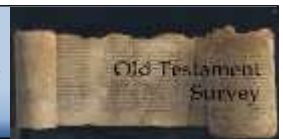




Genesis Patriarchs – Study Guide



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Study Guide for Genesis

Chapter 12:1-9

- What did God command Abram to do?
- What promises did God give Abram? How are these promises connected with what you know about the rest of the Bible? What do these tell us about God's purposes? How should we respond?
- What does this chapter say about the reasons Abram had earned these promises? Why is this significant?
- How did Abram respond to the commands and promises? Who went with him? What are the various places he stopped in his travels?
- What did God promise to Abram at Shechem? How did Abram respond?

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Chapter 13

- Where did Abram travel and what did he do?
- What is the reason Abram and Lot separated? Who initiated the separation and how? What does this tell us about his character? Why does this matter?
- What did Lot choose and why? What does this tell us about his character?
- What is said about the men of Sodom? How does this foreshadow later events?
- What did the Lord promise Abram after he had parted from Lot? What does this tell us about God's plans for the rest of the story? Why is this significant?

Chapter 14

- What was the result of the battle between the various kings? Why is this important to Abram's story?
- What did Abram do when he heard the news of Lot's capture? What does this demonstrate about his character? What was the result?
- What did Melchizedek do and say? Why is this significant? How did Abram respond?
- What did the king of Sodom offer to Abram? How did Abram respond? What does this tell us about Abram's character and the source of his hope? What should we learn from this?

Chapter 15

- What did God say to Abram? How is this connected to the end of the prior chapter?
- How did Abram respond? What was his worry/objection to God's promises? What was he asking for? Why was that important to him?
- How did God respond to Abram's worry/objection? What did He promise Abram?
- How did Abram respond to God's promise? What does verse six say about the standing and privilege God gave to Abram in light of his trust?
- What did God ask Abram to do in response to the question: how he would know?
- What did God promise Abram when he was in a deep sleep? What do these things tell us about God's plans for Abram and his family? Why does this matter?
- What do you think is the significance of the ceremony of the animals and the firepot? What label does this chapter give to how God related to Abram at this time? What did He promise him? Why are these things important?
- How does this chapter contribute to the larger story? What does this tell us about the character of God? How should we respond?

Chapter 16

- What was the problem with Sarai? What is the solution she proposed for this? What was the result?
- How did the servant woman Hagar treat Sarai? How did Sarai respond?
- How did God care for Hagar and her child? What did He command her? What did He promise her? How did she respond?
- What took place at the end of this chapter? Why do you think it mentioned Abram's age?

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Chapter 17

- What did God command Abram to do? What did He promise Abram? What is the significance of Abram's name change?
- What did God say about His covenant? How specifically did He describe it?
- What did God command Abraham to do in response to the covenant? How was this to be applied in his household? What is the significance of this?
- What is the significance of Sarai's name change? What did God promise regarding her? How did Abraham respond to this promise?
- How did God respond to Abraham's reaction? What promises did God give in connection with Sarah's son? How does this compare to the earlier promises given to Abraham? What does this tell us about God's overall plans? What difference does this make?
- How did Abraham respond to God's commands? What does this tell us about his character and his relationship with God?

Chapter 18:1-15

- What do you think is noteworthy about the visit of the three visitors? Who does this chapter say appeared to Abraham in this visit?
- How did Abraham show the visitors hospitality?
- What did the Lord promise Abraham and Sarah? How did Sarah respond? Why did she respond that way?
- How did God respond to Sarah's laughter? What promise did He make? What reason did He give why she should believe Him?

Chapter 21:1-7

- What happened in this chapter? How was this a fulfillment of the promises from earlier chapters? What does this tell us about the character of God?
- How did Abraham respond? How did Sarah respond? What should we learn from each of these responses?
- How does this chapter contribute to the larger story? What does this tell us about the character of God? How should we respond?

Chapter 22:1-19

- What does it say that God was doing in this chapter? What did he ask Abraham to do? Why do you think He asked this?
- How did God describe Abraham's son? Why do you think this is significant?
- How did Abraham respond? Why do you think he did this?
- What did Abraham say to his servants? What is the significance of this?
- What did Isaac ask his father? How did Abraham respond? What does this demonstrate about Abraham's character?
- What did Abraham do after they reached the place? How did God respond? What did God say to Abraham? Why is this important?
- What did Abraham see in the thicket? How is this related to what was said earlier in this chapter? What conclusion are we supposed to make from this?
- What did Abraham call that place? Why? What does this tell us about the character of God? How should we respond?

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- What did God promise to Abraham at the end of this episode? How were these promises related to earlier promises that had been given? What does this foreshadow about the rest of the Old Testament story?

Chapter 24

- What did Abraham request from his servant? Why did he ask this? What did the servant ask in order to clarify the request?
- What would Abraham not allow to happen regarding his son? Why? How did he describe the promises that he had been given by God? Why is this important?
- What did the servant do at the well? Why? What was the result of this? What does this tell about the character of God?
- What did the servant ask of Rebekah? How did she respond? What was the result?
- What did the servant tell Laban? What does this tell us about the character of God? How did Laban respond? What was the result?
- How does this chapter end? How does this chapter contribute to the larger story? What does this tell us about the character of God? How should we respond?

Chapter 25:19-34

- How does this passage begin? What is the significance of this phrase?
- What did Isaac pray for? Why? How did God answer? What did God predict? How was that fulfilled?
- Describe the character of the two sons based on what they did in the rest of this passage? What do you think that foreshadows in the rest of the story?

Chapter 27:1-Chapter 28:5

- What did Isaac ask from Esau? Why?
- What did Rebekah ask from Jacob? Why? How did Jacob respond? How did Rebekah reassure him? How else did Rebekah prepare Jacob to meet Isaac?
- How and why did Jacob deceive his father?
- What blessing did Isaac give to Jacob? How is this related to promises given earlier in the story? How do you think this foreshadows events later in the story?
- What happened when Esau met with his father? What does this say about the character of Jacob and the character of Esau? What blessing did Esau receive?
- How did Esau respond toward his brother Jacob? How did Rebekah respond?
- What command did Isaac give to Jacob?
- What blessing and prayer did Isaac make for Jacob? How is this related to blessings and promises given earlier in the story? What difference does this make?

Chapter 28:10-22

- Describe what Jacob saw in his dream?
- What did God promise Jacob in his dream? How is this related to promises given earlier to his father and grandfather? What does this tell about God's character and plan? Why is this significant?

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Chapter 29

- How did Jacob meet Laban's family? How is this episode similar to an earlier episode in the story? What is the significance of this?
- How did Laban deceive Jacob? How is this similar to an earlier episode? What can we learn from this?
- What are the names of Jacob's sons given in this passage? What is the significance of each of these names as explained in this passage?

Chapter 30

- How did Rachel try to compensate for her childlessness? How is this similar to an earlier episode? What should we learn from this?
- What are the names of Jacob's sons given in this passage? What is the significance of each of these names as explained in this passage?
- What is different about the way the author tells the story of Rachel's son? What is specifically mentioned in those verses?
- How did Laban attempt to deceive Jacob again? How was Jacob blessed in spite of that attempt? What should we learn from this? How does this contribute to the larger story of the Patriarchs?

Chapter 32

- How does this episode begin? How is this similar to the earlier story of when Jacob left the promised land?
- What message did Jacob send to Esau? Why? What was the response? How did Jacob react?
- What did Jacob pray? How is this significant in light of the larger story?
- What gifts did Jacob send to Esau? Why?
- What happened to Jacob when he was alone at night? What is the significance of the change of names? What was the result of this encounter?

Chapter 35:1-15

- What did God command Jacob to do? How is this connected with earlier episodes? How did Jacob and his family prepare and purify themselves? Why is that significant?
- What did God promise to Jacob? How is this related to earlier promises given to Jacob and his grandfather? How is this significant for the larger story in Genesis?
- How did Jacob respond?

Chapter 37

- How does this passage begin (in v. 2)? What is the significance of this phrase?
- How was Joseph different from his brothers? Why?
- What was the content of Joseph's first dream? How did his brothers respond?
- What was the content of Joseph's second dream? How did his family respond?
- What did his brothers do to Joseph? Why? Was this a good thing to do? Why or why not?
- What part did Reuben play in what happened to Joseph?
- How did Joseph end up in Egypt? What part did his brothers play in this? What part did Reuben play in this? How does this contribute to the larger story?

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- How did the brothers deceive their father? How did Jacob respond?
- What happened to Joseph? How do you think this foreshadows later events?

Chapter 39

- What happened to Joseph when he arrived in Egypt?
- How does the author explain why Joseph prospered in Potiphar's household? Why is this significant? What does this tell us about God's character and plans?
- How was Joseph blessed? How was Potiphar blessed?
- What caused the end of the peace and blessing in Potiphar's house? How did Joseph respond? What specific reason did he give for refusing?
- What did Potiphar's wife do to accuse Joseph and deceive her husband? How did Potiphar respond?
- How does this chapter end? How is this similar to what was said earlier in this chapter? What do you think this foreshadows of the rest of the story? Why is this significant?

Chapter 41

- Describe the dreams which Pharaoh had? How did he respond? What did he do?
- How did Pharaoh learn about Joseph?
- What did Pharaoh ask Joseph? How did he respond?
- How did Pharaoh describe his dreams to Pharaoh? How did Joseph explain these dreams? How did Joseph give credit to God for the interpretation of these dreams?
- What advice did Joseph give to Pharaoh based on his dreams?
- How did Pharaoh respond to Joseph's advice? How does this fulfill promises God gave to Joseph earlier in the story? How does this explain why Joseph had to endure such hardships to get to this place?
- How does this chapter describe Joseph's authority and actions? How did Joseph bless and protect Egypt?
- How was Joseph blessed in Egypt? What are the names of Joseph's two sons? What explanation is given for these names? Why is this significant?
- How does this chapter end? How do you think this foreshadows later events?

Chapter 42

- How is this chapter connected with the ending of the previous chapter?
- Why was Benjamin specifically mentioned in the beginning of this chapter? What do you think this foreshadows later in the story?
- What happened when Joseph first met his brothers in Egypt? How did he treat them? Why do you think he did this?
- How did Joseph's brothers describe themselves to Joseph? Why is this important?
- How did Joseph test his brothers? How did they speak about this among themselves? Why?
- How did Joseph treat his brothers and send them away? What is the significance of this?
- How did the brothers describe what happened to their father? How did Jacob respond? How did Reuben respond?

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Chapter 43

- Why did Jacob send tell his sons to go back to Egypt? How did Judah respond? How did Jacob respond? How did the brothers respond?
- How did Judah convince their father to allow them to take Benjamin? What did he promise him?
- What did Jacob command his sons to do? Why? What did his sons do?
- What did Joseph command when he saw his brothers again? What did the brothers think? What did the brothers say to Joseph's servant? How did the servant respond? Why do you think the author recorded the servant's response in those words?
- Describe the conversation between Joseph and his brothers. Why did Joseph weep?
- What was significant about the way they were seated and served at the meal?

Chapter 44

- What did Joseph command his servants in order to test his brothers? What did the servant say to the brothers when he caught up with them? How did they respond? What did they promise if the cup were found?
- Where was the cup found? Why was this a problem for the brothers in light of earlier episodes?
- What happened when the brothers were brought back to Joseph? What did the brothers say to Joseph? How did Joseph respond?
- What did Judah say to Joseph? What did he ask Joseph to do? What reasons did he give for this request? Why is this significant in light of earlier events?

Chapter 45

- How did Joseph respond to Judah's request? How did his brothers react?
- How did Joseph describe and explain the situation he was in? How does this explanation fit with the larger story of the Patriarchs?
- What did Joseph ask his brothers to do? Why? What did he promise to do for his family?
- How did Pharaoh respond to the news about Joseph and his brothers? What did he command?
- What did the brothers do after this? What did they tell their father? How did Jacob respond? How does this fit into the larger story of the Patriarchs? How does this fit with promises God gave to Abraham?

Chapter 46:1-27

- What happened when Jacob was travelling to Egypt? How is this similar to an earlier episode when Jacob was leaving the promised land?
- What did God say to Jacob? What promises did He give? How is this related to earlier promises that He had given?
- Who went with Jacob into Egypt? How many people were there in his family in Egypt at the end of this episode? How is this related to promises God had given earlier in the story?

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Chapter 50:15-26

- What did Joseph's brothers say among themselves after the death of their father? Why?
- What did they say to Joseph? How did Joseph respond? Why?
- What did Joseph say to his brothers? What does this tell about the reasons behind all the things that had happened earlier in the story? What does this tell us about the character and plan of God?
- What did Joseph say just before his death? What did he request from his family after he died?
- How does the book of Genesis end? What is unfinished in this story? What questions are not yet answered? What promises are not yet fulfilled? How does this foreshadow what will happen later in the Old Testament?

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 5

The Story of the Patriarchs

- According to the textbook, how does the human dilemma find its solution? Why is this important?

Abraham and Isaac (12-25)

- What was God's word to Abraham? What were the two great promises that were given to Abraham? Why were these things important to him?
- What did God ask Abram to leave?
- In what ways did it appear that Abraham would fail?
- What is significant about Genesis chapter 15? Which verse does the textbook call "one of the most important verses of the Bible"? Why? How is this echoed in the New Testament?
- How did God assure Abram of His promises? What is significant about this ceremony?
- What happened in Genesis ch. 16? Why? How does the textbook explain this?
- What does chapter 17 tell us about God and what He expects from His people? How does the textbook define and describe the concept of "righteousness"? What difference does this make?
- What does the textbook suggest is significant about the change of names given to Abraham and Sarah?
- How does the textbook define and describe the concept of a "covenant"?
- What did God promise to Abraham and Sarah? How did He fulfill this promise?
- What does chapter 22 contribute to this story, according to the textbook? How does the textbook suggest this chapter is related to chapter 12? What is the significance of this?

Jacob and His Twelve Sons (25:19-36:43)

- What point does the textbook make about privilege of position and our standing with God?
- What does the textbook say is "the question of the Jacob stories"? What about the story makes it raise this question?

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- How does chapter 28 provide the answer to this question, according to the textbook? What does the textbook contrast with “Jacob’s character and intentions”? Why is this important for understanding this story?
- What happened in the rest of the Jacob narrative?
- What is significant about Jacob’s name change?
- What parts of God’s promises were fulfilled in the life of Jacob? What parts were not yet completely fulfilled?

Joseph

- What is different about the Joseph account, compared to the earlier stories?
- What are the two reasons the textbook gives for the Joseph narrative? How do each of these contribute to the larger story of God’s people? How does this prepare for the continuation of the story later in the Old Testament?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter