

A Year In The Bible

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Tips to help guide you through the study process:

- You can find the Assigned Reading List and the Weekly Study Guides on the Website:
 - On your mobile device, go to the menu (3 horizontal lines) and Go to “A Year in the Bible.” Click on it.
 - On your laptop or computer, go to the bottom of any of the pages (Home, About, Give, etc.) and you will see a bar that includes, “A Year in the Bible” tab. Click on it.
- Stick to the assigned reading so that you do not fall behind.
- Choose a time set aside each day to study and make it a priority. If you miss that time, don’t let the day go by without studying.
- Try to make every Wednesday, but if you miss a Wednesday please stay on top of your reading and come back for the next Wednesday lesson.
- With time constraints during our Wednesday lessons, other scriptures will be given to you, but not read during the lesson. Those scriptures are references to understand assigned reading and you will need to read them during your study time.
- Read and study at home, jot down your questions and bring to our sessions on Wednesday. They may be answered during the lesson portion of our sessions, but if not please ask during our Q & A portion of our sessions.
- Know that the Bible isn’t necessarily in Chronological order... while the flow goes from Old Testament to New Testament, chapters especially in each testament often are not sequenced in chronological order, but to tell the story.

Week One: May 3 – May 10, 2023

Genesis 1

1. In Genesis 1:1, the Hebrew word used for God is a plural word “Elohim.” What does that mean to you?
2. Genesis 1:1 also uses the Hebrew word, “bara,” for “create,” which infers “making something out of nothing.” For the scriptures that follow verse 1, the word “asah” is used to mean, “assemble existing materials into an order.” What could that mean?
3. What did God make on the following days of the beginning of creation:
 - a. Beginning: Heavens and the Earth
 - b. Day 1: Light (Separated the light from darkness)
 - c. Day 2: Sky or Atmosphere/Firmament (separated the waters on the earth from water of the heavens)
 - d. Day 3: dry land, seas, plants, and trees
 - e. Day 4: Sun, Moon, and Stars
 - f. Day 5: Creatures of the air and Creatures in the sea
 - g. Day 6: Animals of the land and Human Beings

4. In whose image were human beings made after? Who/What did God give human beings reign and dominion over? What did God tell human beings to do?
5. How does Genesis 1 differ from the human evolution theory and the big bang theory?

Genesis 2

1. What did God make on the seventh day? Why did God declare the 7th day holy?
2. Where did God place Adam to live?
3. Rain made the lush trees in the Garden of Eden grow? True or False. Explain.
4. What are the names of the two trees God placed in the middle of the Garden of Eden?
5. Name the branches of the river that flowed through the Garden of Eden to water the land.
6. Which tree did God tell Adam that he could not eat from? What would happen if he did?
7. Who/What did Adam give names to?
8. Explain Genesis 2:24.

Genesis 3

1. What was the shrewdest wild animal the Lord made? Explain.
2. Where was Adam when Eve ate the fruit?
3. What did Adam and Eve do once they realized they were naked?
4. After eating the fruit, Adam and Eve heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. Who did the Lord God call out to?
5. Did God already know what happened?
6. What were the three curses God pronounced after the disobedience of eating the fruit?
7. Who made the clothes for Adam and Eve to wear?
8. Who is the “us” God references in verse 22?
9. Why were Adam and Eve banished from the Garden of Eden?

Genesis 4

1. Who was Adam and Eve’s first child? Who was the second child?

2. What were their individual careers after they grew up?
3. Why did God accept Abel's gift to the Lord but not Cain's gift?
4. Explain Verse 6.
5. What did God do to Cain for killing his brother?
6. Who was Jabal, Jubal, Tubal-cain and Naamah? What did they do?
7. What was the name of Adam and Eve's third child?
8. What significant event happened around the birth of Enosh?

Genesis 5

1. Which Son was just like Adam? How old was Adam when that son was born?
2. Genesis 5 lists the oldest person to ever live. What was his name and old did he live to before he died?
3. Who was Noah's father?
4. Who were Noah's sons? How old was Noah when he became a father?

Genesis 6

1. True or False. God was tired of man's immorality, so he made the normal lifespan of man 75 years old.
2. Who were the Nephilites?
3. Why did God decide to wipe humanity from the face of the earth?
4. Who found favor with the Lord? Why?
5. Which statement about the boat is true?
 - a. The boat was made of cypress wood; waterproof with tar inside and out; 450 ft. long; 75 ft. wide; 45 ft. high; with no openings except the doors.
 - b. The boat was made of cypress wood; waterproof with tar inside and out; 450 ft. long; 75 ft. wide; 45 ft. high; with an 18-inch opening below the roof all around the boat; and three decks inside the boat.
 - c. The boat was made of cypress wood; waterproof with tar inside and out; 450 ft. long; 75 ft. wide; 45 ft. high; with no openings except the doors; and three decks inside the boat.
6. Name the things that God told Noah to bring on the boat.

Genesis 7

1. What people outside of Noah's family were allowed to go into the boat?
2. What were the directions God gave to Adam for the sacrificial animals?

3. How long did God tell Noah it would rain?
4. How old was Noah when the flood covered the earth?
5. How long did Noah and the animals stay on the boat before it started to rain?
6. How long did the floodwaters cover the earth?

Genesis 8

1. What mountain did the Ark rest on when the floodwaters began to recede?
2. What bird did Noah release first from the window of the Ark? What happened?
3. What bird did he release 2nd? What happened?
4. After Noah, his family and the animals left the boat, what was the first thing Noah did?
5. What stands out as significant to you in Verse 21?
6. What verse in Chapter 8 signifies the seasons?

Genesis 9

1. What did God tell Noah and his sons to do?
2. Describe what is different in Genesis Chapter 9 verses 2 – 4 versus Genesis Chapter 1 versus 29 -30.
3. What was the sign of God's covenant to Noah that he will never destroy living creatures with floodwater again?
4. What are the names of the three sons where all the people who now populate the earth come from?
5. What happened when Noah got drunk?
6. What did Noah say to each of his sons after his drunk stupor?
7. How old was Noah when he died?

Genesis 10

1. Read verses 2 – 31 and match up the following sons with the correct broad group of descendants (draw a line to the correct match):

Shem	African descent (populated the continent of Africa)
Ham	Caucasian (settlers of Russia and the European continent)
Japheth	Hebrew and Oriental descendants

2. Which one of Noah's sons had the first heroic warrior on earth in his line of descendants?
3. What was the name of that warrior and what was he known for?
4. Which one of Noah's sons had a descendent whose name meant division because during his lifetime people of the world were divided into different language groups.
5. What was his name?
6. Which one of Noah's sons had descendants who were seafaring?

Genesis 11

1. True or False. People of the world always spoke different languages and used different words.
2. What plan did the people of the world devise to make them famous and keep them from being scattered all over the world?
3. What did God do to intervene?
4. What was the city did the event take place in Question 2?
5. Who was Terah? Who was Heran?
6. Who did Terah take with him when he moved from Ur of the Chaldeans to Haran (he was on a journey to Canaan)?
7. What was the relationship of the people in Question 6 to one another?

Genesis 12

1. What did God tell Abram to do?
2. Was Abram initially obedient to God?
3. Who and what did Abraham take with him when he left Haran?
4. What was peculiar about Abraham and Sarai's relationship?
5. Why did Abraham go to Egypt? What happened?
6. What happened to Pharaoh?
7. What did Pharaoh do to Abraham?

Genesis 13

1. What happened between Abraham and Lot?
2. Who chose the Jordan Valley? Who chose Canaan?
3. What city did Lot move his tent nearby?
4. After Lot left, what did God say to Abram?
5. Each time God told Abram to move and Abram settled in that place, what was the first thing Abram did?

Genesis 14

1. Who captured Lot?
 - a. King Kedorlaomer of Elam, King Tidal of Goiim, King Amraphel of Babylonia, and King Arioch of Ellasar
 - b. King of Sodom, King of Gomorrah, King of Admah, King of Zeboiim, and Zoar, King of Bela
 - c. King of Kedesh, King of the Amalekites, and the King of the Amorites
2. What did Abram do when he found out Lot was captured?
3. Who was Melchizedek?
4. How does paying tithes relate to Melchizedek?
5. What did the King of Sodom say to Abram?
6. What was the major significance of what Abram said back to the King of Sodom?

Genesis 15

1. What was ironic about verse 5 (as described in the previous verses and in a previous chapter)?
2. Why did God count Abram as righteous?
3. Abram questioned God and asked him how he could be sure of the promise God made. Was that bad on Abram's part?
4. How did God assure Abram the promise was true?
5. God put Abram in a deep sleep and gave him a prophecy.
6. What was that prophesy? What was that prophesy referencing?

Genesis 16

1. How did Sarai try to jump in front of God's promise to ensure it happened?
2. Who was Hagar? What did Sarai do to Hagar?
3. Who was Ishmael? What does his name mean? How was that significant?
4. How old was Abraham when Ishmael was born?

Genesis 17

1. What does El-Shaddai mean?
2. Why was Abram's name changed to Abraham?
3. What was the name of the Promise Land?
4. What covenant did God tell Abram that each male descendant had to keep? Describe it in full.
5. Who else had a name change?
6. What promise did God make to Abraham about Sarai? What did Abraham do when God told him?
7. True or False. God said He would bless Isaac and Ishmael.
8. Was the covenant to be fulfilled through Isaac or Ishmael?
9. How old was Abraham when he was circumcised? Who else was circumcised with Abraham?

Genesis 18

1. What is the oak grove belonging to Mamre?
2. What happened to Abraham in Chapter 18 as he was near the oak grove belonging to Mamre?
3. What did Abraham have Sarah do for the three men visiting him?
4. What did Sarah do when she heard the prophecy from the three men? What did God say about what Sarah did?
5. In Verses 17 -19, who did God ask the question to (who was he talking to)?
6. What was God's plans for Sodom and Gomorrah?
7. How did Abraham try to negotiate with God?

Genesis 19

1. What happened to the two angels that visited Lot?
2. Who did Lot offer up in exchange for the angels?
3. What happened to the men outside of Lot's house?
4. How did the angels save Lot and his family?
5. How did Lot negotiate with the angels?
6. Which one of Lot's family members didn't survive? What happened?
7. What did Lot's daughters do to him?

Genesis 20

1. How did Abraham introduce Sarah to King Abimelech?
2. Was this a lapse in Abraham's faith?
3. How did God intervene?
4. Abraham prayed for Abimelech, his wife and his female servants to be healed. From what?

Genesis 21

1. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?
2. True or False. Isaac was omitted from having to be circumcised.
3. Who sent Hagar and Ishmael away? Why?
4. What skill did Ishmael have?
5. Why did King Abimelech make a covenant with Abraham?
6. Would you say Abraham was a little deceptive?

Genesis 22

1. How did God test Abraham's faith?
2. Where do you think the term "a ram in the bush" came from?
3. Like Christ, Isaac was a willing sacrifice. How is that significant in this chapter?
4. What did God promise to Abraham for being obedient in this hard test?
5. Who was Nahor? Who were Nahor's sons?

Genesis 23

1. How old was Sarah when she died? In what land did she die?
2. Did God allow Abraham and his family to find favor in the lands that he inhabited?
3. True or False. Abraham didn't pay Ephron a price for Sarah's burial plot.
4. True or False. The Land (the field and cave) of Sarah's burial was transferred to Abraham from the Amorites.

Genesis 24

1. What oath did Abraham's servant take regarding Isaac?
2. How was the oath confirmed (by what physical action)?
3. What was the name of the young woman found for Isaac? How was she related to Isaac?
4. Who was Laban?
5. Did Isaac receive the young woman?