold into slavery and sent to Egypt. But it is all part of God's plan to save not only Egypt, but the beginning of the Hebrew nation, as Joseph's brothers and their families move to Egypt during a famine.

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