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HISTORY/PENTATEUCH



GENESIS

The first book in the Bible, Genesis records the Creation and the Flood through early-Bible history, from around 4000 BC to 1800 BC. It begins with Adam and Eve, then covers the lives of Noah and Abraham (and three generations of Abraham's many descendants), and tells the stories of patriarchs Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Wondrous workings of God amaze them, and trials and tribulations reveal their persistence in faith.







CREATION -->
TOWER OF BABEL

THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM

THE LIFE OF ISAAC THE LIFE OF JACOB

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THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

GENESIS 1-11

God creates the world and mankind. Several generations follow Adam and Eve. Men become wicked, and God sends a Flood. The only survivors are Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives. Men build the Tower of Babel, and God confounds the languages.

GENESIS 12-25

Abraham and Sarah leave their hometown of Harran and travel to the Promised Land. They move to Egypt during years of famine. Lot and Abraham eventually separate, and God promises to make Abraham's descendants a great nation.

GENESIS 25-27

Abraham and Sarah pray to have a baby in their old age. Isaac is born—a miracle! He's saved from sacrifice by an angel of the Lord and also promised that his descendants will be a great nation. Rebekah is chosen to be the wife of Isaac. She arrives after the passing of Sarah, and Isaac is comforted.

GENESIS 28-36

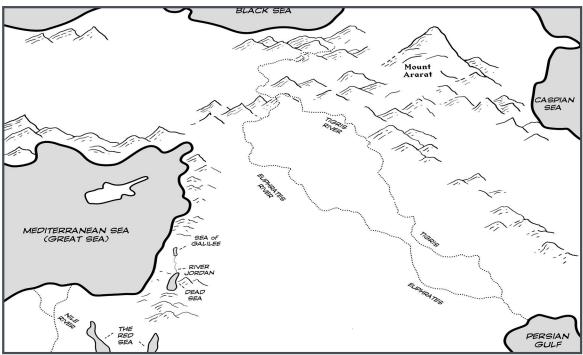
Rebekah bears twins, Esau and Jacob. Jacob must deceive his elder twin, Esau, to take the birthright. He works 14 years to marry Rachel, after first being tricked into marrying Leah. He fathers 12 sons, the future tribes of Israel. Jacob's name is changed to Israel after he visits the future Promised Land.

GENESIS 37-50

Israel's (Jacob) 11th son, Joseph, is sold by his brothers into slavery and taken to Egypt. There, he rises to power through interpreting dreams, including the Pharaoh's. With God's help, Joseph prepares Egypt against future famine. He reconciles with his family when they arrive, seeking food. Joseph invites them to live with him in Egypt. Joseph promises the Israelites that God will bring them out of Egypt back to the Promised Land.







Before Adam and Eve were even created, this is what Bible Land looked like. There were no kingdoms, cities, or towns because there were no people!

Hundreds of kingdoms have risen and fallen since God created mankind, around 6,000 years ago. But God's work doesn't change that much.

Get to know the bodies of water in or surrounding Bible Land. That way, when you hear them on the news or in history class, or you see them on a map, you can know, "Hey, that's in Bible Land!"

BODIES OF WATER:

Persian Gulf was not big in Bible history, but the two rivers that empty into it were huge. It is in the lower right corner.

The Euphrates and Tigris Rivers—dump into the Persian Gulf. The Garden of Eden would lie somewhere in between them. Babylon would be built on the lower Euphrates. So would Ur, the first home of Father Abraham. Nineveh, where Jonah prophesied, would be built on the Tigris.

The Caspian Sea is near Mount Ararat, where Noah's Ark is thought to have landed. It is in the upper right corner.

The Black Sea is the northern border of Bible Land. Huge and above it is Russia, which some scholars feel will be involved in the big End Times war called Armageddon.

The Great Sea was the first name of the Mediterranean Sea. Jerusalem would be built near it.

ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY.

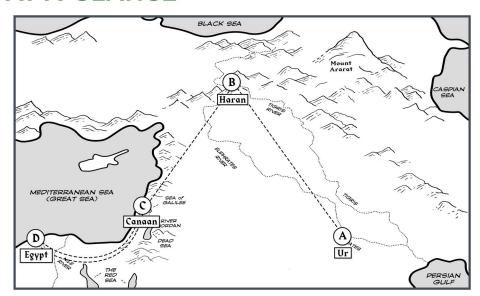
AT-A-GLANCE

BIBLE CHARACTERS INVOLVED Abraham, Sarah, Lot

> SCRIPTURES COVERING **Genesis 11-Genesis 25**

MIRACLES THAT OCCURRED Visitation by three angels who announced Sarah's pregnancy 2065 BC

The birth of their son Isaac when Sarah was 90 and Abraham was 100, 2066 BC



IMPORTANT FACTS

At first, all Bible history was happening to the right of the map. See letter A. Father Abraham's journey is what shifted the entire history of the Bible over to the west. God promised to make him the father of a great nation (Israel) if he would go.

Creation Birth of Jesus 2000's AD Years Covered: 2166 BC - 1991 BC

FAMOUS VERSES:

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." Genesis 12:1

No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. Genesis 17:5

FAMOUS BIBLE STORIES:

- **Destruction of Sodom &** Gomorrah, Genesis 19
- Birth of Isaac, Genesis 21



- Abraham was born in Ur (point A on the map). His father, brother, and he moved their families up to Harran (sometimes spelled Haran, and point B on the map).
- They had been trying to get to Canaan but ended up settling in Harran.
- God spoke to Abraham and said if he would go to Canaan (point C on the map),
 - God would give all the land to his descendants. Abraham went with Sarah and his nephew Lot.
- A famine in Canaan drove the three to Egypt for a while (point D on the map). Then they returned, to Canaan and settled where they had been, near Bethel.