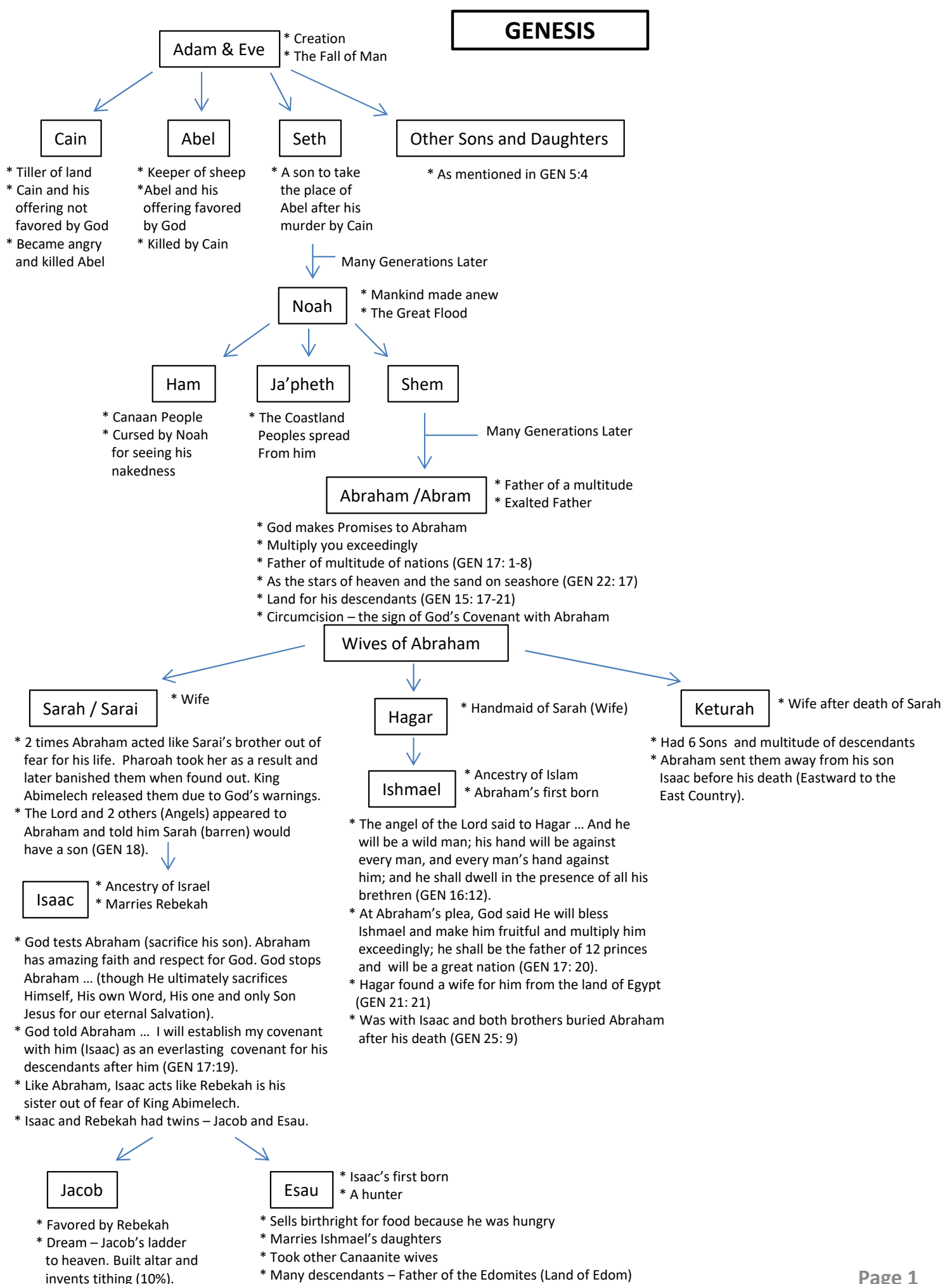


THE PENTATEUCH (THE TORAH)

A Brief Summary

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

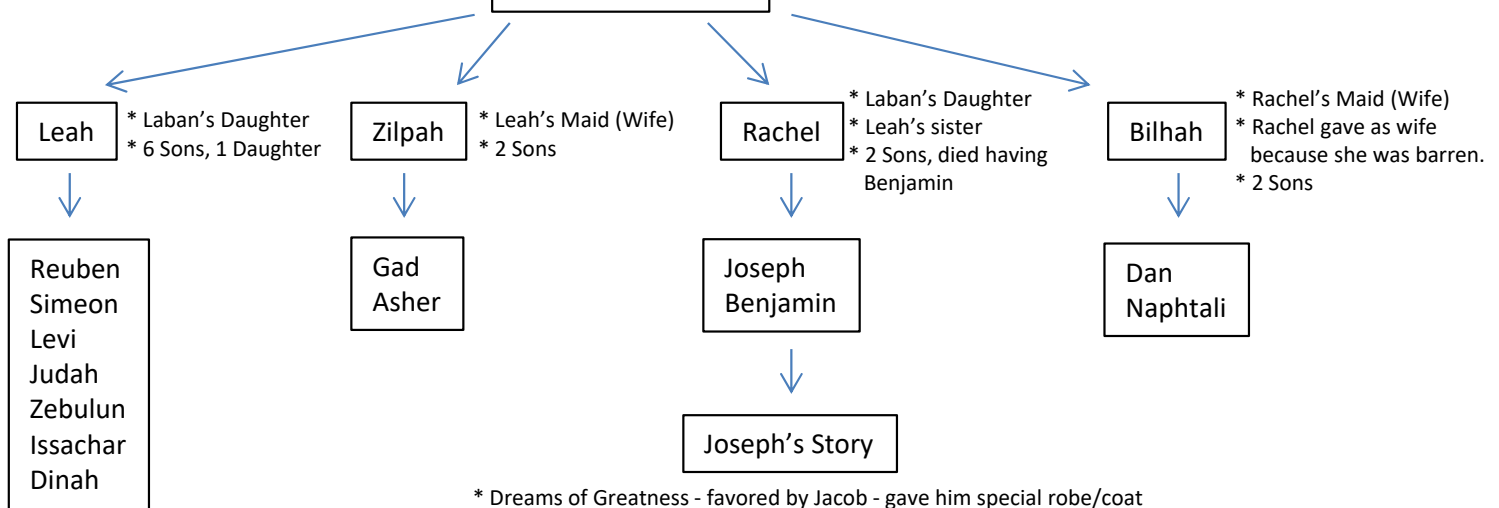


GENESIS – cont'd

Jacob / Israel

- * Marries Laban's daughters – Laban is his uncle, his mom Rebekah's brother.
- * Wrestles with God face to face ... He will be called Israel.

Wives /Women of Jacob * The 12 Tribes of Israel



- * Dreams of Greatness - favored by Jacob - gave him special robe/coat
- * Sold into slavery by his jealous brothers
- * Joseph is accused by Potiphar's wife (Officer of Pharaoh / Captain of Guard) and he is sent to prison.
- * Dreams of 2 Prisoners (interprets their dreams)
- * Interprets Pharaoh's dreams, finds favor and rises to power in Egypt
- * Brothers go to Egypt for food – return to Canaan – bring Benjamin to Egypt – Joseph detains Benjamin – Joseph makes himself known to his brothers – Jacob brings family to Egypt.
- * Last days of Jacob – blesses Joseph and his sons – gives last words to his sons.
- * Jacob's death and burial – Joseph forgives his brothers.
- * Joseph's last days and death – Restates to brothers God's promise to bring them to land sworn to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (GEN 15: 17-21, GEN 12: 1-3).

EXODUS

- * Sons of Israel multiply and grow exceedingly in Israel.
- * Joseph is forgotten by the Egyptians – Israelites are oppressed due to the fear of their growing numbers and power

Moses

- * Born of the House of Levi.
- * Due to Pharaoh's ruling to kill all newborn Hebrew males, Moses' mother placed him in a basket in the river.
- * He was then found and adopted by Pharaoh's daughter who named him Moses – was nursed by his real mother.
- * Moses kills Egyptian oppressing a Hebrew and then flees to Midian.
- * Marries Zipporah and has a son – Gershom.
- * God remembers covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and visits Moses in the Burning Bush – sends Moses to Pharaoh to deliver Israelites from Egypt and reveals His name – I AM – I AM WHO AM. God promises to deliver from Egypt to land flowing with milk and honey (Promised Land - EXODUS 3:17).
- * God gives Moses help for his mission (brother Aaron).
- * Moses visits Pharaoh – “Let my people go that they may serve God.” But oppression only gets worse.
- * Moses and Aaron obey God's commands and show God's power with Aaron's Rod (serpent) and with the Plagues.
- * The First Plague: Water of the Nile turned to Blood / The Second Plague: Frogs / The Third Plague: Gnats / The Fourth Plague: Swarms of Flies / The Fifth Plague: Death of the Egyptians' Livestock / The Sixth Plague: Boils / The Seventh Plague: Thunder and Hail / The Eighth Plague: Locusts / The Ninth Plague: Darkness.
- * After each Plague, Pharaoh hardens his heart and does not let the people go as Moses/God requires.
- * Warning of the Final Plague – Passover is Instituted.
- * After the Final Plague, Pharaoh lets them go and the Exodus begins. God leads them in Pillar of Cloud by day and Pillar of Fire by night.
- * Crossing of the Red Sea – Parting of the sea – Egyptians drown in the sea.
- * Manna from Heaven – Water from the rock – Amalek attacks Israel and is defeated. Moses stands on hill with rod in hand. Aaron and Hur help Moses when he tires by placing a stone under him and helping to raise his hands. When Moses raises rod/hands Israel prevails and when he lowers them Amalek prevails. Ultimately Israel prevails.
- * Mount Sinai: Israel reaches Mt. Sinai. God speaks to Moses on the mountain. Gives to Moses God's Laws and Ten Commandments. Gives instructions for offerings, Ark of the Covenant, Tabernacle, Table, Lampstand, Altar and other Holy Objects and Clothing for worship.
- * Conquest of Canaan is promised by God.
- * The Golden Calf and the breaking of the Stone Tablets – command to leave Sinai – Moses' intercession – New Tables of Stone – Covenant is renewed.
- * Construction of Tabernacle, Ark, Altar and all Holy Objects completed.
- * The Cloud of the Lord covers Tent and Israel moves onward.

LEVITICUS

- * This Book is almost exclusively concerned with the regulation of the religious life of Israel by the Levitical priesthood.
 - * Burnt Offerings - Cereal Offerings – Offerings for Peace, Sin, Guilt
 - * Rites of Ordination – Rules – Regulations – Laws – Rituals – Feasts – etc.
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NUMBERS

- * This Book begins with the first Census of Israel. It was ordered by Moses and counted all the Israelites within each of the 12 Tribes of Israel.
 - * Continues the narrative of Moses and the Israelites after the Exodus including travels through foreign lands and battles/wars.
 - * Continues to address regulation of the religious life. Moses expresses a great deal of instructions from God.
 - * Moses delegates responsibilities to the Elders of Israel.
 - * The people rebel and are disobedient during this journey from Egypt.
 - * The Waters of Meribah - Moses did not follow God's instructions and thus Moses and Aaron were forbidden by God from entering the Promised Land (NUM 20: 2-13).
 - * Further addresses Offerings for various purposes.
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DEUTERONOMY

- * Begins with appointment of Heads of the Tribes and Israel's refusal to follow some of God's instructions to enter a foreign land.
 - * Punishment for Israel's rebellion – The years in the wilderness.
 - * This is followed by the defeat of various Kings/Kingdoms by Israel.
 - * Moses commands obedience to God and sets forth the Law of God.
 - * THE TEN COMMANDMENTS inscribed on stone tablets are again listed here in the Book of Deuteronomy.
 - * (1) I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.
 - * (2) You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
 - * (3) You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
 - * (4) Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.
 - * (5) Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you; that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you, in the land which the LORD your God gives you.
 - * (6) You shall not kill.
 - * (7) Neither shall you commit adultery.
 - * (8) Neither shall you steal.
 - * (9) Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.
 - * (10) Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.
 - * The Great Commandment: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.
 - * Great warnings against disobedience and rebellion against God.
 - * Rewards for obedience and love of God.
 - * Moses provides teachings and instructions on God's Laws known as "Deuteronomic Code of Law". (Chapters 12-26)
 - * The Covenant is renewed and God's fidelity assured.
 - * Joshua becomes Moses' successor – Moses final blessing and his death.
 - * Moses: "And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face," (Chapter 34, verse 10).
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