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GENESIS

Within the fifty chapters of the book of Genesis, we find the beginning of every major stream of truth in the Word of God. Genesis has been rightly called “the seed plot of the whole Bible”. The name Genesis is a Greek word that means beginning or origin. In this book, we have God’s record of the beginning of three basic avenues of truth that are followed and thoroughly developed throughout the entire Bible.

1. The Creation and origin of all life, including human life.
2. The destruction of that life through the interruption of sin.
3. God’s plan to rid this creation of the intruding element of sin.

Understanding the beginning of these and other basic truths provides for us a solid foundation of faith.

CHAPTER 1 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. In which part of **time** does verse one start? _____

“In the beginning” God, who has no beginning, created the heavens and the earth. It was in the heart of our wonderful God to create a planet with walking, talking, singing, moving, flying and growing **life** on it. Each creature with its fur, feathers, colors, noises and abilities would be an expression of God Himself. At first the earth was without real form and there was only darkness and water. The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, and God said, “Let there be light”.

In the six spaces provided below, write what God created on each of the six days of creation.

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Each day was a glorious expression of the creative mind and heart of our God. Many Bible scholars agree that each day was one day and not a geological era as some have supposed. Many have tried to harmonize the theory of evolution and God’s record of His miraculous creation. However, the Bible teaches that “the things which are seen were not made of things which do appear”. (Heb. 11:3) Life did not evolve out of itself, but was a direct result of God’s creative act.

CHAPTER 2 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The crowning act of God’s creation was the creation of man. Everything else God called into existence with His proclamation of, “Let there be....” But when He created man and woman, He formed them Himself and breathed His own breath into them.

From Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:7-25, list 7 facts about the creation and position of man and woman.

8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____

CHAPTER 3 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

There was a great rebellion in heaven before the world was ever created. Read Isaiah 14:12-15 and Ezekiel 28:13-19. A great and beautiful angel, Lucifer, rebelled against God and was cast from his position in heaven. Now that God had created someone dear to His heart and in His own image, Lucifer became intent on tempting the man so that he (Lucifer) might strike out at God. We cannot tell how many times Lucifer may have come to Eve or Adam using many disguises in order to tempt them away from obedience and fellowship with God. God allowed Adam and Eve to be tempted so they could prove their love as responsible creatures through exercising the power of choice. Thus they would not be reduced to mere robots.

15. Speaking through the serpent, what type of statement does Satan use? _____

Many times Satan will work great destruction in our lives if he can cause us to **question** and **doubt**.

16. What does the devil say about the penalty God promised? _____

Satan still tells the whole world the same message that God does not really mean what He says about the judgment of hell and eternal death.

Below are listed the three ways Eve was enticed as revealed in verse 6. From I John 2:16, write the particular lust that was satisfied.

17. It was pleasant to the eyes. _____
18. The tree was good for food. _____
19. The tree would make her wise. _____
20. Why do you think Adam and Eve were suddenly hiding from God? _____

Even though Adam and Eve were naked before, suddenly they realized their nakedness and felt it. Many believe that before they sinned they were clothed with a heavenly glory and holiness.

21. When questioned, who did the man blame for his sin? _____
22. Whom did the woman blame? _____

To blame someone else is the nature of man, but God holds everyone individually responsible for his own sin.

Beginning in verse 14, the Lord pronounces a curse upon four beings: 1) the serpent, 2) Satan, 3) the woman, 4) the man.

23. What did God say would happen to the serpent? _____

In verse 15, the Lord is speaking to Satan himself. This verse is the first promise of redemption through the Lord Jesus Christ. As a result of the fall, all children are born in sin. This enmity is Jesus the Son of God born into the human race.

24. What will "the enmity", the Lord Jesus, do to Satan's head? _____

The head signifies authority.

25. What will Satan be allowed to do to Jesus? _____

This speaks of the bruising Jesus will take on the cross for our sin.

26. What are the curses upon woman? _____

27. What are the curses upon man? _____

CHAPTER 4 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

28. What was Adam's first son's name and what was his occupation? _____

29. What was Adam's second son's name and what was his occupation? _____

Undoubtedly, the family had been given previous instructions concerning offerings. An offering was to involve the shedding of blood through animal sacrifice.

30. What does Cain offer? _____

31. Abel believed God's instructions and made a proper offering. What does Heb. 11:4 say was the basis for his offering? _____

32. What is it that really pleases God? Hebrews 11:6 _____

Cain disobeyed God's instructions and brought his own kind of offering. Many people today assume that if they don't hurt anyone and that if they go to church once in awhile, surely God will accept them. God's path of salvation begins at the cross. The only acceptable offering for our sin is the blood of Jesus Christ.

33. How did God try to reason with Cain? v. 7 _____

34. What did Cain finally do? v. 8 _____

35. What does 1 John 3:12,13 say Cain's reason was? _____

36. What is the lesson we are to learn from this passage in 1 John 3? _____

37. What is the Lord's answer to Cain's question in verse 3, and what is our responsibility toward others? 1 John 3:16 _____

38. What would Cain be all the rest of his life? vv. 12,14 _____

CHAPTER 5 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Man originally was created to live forever and death came as a result of sin. We see in chapter five that man's life span was much longer than it is now. Sin obviously had not yet taken its full toll in the human body. It is the mercy of God upon the human race that now limits the number of years men have to corrupt themselves through sin and wickedness.

How many years did each of the following people live?

39. Adam _____ 40. Cainan _____
 41. Enos _____ 42. Jared _____
 43. What happened to Enoch? v. 24; (see Heb. 11:5) _____

Enoch had such a close relationship with God that only after 365 years of living in this world, the Lord translated him into heaven. Many people will complain that, because they must work or live among the unsaved, they cannot maintain a close relationship with God. We will see in the next chapter that Enoch lived in the midst of the greatest wickedness and unrestrained iniquity the world has ever seen ... yet he truly walked with God!

44. What great future event did Enoch see? Jude 14,15 _____

CHAPTER 6 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Many fundamental Bible scholars and teachers agree that life upon the earth was approximately a mere 1600-1800 years old when the events of chapter six began.

45. After this comparatively short time, what was man's condition and what were the constant thoughts of his heart? v. 5 _____

The intermarriage of the "daughters of men" and the "sons of God" (v. 1,2,4) is mentioned as an example of the extreme wickedness of the day. The identity of these "sons of God" has been a matter of dispute. Some students think they were godly Sethites (Gen. 4:25,26). Others believe they were fallen angelic beings in human form. We may not know exactly what took place; however, as we approach the end of the Church Age and things are "as it was in the days of Noah", we can see there certainly is an increasing and unholy interest in spirits, demons, and their activities.

46. When sin reached such a peak, what was God's attitude and decision? vv. 3,6,7 _____

47. What is the main element that filled the earth? vv. 11-13 _____

Current events indicate that things are "as it was in the days of Noah" with riots, demonstrations, shootings, assassinations and mass murders increasing at an alarming rate. The people of Noah's day had 120 years to prepare themselves and make their hearts right with God. Today there is not that much time left for our generation; however, there has been an "ark" prepared for our salvation. Jesus Christ is this "ark".

To answer the next three questions, use the scale: 1 cubit = 18 inches; (or you may use another translation.)

48. How long was the ark? _____
49. How wide was the ark? _____
50. How high was the ark? _____

CHAPTER 7 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

51. When Noah finished building the ark, what did God say to him? _____

52. How many days was Noah in the ark before the promised rain came? _____
53. How long did the rain last? _____
54. Who shut Noah in the ark? _____
55. What died upon the face of the earth? v. 23 _____

CHAPTER 8 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

56. What did God use to begin to dry up the waters? v. 1 _____
57. In the seventh month, 150 days later, where did the ark rest? _____
58. How long was the ark there before the waters receded enough to see the tops of other mountains?
vv. 4,5 _____
59. After another 40 days, what did Noah send out? _____
60. What did the dove return with and what did it mean to Noah? _____

After a total of 370 days Noah looked and saw dry ground. What a thrilling and yet eerie sight! Noah knew he and his family were the only people on the face of the earth.

61. After all left the ark, what was the first thing Noah did? _____

Noah's heart was fully set upon the Lord!

CHAPTER 9 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

When the Lord sent Noah forth to begin life on the earth again, He reestablished some very basic standards of life.

62. Does the Lord believe in capital punishment? _____ Which verse says so? _____

63. What is the covenant (agreement) God made with man? _____

64. What would be His token or sign that He would never destroy the earth like this again? _____

The rainbow is not something that "just happened". It is a direct creative act of God that speaks of a promise He made to man. If we will be faithful to God through every stormy time of trial and temptation, we will always see that He has a rainbow of promise at the end. (See Job 23:10; Romans 8:18; Hebrews 12:11.)

65. Even though the Lord will not destroy the earth with water again, what will He do? II Peter 3:10-13

One day Noah was found in a drunken state by his three sons. This scene is important because from these three men come forth all the races of the world. Their reactions to their father's weakness would determine the course of their lives and the nations that each represented.

66. What are the 3 sons' names as given in v. 18? a. _____

b. _____ c. _____

67. How long after the flood did Noah live? _____

CHAPTERS 10 & 11 - READ THE CHAPTERS FIRST

The Bible recorded careful genealogies because someday the Son of God would be born into the human race. Among these names are both good and bad men. Nimrod, in his day, was like a false Christ who began a false religious cult. The root of all false worship today can actually be traced back to Nimrod's kingdom at Babel or Babylon.

68. What was Nimrod said to be? _____

"A mighty hunter" shows he was a man of great accomplishment and skill in the eyes of men. False teachers and leaders down through the years have often been men of great strength and skill. The one world ruler Antichrist, who will rise to power in the last days, will be the greatest "Nimrod" the world has ever seen. (Daniel 8:23-25; II Thess. 2:2-4,9) In chapter 11 we read that at this time there was only one spoken language upon the earth, and therefore Nimrod was able to unify the earth in one common evil cause.

69. What did they want to build at Babel? _____

God wants man to reach heaven but not by his own strength and efforts. By building the tower of Babel, man exhibited his rebellion and self-sufficiency. His efforts, as they always do, ended in failure.

70. All false religions and other spiritual paths give some credit to man's efforts, but what does God want to eliminate? Eph. 2:8,9 _____

71. How did the Lord stop the building of the tower? _____

In the end times, the whole world will try to unite together once again under the Antichrist.

72. In the book of Revelation, what is the woman's name who represents the one-world religious political system of the last days? Rev. 17:1-5 _____

73. At the end of this age, the world will unite together once again. How will the Lord confound men's evil plan the next time? Rev. 19:11-21 _____

CHAPTER 12 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

In chapter twelve there is a very important turning point in God's plan for mankind. God begins the creation of the nation that would be His own chosen people upon the earth.

74. Using the following verses, name three things the Lord wanted His people to be. Exodus 19:5,6,10; Deut. 26:18,19; Deut. 28:9,10

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

75. What was the Lord's call to Abram? vv. 1-3 _____

76. Summarize what the Lord's call is to us today. II Cor. 6:14-18; Luke 14:33 _____

77. Besides Sarai his wife, who did Abram allow to go with him? _____

78. People often assume that once they start following God, everything will be easy. What was the first thing to happen to Abram in the land where God led him? v. 10 _____

79. Where did Abram go when hard times came? _____

Did God tell him to go there? _____

God had called Abram to journey to Canaan. Abram was learning that we don't follow the Lord just when things are going well or when everything seems right. Had Abram remained faithful to God, He would have wonderfully provided for him and blessed him. Instead Abram looked to man for help and

ended up being caught in a lie in Egypt. When we stray from God's will, things can only go from bad to worse until we return to the place that He has called us.

80. What was Abram's lie? _____
81. How did the Lord take care of Abram's failure? _____

CHAPTER 13 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

82. What finally happened to Lot? vv. 8-11 _____
83. Lot wasn't concerned about pleasing God; where did he choose to live? v. 10 _____
84. Summarize what God said to Abram after he and Lot separated. _____

CHAPTER 14 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

85. What happened to Lot as a result of this battle? v. 12 _____
86. How was he delivered? vv. 14-16 _____

Actually Abram never should have had to fight this battle for Lot. Our own mistakes and failure to obey God will often lead us to unnecessary battles. However, God is faithful; He not only gives us victory but uses all of these battles to minister to us. Beginning in verse 17, we have an interesting picture of the Lord's faithfulness to deliver us from temptation. As Abram returned from the battle, the wicked King of Sodom went out to meet him to make an ungodly bargain with Abram. Before this wicked king met Abram, the Lord sent a man named Melchizedek to minister to him.

87. What did Melchizedek do for Abram? _____
88. How did Abram respond? _____

This is the first record of **tithing**, a scriptural principle found throughout the Word of God. Some people have challenged tithing saying that it is part of the Law and that we are not under the Law. However, this scene clearly shows that tithing was part of God's plan before the Law was ever given, and therefore is God's principle with or without the Law!

89. The King of Sodom then tried to bargain with Abram, but what was his response? _____

Abram refused his offer. He wanted God to receive all the glory for the victory.

This man Melchizedek is seen as a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Hebrews chapter 7) Although Melchizedek was not part of the regular priesthood, he blessed Abram and received his tithes. Also the Lord Jesus was not part of the earthly priesthood, yet is the Blessor of all mankind and the One to whom all our tithes should be offered. Melchizedek's life typifies the True High Priest, Jesus!

90. Read all of Hebrews 7. When you have read it very carefully, check the box. []

CHAPTER 15 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

God had made wonderful promises to Abram about a great nation that would come forth from his own family, but as yet Abram did not even have one child. Abram questioned God thinking that the steward of his household would be his heir.

91. What did God say to this? _____

Many times when God's promise for us doesn't come to pass as we think it should, we start planning how we might help God bring it to pass. If we are not careful, we will end up settling for a substitute instead of God's perfect will for our lives. God's plan for us is always **much** greater than our greatest substitute plan. God wasn't just thinking about one son but a whole nation.

92. What did the Lord tell Abram to look at and why? v. 5 _____

Abram believed such a fantastic promise, and yet he wanted some kind of confirmation from the Lord. The Lord requested that Abram lay out various sacrifices and then He would answer by fire. This is a beautiful picture of waiting upon the Lord, even struggling if necessary, until we hear from heaven.

93. What did Abram do in verse 11? _____

94. As New Testament believers, what are our spiritual battles and struggles in prayer? Eph. 6:12 _____

95. What was the darkness like for Abram just before God responded? v. 12 _____

The Lord then spoke to Abram and gave him great insight into the future of the nation that would be his seed. These verses speak of the 400 years Israel would spend in Egypt.

96. Was God faithful to answer His diligent servant? _____

97. What does God always reward? Heb. 11:6 _____

CHAPTER 16 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Abram had now been in the Promised Land ten years and had begun to weaken in his commitment to the promises of God. Sarai had also become impatient and suggested the wrong idea at the wrong time.

98. What did Sarai suggest? v. 2 _____

99. What happened between Sarai and Hagar? v. 4 _____

- Abram and the entire nation of Israel were to reap the fruit of this mistake for years to come. This son of Hagar became the Arab nation that would persecute Israel. The Arab and Israel conflict actually began at this point in history.
100. What did the angel of the Lord tell Hagar to do? v. 9 _____

CHAPTER 17 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Thirteen years passed before Abram received the wonderful reassuring experience of chapter 17.

101. How many "I wills" does the Lord say to Abram in verses 1-8? _____

The Lord even changed Abram's name to Abraham, so that every time he heard his name, he would recall the promise God had made to him. God's promise to Abraham refers to nations, not just Israel. The faith covenant that began with Abraham would include the New Testament Church, which would be a part of every nation of the world. (Read Romans 4:12-18.)

As a definite mark of faith, the Lord initiates the practice of circumcision with His servant Abraham. This cutting away of the flesh on all males who were committed to God was only a picture of the spiritual commitment that would be required of God's people.

102. Who are the true circumcision and what makes them so? Phil. 3:3 _____

103. What is the true circumcision? Col. 2:11 _____

104. The Lord also reassured Abraham that Sarah would indeed have a son. Why did Abraham laugh? v. 17 _____

Abraham was still trusting in his own substitute plan, (Ishmael) as we can see by his cry in verse 18.

105. What would the true son of promise be named and what would be established with him? v. 21 _____

106. In Galatians 4:22-31, read the New Testament lesson the Holy Spirit teaches by using the two sons of Abraham, Ishmael and Isaac. A clear picture is given of flesh and spirit, and law and grace. Check here after you have carefully read this passage. []

CHAPTER 18 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

107. Who did Abraham recognize his visitors to be, and what did he do for them? vv.3-8 _____

108. Why did Sarah laugh? _____

109. Why did she deny that she laughed? _____

110. What event did the Lord let Abraham know about? vv. 17-33 _____

111. What was Abraham's plea to God? v. 23 _____

112. List the six numbers that Abraham used in interceding with God for the righteous in Sodom.

CHAPTER 19 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

113. How did Lot receive the two angels that went on to Sodom? _____

The men of the city were so perverse that they tried to take these visitors and make them a part of their wicked practices.

114. What did the angels finally do to the wicked men at the door? v. 11 _____

115. What did the messengers tell Lot? v. 13 _____

116. How did Lot's sons-in-law respond to his warning? _____

Unless we are living a good Christian testimony before the world, our words of witness will be counted as a light thing to those who hear us.

117. What did the angels finally do to get Lot out in time? _____

118. What was Lot's family told not to do? v. 17 _____

119. What did Lot's wife do and what happened to her? _____

120. What is the lesson Jesus teaches us in Luke 17:32,33? _____

121. What is our spiritual condition when we look back? Luke 9:62 _____

Lot was a man who lacked trust and confidence in God during his entire life. This was evident in verse 17, when he was told to go to the mountain; he was afraid to go there, trusting in God alone.

122. Where did he ask to go instead? _____

Later he went to the mountain, but his family became broken and corrupt. This was the result of a life never fully committed his to God.

CHAPTER 20 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

We would like to think that once we pray about a problem in our life it will never trouble us again. Unless we take advantage of God's provision and walk in the Spirit, we will constantly be defeated by our old sinful nature. Read Galatians 5:16.

123. In chapter 20, what repeated failure is evident in Abraham's life? (cf. chapter 12) _____

124. Even though Abraham sinned, God called him a _____

What would Abraham do for Abimelech after he returned Sarah? v. 7 _____

God is faithful to us even when we stumble repeatedly.

CHAPTER 21 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

125. What did the Lord give Abraham and Sarah? _____

126. What finally happened with Hagar and Ishmael? vv. 14,19 _____

From chapter 21 we understand the following spiritual principle. To continue to walk in God's will, we must separate ourselves from all of the deeds of the flesh.

CHAPTER 22 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

In this chapter, we are allowed to look into a very sacred experience between God and His servant Abraham. It was undoubtedly through this experience that Jesus could say what He did in John 8:56.

127. What was Abraham asked to do? _____

Even though Abraham had waited so long for Isaac and he meant so much to him, Abraham manifested clearly that God was absolutely first in his life and that he fully trusted the ways of God.

128. How far did Abraham proceed in this act of obedience before the Lord stopped him? _____

God was able to teach Abraham the great "law of substitution". All of us are saved through the substitution of Jesus Christ.

129. What did God now know about Abraham? _____

130. What did Abraham believe God would do even if he killed Isaac? Heb.11:17-19 _____

CHAPTER 23 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

131. What was the first piece of land Abraham actually owned in the Promised Land? _____

It is interesting to note that even though the whole land was his by the promise of God, Abraham still had to pay for it. Later you will read that in order to finally take the land, the Jews would fight many battles for it. As a matter of fact, the Jews are still fighting today for the land that is rightfully theirs by the promise of God! Just because the Lord has freely promised us a spiritual land of victory does not mean that we do not have to labor and battle for what is rightfully ours.

CHAPTER 24 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

132. What did Abraham send his servant to get for Isaac? _____

133. How did the servant know which was the right woman? _____

134. What relation was Rebekah's father to Abraham? _____
135. What did the servant do at the well, when she invited him home with her? vv. 25-28 _____

136. What did Laban think of the servant's story? _____

137. When Laban and his mother had "second thoughts" about Rebekah leaving so suddenly, with whom did they leave the final decision? _____

This is a picture of the call of God upon our lives. Though many people, even relatives and friends, try to influence you away from obedience to the will of God, in the end the choice is up to **you!**

138. What did Isaac see in the distance? vv. 62,63 _____

This chapter is the most beautiful picture story in the Old Testament of the Holy Spirit's ministry to call out and prepare the Bride of Christ. Though Rebekah had never seen Isaac, the servant's own graciousness spoke of how wonderful his master must be. Though we have not actually seen Jesus, the Holy Spirit's ministry to us perfectly assures us that our Bridegroom is all that He is portrayed to be. Likewise we must travel a long journey by faith until we see our "Isaac" appear in the sky!

CHAPTER 25 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

139. How old was Abraham when he died? _____
140. Just like his father, for what did Isaac have to believe God? v. 21 _____

141. What did the Lord tell Rebekah when she questioned Him about the struggle she felt? _____

The story of the struggle between Esau and Jacob begins here. It is the same struggle that existed between Ishmael and Isaac, the same struggle exists today between the Arabs and the Jews. It is a picture of the struggle of flesh and spirit. The flesh nature within us will never cease to struggle to take from us the promised land of the walk in the Spirit. So likewise Israel has always fought Arab countries for their Promised Land. Our spiritual man is the "younger" and our carnal nature is the "elder". We were first born with the human nature and our second birth was spiritual. God's pattern is that the "elder shall serve the younger," so shall we fulfill God's will and enter into the promised land of the walk in the Spirit.

142. Why did Isaac love Esau? _____

Esau as the firstborn son had the birthright to the promises and blessings of God. The Lord has the right to use whom He chooses. The Lord would have shown Isaac in some way that Jacob was the son of His choice, but Jacob was a man who would not wait for God. Jacob didn't need to trick his brother out of the birthright, but instead of trusting the Lord, he was always trying to work out God's will for his life using his own strength and his own ways.

143. How did Jacob steal the birthright from Esau? _____

144. What was Esau's attitude toward the things of God? (Also see Heb. 12:16,17) _____

CHAPTER 26 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

145. What same weakness do we see in Isaac that was also present in Abraham's life? v. 7 _____

Isaac had allowed his father's wells to become stopped up. Each person must keep the wells of spiritual life open and not depend upon someone else's labors.

CHAPTER 27 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Isaac shares the blame in being deceived. However, this does not justify Jacob using deceit to obtain the things of God. The Lord would have worked it out another way. Rebekah knew what was God's will; the Lord had told her before her sons were born. Neither is she justified for resorting to such devious means.

146. Summarize Rebekah's plan for Jacob. _____

147. In which three verses does Jacob tell outright lies? _____

148. Which verses contain the Lord's blessing? _____

149. What happened when Esau returned? _____

The name Jacob actually means "deceiver". (verse 36)

150. What did Esau decide he would do to Jacob? _____

151. What was Rebekah's new plan? v. 43 _____

152. How long was Jacob supposed to be with Laban? _____

Many people like Jacob have tried to help the work of God by resorting to deceitfulness. However, such things will never prosper. Jacob's plan to spend a few days with Laban turns out to be a long, hard twenty years. Jacob the deceiver ends up being deceived by Laban and wastes many good years trying to get out of the tangled web he and Rebekah had so carefully woven.

CHAPTER 28 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The Lord never ceases to minister to us even when we fail. Often it is in the hour of our failure that we can best hear from God.

153. Running from his own mistakes, Jacob receives a wonderful dream from the Lord. What did Jacob see in his dream? _____

154. What three subjects does the Lord cover in His promise to Jacob? vv. 14,15 _____

155. Did Jacob believe in tithing? _____

CHAPTERS 29 & 30 - READ THE CHAPTERS FIRST

156. Who did Jacob meet at the well and what did he do for her? _____

157. Why did Jacob serve Laban seven years? _____
158. How was Jacob deceived? 29:21-25 _____

In the ancient Eastern custom, the new bride was completely veiled and kept herself covered. Through domestic conflict Jacob was still paying a price for his deceitfulness. Rachel and Leah were in constant strife. They even resorted to giving Jacob their personal maids in order to have children by them. In spite of the many wrong actions, it was God's time to bring forth the 12 sons of Jacob who would be the 12 tribes of Israel. (The 12th son was not born until Rachel died. Genesis 35:16-18.)

159. How many sons did Leah have? _____ Bilhah? _____
 Zilpah? _____ Rachel? _____

After many years, the Lord began dealing with Jacob about returning to his land. The desire to go back and live for God as Abraham and Isaac had done began to grow in his heart.

160. Which verses in chapter 30 record Jacob's request to go home? _____
161. What was Laban's response? _____

The hand of the Lord was upon Jacob's life even though he was not walking in the fullness of God's calling upon his life. In the rest of the chapter God especially blessed Jacob in everything he did in order to help him return to the Promised Land.

CHAPTER 31 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

162. Having decided to return, what did Jacob observe about Laban's attitude? v. 2 _____

163. To what time in Jacob's life did the Lord refer in verse 13? _____

164. What did Laban do when he found out that Jacob had gone? _____
165. Finally Jacob gets mad over Laban's efforts to stop him. Briefly summarize Jacob's words.

CHAPTERS 32 & 33 - READ THE CHAPTERS FIRST

If we depart from God's will, at some point we are going to have to confront the very thing that first caused us to stumble. Jacob must now face Esau.

166. How was God faithful to meet with Jacob before he faced this trial? 32:1 _____

In spite of Jacob's humble prayer in verses 9-12, he begins to plot and plan. How much this is like all human nature! God would have us to trust **Him** to do all the planning.

167. Briefly summarize Jacob's plan. _____

The scene at the end of chapter 32 is a picture of a man coming to the end of himself. Jacob was left alone and the man with whom he wrestled was the Lord himself. The wrestling here probably was physical, but the true struggle took place within Jacob's spirit.

168. How long was the struggle? _____

169. To what was Jacob's name changed? _____

In his doubts as to whether this was really God, Jacob asked for a name. After he had received the blessing, he was **sure** he had been with God.

170. What did Jacob say about his encounter? _____

In the struggle, Jacob's thigh muscle was wounded. The fact that the Lord touched his thigh means that inwardly he touched the strong part of Jacob's human nature to bring about a deep transformation.

171. What was Esau's response upon seeing his brother? _____

CHAPTERS 34 & 35 - READ THE CHAPTERS FIRST

Jacob's daughter fell into sin with one of the Hivite men. Jacob's sons used deceit and abused the holy covenant of circumcision in order to take revenge. The problem was that Jacob had no business in settling down among the inhabitants of the land.

From the beginning, the call of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was to sojourn in the land and dwell in tents. This is a lesson to us of the dangers of getting too settled in the world. We also are called to sojourn on our way to our true home.

172. What are we called in I Peter 2:11? _____

173. If we are friends with the world, what do we become to God? James 4:4 _____

174. Which two brothers were responsible for the terrible scene in Genesis 34? _____

175. Where does the Lord tell Jacob to go? Chap. 35 _____

176. What three things does Jacob tell his household in leading them back into a right relationship with God? 35:2 a. _____

b. _____ c. _____

177. What three things does God speak to Jacob when He appears to him? 35:9-13

a. _____ b. _____

c. _____

178. How old was Isaac when he died? _____

CHAPTER 37 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Joseph is a type or foreshadowing of the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as the Jews hated their Messiah, the favored son of the Jewish nation, Jacob's other sons turned against Joseph. And just as the Jews sold the Lord Jesus into the hands of the Gentiles, Jacob's sons also sold Joseph. Yet, through their betrayal, Joseph became a savior to his people and even to other nations, typifying Jesus becoming Savior of the world.

179. What caused Joseph's brothers to hate him? _____

180. What did the brothers do with Joseph? _____

181. What did they present to Jacob? vv. 31,32 _____

CHAPTER 38 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The Bible contains two main themes that run parallel throughout the entire narrative; the total sinfulness and weakness of man and the total grace and love of God. In this chapter both these truths are clearly revealed. One of Jacob's sons, Judah is guilty of disobedience, lying and adultery. Yet **Judah** is the father of the Jewish tribe through which the Lord Jesus would come. The children born out of the unholy relationship shown in this chapter are part of the family line leading to the birth of Christ!

182. What are the two sons' names who are born from Judah's ungodly ways? _____

183. Matthew chapter one records the human genealogy of the Lord Jesus Christ. In which verse are Judah and his sons listed? _____

CHAPTER 39 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

184. Even though Joseph was sent into Egypt as a slave, the hand of the Lord was upon him. What was his position in Egypt? v. 4 _____

185. Why was he sent to jail? _____

186. What was his position in jail? _____

CHAPTERS 40 & 41 - READ THE CHAPTERS FIRST

187. Who were the two men that had dreams? _____

188. What did Joseph ask the chief butler to do after his release? _____

189. How did Joseph get out of prison? _____

190. What position did Pharaoh give to Joseph and why? _____

Joseph is an excellent type of the Lord Jesus Christ. After Christ suffered unjustly at the hands of others, He rose from the dead to become Savior of the world, offering the Bread of Life to a starving world. Likewise, after Joseph's unjust betrayal into prison, he was raised to a higher position, becoming the man to whom the whole world must come for food.

191. What did Pharaoh say when the people cried to him for bread? _____

CHAPTERS 42 - 45 - READ THE CHAPTERS FIRST

Through Joseph's actions God began to deal severely with his brothers for their sin of betraying their brother years ago. When they were finally humbled, Joseph revealed himself and assured them of the good that God had brought from their evil action. The entire story is a picture of the Lord Jesus dealing with His Jewish brethren. The Jews betrayed the greatest Brother that was ever born a Jew, their own Messiah and Savior. Through **many** harsh dealings down through the years, the Lord is working with the Jews in order to fully reveal Himself to them. The full revelation of Jesus to the Jews will not take place until the Jews pass through the Tribulation and Jesus returns to earth in full glory and power. (Read Revelation 1:7 and Zechariah 12:10.) The story can also be seen as an excellent picture of how carefully the Lord deals with us in recognizing our hidden sin.

192. What verse in chapter 42 tells of Joseph's dream (Gen. 37:5-8) coming to pass? _____

193. When pressure was exerted, what did the brothers talk about right in front of Joseph? _____

194. Who did they leave behind in Egypt, and who would have to return with them? _____

195. What did Joseph do when he saw his brother Benjamin? 43:29-31 _____

196. What finally brought the brothers to their breaking point? Chap. 44 _____

197. What was Jacob's first response to his son being alive? Chap. 45 _____

CHAPTERS 46 - 48 - READ THE CHAPTERS FIRST

198. What did the Lord tell Israel (Jacob) that His purpose would be in their journey into Egypt? _____

199. How old was Jacob when he went down into Egypt? _____

200. Which one of Joseph's sons was honored over the other? Chap. 48 _____

CHAPTERS 49 & 50 - READ THE CHAPTERS FIRST

Before Israel died, he prayed and prophesied over each son. Each prophecy was fulfilled through the Word of God and history. The Lord Jesus was born as a descendant of the tribe of Judah. The scepter speaks of the rod of authority and rulership.

201. Where did Jacob want to be buried? _____

202. How large a group went up to Canaan in the funeral procession? Chap. 50 _____

Once we have confessed our sin, the Lord forgives us and puts away our sin forever. Sometimes certain thoughts or circumstances cause us to remember these past sins, tempting us to feel guilty and condemned. This is what happened to Joseph's brothers after Jacob's death. Joseph was very grieved that they should bring up their sin and ask forgiveness all over again. We also can grieve the Lord by not fully accepting His grace and forgiveness.

203. Which verses in chapter 50 tell of the brothers' renewed guilt and Joseph's kind response? _____

204. What positive assurance did Joseph give to the growing nation of Israel before he died? _____

205. What did it take for Joseph to make this confession? (Heb. 11:22) _____

We trust that this study has stirred love and interest for the Old Testament and that you have learned many valuable truths. As a final exercise, please use the space below to list five things or truths you learned from the book of Genesis.

206. List five things that you have learned in this study of Genesis and then check this box. []

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I have answered all questions and completed all memory work to the best of my ability.

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Date _____

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