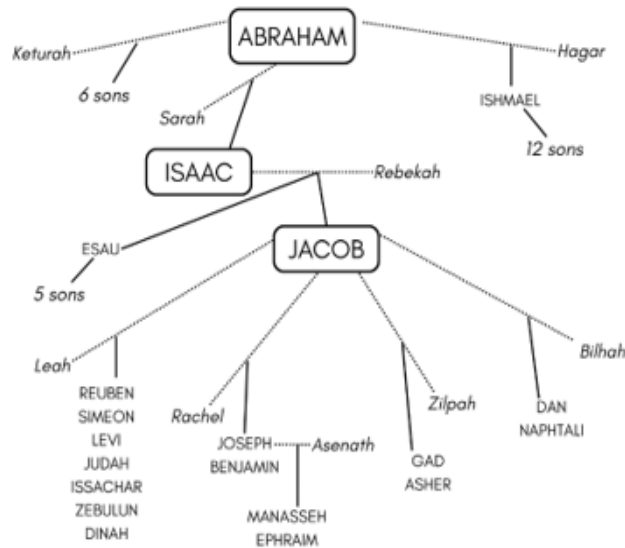


Genealogy of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob



Chapters 12-50: The genealogy of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Dashed lines show wives, solid lines show descendants

The New Oxford Annotated Bible, NRSV, p63

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In the beginning...

Genesis



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Notes and comments are from *The New Oxford Annotated Bible NRSV; an Ecumenical Study Bible*

Oral and Written Sources

IN THE BEGINNING...all the stories, lessons, poetry, and commandments that are in the Bible were passed down generation to generation orally by different communities within the Hebrew people. Most scholars are confident that the Book of Genesis is a collection of these stories that was written down and then edited together by ancient Jewish scribes who belonged to different religious "schools." One of the most popular theories of who wrote down the stories of Genesis is called "The Documentary Hypothesis," which divides Genesis (and some other books of the Bible) into stories written by four different sources, where each has a distinct vocabulary and theological perspective. These sources are called the J, E, P, and D sources.

J -Jehova – calls the deity 'Lord'

(*Yaweh* – from German *Jahwe*); known for its highly anthropomorphic God, close relationships with humans (Gen.2:4-3:24)

E -Elohim – translated 'God'

More distinct from humans, communicates through dreams or intermediaries, heavenly messengers, prophets

P -Priestly – also uses Elohim, 'God', but not 'Lord'

Characterized by strong interest in order and boundaries, (Gen. 1) as well as concern with the priestly family of Aaron, the temple-based religious system

D -Deuteronomy –

Characterized by unique preaching style and insists that God cannot be 'seen' (Deut.4:12)

Adapted from *The New Oxford Annotated Bible, NRSV, p. 4-5*

Genesis: The Ancestral History

DAY	Week 7	Notes, questions, ideas, links
31	Ch. 40:1-41:36	
32	Ch. 41:37-42:38	
33	Ch. 43:1-34	
34	Ch. 44:1-34	
35	Ch. 45:1-28	

From the P- source: Here the Priestly fertility promise to Abraham is fulfilled in Egypt (17:2,6 – 'and I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous – I will make you fruitful and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you') p.75

DAY	Week 8	Notes, questions, ideas, links
36	Ch. 46:1-34	
37	Ch. 47:1-31	
38	Ch. 48:1-22	
39	Ch. 49:1-33	
40	Ch. 50:1-26	

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. Romans 4:13

Genesis: The Ancestral History

DAY	Week 5	Notes, questions, ideas, links
21	Ch. 26:1-25	
22	Ch. 27:1-46	
23	Ch. 28:1-29:30	
24	Ch. 29:31-30:43	
25	Ch. 31:1-55	

♪ *We are climbing Jacob's ladder...* ♪



DAY	Week 6	Notes, questions, ideas, links
26	Ch. 32:1-32	
27	Ch. 33:1-34:31	
28	Ch. 35:1-36:43	
29	Ch. 37:1-36	
30	Ch. 38:1-39:23	

"You shall no longer be called 'Jacob', but 'Israel', for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed" Genesis 32:28



What does all this have to do with the book of Genesis?

Why should a Christian care?

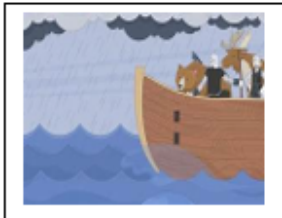
QUESTIONS? Reading Genesis might raise more questions than it answers. Here are some additional resources:

- EntertheBible.org
 - Go to the "Books" tab at the top of the homepage and then choose Genesis in the drop-down menu.
 - So many wonderful, academic resources, including overviews, blog posts about specific topics, and podcasts on yet other themes.
 - Offered by Luther Theological Seminary of Minneapolis, Minnesota
- The Bible Project
 - Many videos available at bibleproject.com, especially in "Old Testament" and "Torah" categories
 - Also more in-depth analysis of Genesis at <https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-genesis/>
 - The Bible Project has been developed by PhDs but very intentionally uses everyday language (much less academic than Enter the Bible).

Genesis: The Primeval History, from Creation to the birth of Abraham

DAY	Week 1	Notes, questions, ideas, links
1	Ch. 1:1-2:3	
2	Ch. 2:4-2:5	
3	Ch. 3:1-24	
4	Ch. 4:1-26	
5	Ch. 5:1-6:8	

DAY	Week 2	Notes, questions, ideas, links
6	Ch. 6:9-7:24	
7	Ch. 8:1-9:17	
8	Ch. 9:18-10:32	
9	Ch. 11:1-12:9	
10	Ch. 12:10-13:18	



Genesis: The Ancestral History

DAY	Week 3	Notes, questions, ideas, links
11	Ch. 14:1-15:21	
12	Ch. 16:1-17:14	
13	Ch. 17:15-18:15	
14	Ch. 18:16-33	
15	Ch. 19:1-38	

The first Covenant with Abraham...and then the everlasting covenant and sign of circumcision...

DAY	Week 4	Notes, questions, ideas, links
16	Ch. 20:1-18	
17	Ch. 21:1-34	
18	Ch. 22:1-23:20	
19	Ch. 24:1-67	
20	Ch. 25:1-34	

The Testing of Abraham: "... in later tradition this is one of the most significant chapters in the ancestral narratives..." (p41)