

Genesis

Lesson I: Bible Overview

Intro:

➤ → overview Bible Class curriculum, Quarter 1

- **have to move fast**, cover about 2,500 years in 2 lessons, not able to read many of the Scriptures
- **can only spend** about **6 minutes** reviewing each lesson we covered over the last quarter — **1.5 minutes** per chapter
 - **illus.:** kids hate “educatinal” vacations — this is an “educational” sermon
- **follow along**, use outline and answer questions

→ This lesson:

- **Title:** Genesis
- **Purpose:** remind us of the history and lessons in Genesis

➤ #1 Gen. 1-5 The Beginning

→ Genesis

- **name:** the book is name for the record of creation at the beginning of the book
- **definition, Genesis:** the origin or coming into being of something
- **book of the Bible:** about 2,500 years of history, 50 chapters, creation to Jacob's move to Egypt with his family

→ Creation (Gen. 1-2)

- **God made the universe,** our world, and man in 6 days
- **man made male and female,** in God's image — unique
 - **made from dust:** return to dust
 - **woman:** was not good for Adam to be alone, not a helper or companion suitable for him, God created woman from one of Adam's ribs
 - **Quote - Gen. 2:18** Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

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- **Garden of Eden: map**
 - where water divided and became four rivers (Pishon, Gihon, Tigris, Euphrates)

→ Beginning of Marriage and the family (Gen. 2:21-25)

- **Read - Gen. 2:21-25**
- **Application:**
 - relationship between man and woman, joined by God and His law (Matt. 19:9)
 - divorce and remarriage, only in the case of sexual immorality (Matt. 19:9)
 - God ordained social order in the family and church
 - man is woman's head (1 Cor. 11:1-16), leader of the home (Eph. 5:22-33)
 - woman are not to teach or have authority over a man in the church (1 Tim. 2:9-15)

→ Beginning of rest (Gen. 2:1-3)

- **God rested** on the seventh day from all the work He had done
- **Read - Heb. 4:4-11** this signifies the eternal rest we will enter in heaven

→ Beginning of sin (Gen. 3)

- **God had commanded,** not touch or eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
- **Satan deceived Eve** with a lie, inserted "not" - "will not die"
- **Eve gave the fruit to Adam** who ate, although he was not deceived by Satan
- **eyes opened:**
 - knew difference between good and evil
 - knew they were naked, sowed fig leaves together for loin coverings, hid from God
- **Application, punishment:**
 - serpent: crawl on belly and eat dust, his head bruised by woman's seed - **Jesus**
 - Eve: pain in childbearing greatly multiplied
 - Adam: ground cursed, eat bread by the sweat of his brow

- **Beginning of hatred for brethren (Gen. 4-5), hatred for brother - different than Abraham who rescued Lot**
- **Cain** (farmer) and **Abel** (shepherd) born
 - **Cain and Abel made an offering** to God, only Abel's was regarded by God
 - **Read - Heb. 11:1-4** faith, creation, Abel's sacrifice by faith (obeyed)
 - **Quote - Heb. 5:9** And having been made perfect, He became to all those who **obey Him** the source of eternal salvation,
 - **Cain killed** his brother, God punished him: ground cursed so that not bear fruit for Cain, became vagrant and wanderer on the earth
 - **God's grace, love:** God put a sign upon Cain, so that others would not kill him - **rf. today**
 - **Cain's descendants:** died in the flood - **punishment for sin**
 - **Seth was born, from whom the spiritual seed came — Christ**
 - **Application:**
 - **Cain:**
 - **punishment for sin:** ground cursed so that not bear fruit for Cain, became vagrant and wanderer on the earth — **rf. today**
 - **grace, love:** God put a sign upon Cain, so that others would not kill him - **rf. today**
 - **eternity:**
 - **Read - Rev. 20:10-15** prophesy of Christ (Gen. 2:14-15), punishment for sin (Gen. 4)
 - we are our brother's keeper — if not live brother, same as a murderer:
 - **Read - 1 Jn. 3:11-12, 15-16** not be like Cain, evil one who slew his brother, but love

➤ #2 Gen. 6-10 Noah: Salvation by grace through faith / brought safely through water

→ Punishment for sin

- **Read - Gen. 6:5** wickedness of man great
- God punished sinful man with the flood, cleansed the earth, left righteous Noah with his family, animals in the ark, fish of the sea that we're killed
 - on the day the flood came, people were doing everyday things - eating, drinking, marrying
- **application:** God punishes sin, anyone who leaves this life not right with God will be punished in hell
 - **death:** people don't expect to die, even some with late stage cancer (Aunt Wanda)
 - **Christ's return:** like a thief when people don't expect, will be doing everyday things

→ God's grace, Noah's faith and salvation

- **Read - Gen. 6:8** Noah found favor (grace) in God's eyes
 - **application :** Noah was saved by grace, just as we are — see lessons below
- **God commanded** Noah to build an ark, gave him specifications and certain instructions
 - length, stories, type of wood, pitched, window, etc.
- **pict:** (use P to go back and show without line) Noah's ark
 - site mentioned by Josephus, alleged remnants of ark on Mt. Arat, fossilized timbers and other artifacts found
- **Noah's faith:** obeyed, became an heir of righteousness
 - **Quote - Heb. 11:7** By **faith** Noah, being **warned** by God about things not yet seen, **in reverence** prepared an ark for the **salvation** of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an **heir** of the righteousness which is **according to faith**.
 - **application:** to be saved by grace, we must have faith and obey God's commands
 - **Noah was not saved by "grace only"** — he had to believe and obey
 - **faithful obedience does not nullify God's grace** — we are still saved by grace through faith
 - **Quote - Eph. 2:8-9** For **by grace you have been saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the **gift** of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.
 - **today**

→ Noah was brought safely through water, just like we are

- **Read - 1 Pet. 3:20-21**
 - **Noah:** Noah entered ark and world sinful, exited ark and earth righteous (sin washed away)
 - **today, baptized:** enter water sinful, exit righteous (sin washed away)
- **application:** to be saved by grace, must have faith and obey Jesus — baptized, wash sins away

→ God's covenant with man — rainbow (Gen. 9:11-17)

- **after Noah exited the ark:** God blessed and commanded to be fruitful, God made covenant
- **Read - Gen. 9:11-17** covenant, rainbow is the sign
- **lesson:** God keeps His promises - reward in heaven, punishment in hell - sign of the rainbow

➤ #3 Gen. 11 Tower of Babel, God confused their language and scattered them

→ Tower of Babel

- ● **map:** People moved eastward and settled in the land of Shinar, Babylon
- **determined to make** a tower that reached into heaven (the clouds, not the throne of God)
- 2 ● **pict.:** artists rendering of tower being built - many think they were building a Babylonian ziggurat
 - **ziggurat:** stepped structure with a temple on top for worship
 - **purpose:** to make a name for themselves, so that they would not be scattered abroad

→ God confused their languages

- **people began speaking** different languages, seems immediately or at least very soon (supernatural?)
- **to prevent them** from succeeding in building the city and tower

→ People scattered

- **people were scattered**, that which they tried to prevent by building the great city and tower

→ Application:

- God has set our boundaries, so that we will grope for Him and find Him
 - **Quote - Acts 17:26-27 (Paul, Mars hill)** and He **made from one man every nation** of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having **determined their appointed times and the boundaries** of their habitation, that they would **seek God**, if perhaps they might **grope** for Him and **find** Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

➤ #4 Gen. 12 Abraham and the promise

→ God's command to go to a new land — promise (land, nation, spiritual) (Gen. 12:1-9)

- Terrah had moved his family (Abram, etc.) from Ur to Haran on the way to Canaan
- **Read - Gen. 12:1-3** go, all families of earth be blessed (promise to be a great nation, spiritual promise)
- **Read - Gen. 12:7** land promise

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- **map:** Ur, Haran, Canaan
 - **application:** spiritual promise we have today, salvation in Christ
 - **Quote - Gal. 3:16** Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his **seed**. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, **Christ**.

→ Abram goes to Egypt to escape a famine (Gen. 12:10-20)

- **Abram conspires with Sarai** to tell Pharaoh that she was his sister — half truth, deception
- **God struck Pharaoh** and his house with great plagues — Pharaoh had a repent heart, did the right thing in contrast to Abram and Sarai
- **Exodus:** things had changed significantly by the time of the exodus
- **application:** have faith in God and his providence — do the right thing, no matter what

➤ #5 Gen. 13-14, 18-19 Abraham and Lot

→ Abram returns to Canaan (Gen. 13:1-4)

- went to Bethel, in Canaan, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning between Bethel and Ai, to the place of the altar which he had made there formerly when he worshiped and called on the name of the Lord

→ Abram and Lot split up (Gen. 13:5-13)

- **the land could not sustain** their herds, so they split up
 - Abram allowed Lot to choose where he would go, and Abram would go another place

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- **map:** where both relocated
- **Lot made a bad decision:** he chose a place to live strictly based on the land, not the people
 - **Quote - 2 Pet. 2:7b-8** . . . He rescued **righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct** of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul **tormented day after day** by their lawless deeds),
 - **application:** anytime we make a decision in which we do not put God and worship first, it is bad
 - **saying:** A good place becomes a bad place, when we are tormented by sin!

→ God reiterates the promise (Gen. 13:14-18)

- only the land promise reiterated

→ Abram rescues Lot, tithes to Melchizedek (Gen. 14)

- **Lot captured**
 - four king coalition made war against Sodom and Gomorrah because they had rebelled
 - they defeated Sodom and Gomorrah and took all their possessions, including Lot and his family
- **Abram rescued Lot**
 - Abram took the trained men of his house (318), formed a coalition of kings, and went to war against the kings that had conquered Sodom and Gomorrah
 - won the battle, freed the captives and brought back all the goods
- **Abram tithed to Melchizedek (King of Salem, king and priest)**
 - Melchizedek blessed Abram
 - Abram payed a tenth (tithe)
 - **Melchizedek is a type to Christ:** both king and priest, without father or mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually

→ Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18:16-19:38)

- God sent angels to tell Abram He was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, where Lot lived
 - Abram asked God if He would destroy the righteous with the wicked
 - 50 righteous, 45, 40, 30, 20, 10 - God would not destroy - but 10 not there
- God sent angels to rescue Lot and his family
 - men of Sodom tried to rape the angels — angels struck them blind
 - Lot told his sons-in-law, they thought he was joking
 - next morning, angels hurried Lot, wife, 2 daughters out of the city, to save them
- Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed with fire and brimstone
 - **application:** God punishes the sinful
 - **Quote - Jude 1:7b (Sodom's example)** . . . are exhibited as an **example** in **undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.**

→ **Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt (Gen. 19:17, 26)**

- angel commanded Lot and his family not to look back
 - Lot's wife disobeyed and looked back — she became a pillar of salt
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- **pict:** pillars of salt, Dead Sea
 - **application:** Jesus, "Remember Lot's wife" (Lk. 17:32)
 - **first century:** teaching the disciples to escape from Jerusalem when it is destroyed
 - **today:** escape the world of sin, be a Christian, don't look back
 - **Quote - Lk. 9:82 (Jesus to disciples)** But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

➤ #6 Gen. 15-18, 20-22 Isaac, Son of Promise

→ Abram would have a child — promise renewed (Gen. 15)

- Abram was worried that he did not have an heir
- God renewed His promise that Abram would have a son who would be his heir, and they would inherit land
- also had a dream that his heirs would be enslaved and oppressed in a foreign land, 400 years (Egypt)

→ Hagar bore Ishmael (Gen. 16)

- Sarai gave her maid, Hagar, to Abram to have a child, since she had not conceived
 - application: don't lose faith in God, even if it takes a long time for His promises to be carried out
- Hagar bore Ishmael — God promised Hagar that he would be a great nation

→ God's covenant established with Abraham (Gen. 17)

- Abram 99 years old, God established His covenant with Abraham
 - Abram would be the father of a multitude of nations
 - God covenant would be with His descendants, an everlasting covenant
- sign of the covenant: circumcision given to Abram
- name changes:
 - Abram to Abraham because God had made him the father of many nations
 - Sarai to Sarah because God would bless her with a son and she would become the mother of nations
- application:
 - by faith (obedience to God) we enter into a covenant relationship with God - we believe and obey, God saves us

→ Abraham visited by 3 angels, promise renewed (Gen. 18:1-15)

- promise renewed that Sarah would have a son
- Sarah laughed (perhaps a nervous laugh)

→ Abraham in Gerar, told Abimelech that Sarah was his sister (Gen. 20)

- told Abimelech Sarah was his sister because of fear, as before with Pharaoh
- Abimelech was warned in a dream and restored Abraham's wife
 - also gave him sheep, oxen, servants, silver
- Abraham prayed and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his maids

→ Isaac born, Hagar and Ishmael sent away (Gen. 21:1-21)

- Isaac born (name means laughter)
- Sarah upset that Ishmael mocked Isaac at a party after he was weaned, sent Hagar away Ishmael

→ Abraham made a covenant with Abimelech at Beersheba (Gen. 21:22-23)

- this covenant shows that Abraham was a powerful man, well respected, on par with a king (city states)

→ Abraham commanded to offer Isaac (Gen. 22)

- God commands Abraham to offer Isaac as a burnt offering
 - he leaves the next morning, go to mountain God shows him
 - after 3 days tells lads to wait, they would return
 - Read - Gen. 22:6-12 went to point of killing his son, God stopped Him
 - Read - Heb. 11:17-19 Abraham's thinking
 - application: faith, obey, God rewards

Conclusion Part I:

→ review: **Gen. 1-22**, creation through Isaac

➤ → **End of Part I:** Invitation - faith reckoned as righteousness

- **Read - Gal. 3:6-9, 26-29** faith reckoned (accounted) as righteousness, faith are sons of Abraham, baptized into Christ — **illus. scales, PP slide**
- **Read - Col. 2:10-12** no longer physical cir. but spiritual cir., cir. of Christ, baptized
- **Inv. — obey Jesus, tip the scales to righteousness, saved - faith reckoned as righteousness**

➤ **Intro Part II:**

→ overview of Genesis, this lesson

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- **PP - review Part I**
 - **Part II: Gen. 23-50** Jacob through Joseph's death
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➤ #7 Gen. 23-28 Jacob and Esau

→ Sarah dies, Abraham's wife, lived 127 years (Gen. 23:1-20)

- buried in Hebron, in a cave Abraham purchased

➤2 ● **map:** Hebron is S. of Jerusalem

- several of the Patriarchs were subsequently buried there

→ Abraham sends a servant to get a wife for Isaac (Gen. 24:1-67)

- he sent his servant to Nahor, his family to get a wife, so not marry a Canaanite
 - later it became law, after Israel left Exodus
 - **application:** very important whom you choose to marry, help get to heaven not hinder - Christian better
- Rebekah and her family quickly accepted the proposed marriage between her and Isaac, because God had led Abraham's servant to her

→ Abraham dies (Gen. 25:1-11)

- Abraham was buried in the same cave he buried Sarah
- Ishmael came together with Isaac to bury their father

→ Jacob and Esau born (father is Isaac, mother is Rebekah) (Gen. 25:19-28)

- Rebekah's conception was an answer to Isaac's prayer
- Lord told her 2 nations were in her womb, and the older would serve the younger
- Esau was red in complexion and hairy, hunter
 - Isaac loved him more because he like wild game to eat
- Jacob was born holding Esau's heel, his name means to supplant or to deceive — later with birthright
 - Rebekah loved him more, he was a peaceful man living in tents

→ Esau sells his birthright to Jacob (Gen. 25:29-34)

- Esau's birthright: rule the family (the Patriarch), double portion of the goods
- Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a single meal, bread and stew
- **Read - Heb. 12:15-17 lessons from Esau selling his birthright**
 - sell our birthright if we fall short of God's grace - fall away, not faithful, immoral godless
 - if we die unfaithful to God, we can't get our birthright back — tears for eternity in hell can't get it back

→ Isaac receives Esau's blessing, Isaac sent to Paddan-aram to get a wife (Gen. 27:1-28:9)

- Isaac is old and about to die, calls Esau in to bless him
 - tells him to go hunting and bring him some food to eat
- Rebekah hears Isaac talk to Esau, tells Jacob, helps him prepare a meal and bring it into Isaac
 - Jacob disguises himself to feel and smell like Esau
 - Isaac blesses Jacob - gives him the blessing intended for Esau
- Jacob sends Isaac to Paddan-aram to get a wife from his relative, Nahor
 - **Read - Gen. 28:7** Jacob obeyed his father and mother
 - **application:**
 - man cannot thwart God's plan — God always intended for Jacob to rule over Esau and receive the firstborn's birthright
 - if we sell our birthright as God's children, die unfaithful to God, we can't get it back
 - young people, obey your father and mother, even when you are old enough to marry - live will be better

➤ #8 Gen. 28-36 Jacob and his family in Paddan-aram

→ Jacob goes from Beersheba to Bethel to Haran in Paddan-aram (Nahor's house)

➤2 ● **map:** Beersheba, Bethel, Haran in Paddan-aram to Nahor's house

→ Jacob stops in Bethel, has a dream (Gen. 28:10-22)

- he sees a ladder (Jacob's ladder), angels ascending and descending with the Lord at the top, Lord renewed the promise to him: land, nation, spiritual
- **Read - Jn. 1:51** heaven will be open and angels ascending and descending on Jesus
 - **application:** Jesus is the one through whom we receive the promise of eternal life — spiritual promise to Abraham and Jacob

→ Jacob marries 2 women — Leah and Rachel (Gen. 29:1-30)

- **Leah:** works 7 years for Rachel, Laban tricks him and gives him Leah - oldest had to marry first
- **Rachel:** married her 7 days after Leah, but worked another 7 years for her

→ Jacob's 13 children: 12 boys, 1 girl (Gen. 29:31-30:24)

- 12 boys became Patriarchs of the 12 tribes of Israel
- some born by wives, some by the wives maids

→ Jacob continued to work for Laban after working 14 years for his wives (Gen. 20:25-31:55)

- Laban changed his wages several times
- so God changed the way he blessed Jacob, to foil Laban's cheating scheme
- Jacob finally snuck away with his family and possessions and returned to Canaan
 - **application:** man cannot stop God's blessings — if God wants to bless you, He will

→ Jacob meets Esau on the return trip (Gen. 32:1-33:20)

- 2 ● **map:** Esau and Jacob meet around Peniel — Esau came from Edom and Jacob came from Paddan-aram
- Esau returned to Seir (Edom)
 - Jacob temporarily settled in Succoth and then moved to Shechem
 - Jacob was afraid to meet Esau, but his fear was unfounded
 - he shouldn't have been afraid, since God commanded him to return to Canaan and promised to prosper him
 - **application:** we shouldn't be afraid to obey God's commands — only fear God
 - **Quote - Matt. 10:28** "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."
 - Jacob wrestles with an angel on the way to meet Esau, God changes his name to Israel
 - **Israel means:** who prevail with God - he had prevailed with God and man
 - Esau warmly received Jacob
 - **application:** blood is thicker than water — time heals many wounds

→ **Dinah avenged by Simeon and Levi (Jacob's sons) while living in Shechem (Gen. 34:1-31)**

- **Read - Gen. 34:1-2** Dinah went to see the other young ladies of the land, was raped by the king's son
- **Simeon and Levi (2 of her full brothers, common mother)**, avenged her by killing all the men of the city and looting the city
 - devised an ingenious military plan, getting all the men of the city to circumcise themselves and then attacking them while they were incapacitated
- **application:** if you lie with goss you'll get flees
 - **Dinah's mistake:** went to visit the daughters of the land, unsafe place, around evil people
 - **lesson:** if we hang around people who are doing the wrong things, we'll get in trouble (e.g., raped)
 - **saying:** the best way to stay out of trouble is to stay away from the people making it

→ **Jacob moves to Bethel then to Bethlehem (Gen. 35)**

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- **map:** Shechem to Bethel to Bethlehem to Hebron
 - **Jacob was worried** about being around people in the surrounding area, because of his sons' attack
 - **but** the surrounding cities were afraid of them and did not pursue them (vs. 5)
 - **Rachel died** in Bethlehem (Jacob's most love wife)
 - **Jacob came to his father in Hebron** before his father died
 - **Isaac died** in Hebron, 180 years old (Jacob's father)
 - Jacob and Esau buried him

➤ #9 Gen. 37-41 Joseph's slavery and imprisonment

→ Joseph sold into slavery (Gen. 37)

- **Jacob favored Joseph** (son of favorite wife, gave him a multicolored coat), resulting in hatred among siblings
 - **application:**
 - parents must be careful not to have favorites
 - polygamy results in fighting (hatred) between wives and children
- **Joseph had 2 dreams**
 - **meaning:** his father, mother, and brothers would bow before him
 - **brothers hated** him even more
 - **application:** not loathe God's word, providence, or blessings toward others
- **Joseph goes out to check on his brothers**, they sell him into slavery
- 2 ● **map:** Shechem (brothers not there), Dothan (found brothers), Egypt (slavery)
- **Reuben convinces them** to throw Joseph in a pit rather than kill him, so that he could rescue him later
 - Reuben gets there too late, his brothers had sold Joseph to some Midianites before he could rescue him — tears his clothes when he learns what they did
 - **application:** don't be deceitful when trying to do something good - be honest about your intentions
- **Joseph's brothers deceive Jacob**
 - **put goats blood** on the varicolored coat and ask their father if he knew whether it was Joseph's
 - let him assume that Joseph was dead when they knew he was alive
 - **application:**
 - #1 **deceiving someone so that they make a false conclusion is lying**
 - they killed the goat, put blood on the coat, pretended not to know it was Joseph's, allowed their father to falsely conclude that the coat was Joseph's, pretended to be sympathetic when comforting him
 - #2 **Jacob believed a lie**
 - we must realize every can believe a lie
 - carefully examine teh evidence, to make sure we're not beleiving a lie — Bible
 - **meanwhile, Midianites sell Joseph** to Potiphar, captain of the bodyguard

→ Judah's wickedness (Gen. 38)

- **this chapter chronicles**
 - some of the **wickedness of Judah**
 - **Judah is the one** who conceived the idea to sell Joseph for profit rather than kill him (**Gen. 37:26**)
 - **lineage of Christ** even though Judah sinned with Tamar — Tamar bore Perez
 - **application:** God's will not be subverted, even though man may sin

→ **Joseph put in prison, although he was innocent (Gen. 39)**

- **God blessed Joseph**, successful, Potiphar put in charge of his house
- **Potiphar's wife repeatedly** tries to molest Joseph
 - Joseph refused to commit adultery with her because it was a **sin**
 - **Quote - Gen. 39:9b** (response to her) "How then could I do this **great evil** and **sin against God**?"
- **Joseph eventually has to run** away from her advance — flee sin
- **Potiphar's wife lies** about Joseph and he's thrown in jail — innocent
- **in prison:** God blessed him, he was a supervisor
- **application:**
 - **evil people do evil things**, sometimes good people are unjustly punished because of their evil deeds
 - **lesson:** righteous people suffer trials
 - **flee lust and sin**
 - **Quote - 2 Tim. 2:22** Now **flee from youthful lusts**. . . . (flee = run away for safety)
 - **saying:** The best way to avoid trouble is to stay away from trouble.

→ **Joseph interprets two dreams in prison, the chief cupbearer forgets about him (Gen. 40)**

- **three days after the interpretation**, the baker was killed and the cupbearer was restored, just as Joseph said
- **Joseph asked the cupbearer to remember him**, but he forgot about him for **2 more years**
- **application:**
 - **it was part of God's plan for Joseph to be in prison** where he could contact the baker and cupbearer
 - it was part of God's plan for Joseph to stay in prison **another 2 years** till Pharaoh had his dream
 - **lesson:** Sometimes we must be patient in trials, waiting for God's plan to materialize.

→ **Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream, gives him good counsel (Gen. 41)**

- **interpretation:** there would be 7 years of abundance, 7 years of famine
- **Joseph's counsel:** appoint someone to manage the crisis and store up grain during the abundant years
- **Joseph appointed:** #2 man in Egypt, given riches and one of Pharaoh's daughters as a wife. 30 years old
- **application:**
 - **Quote - Rom. 8:28** And we know that **God causes all things to work together for good** to those who **love God**, to those who are called according to **His purpose**.

- #10 Gen. 42-45 Joseph's brothers go to Egypt / Joseph reveals himself
 - ➔ Jacob sends his sons to buy food in Egypt 2 times — second time Benjamin went
- 2 ● **map:** Beersheba to Egypt
 - ➔ Joseph recognizes them but they don't recognize him
 - Joseph disguises himself, spoke harshly to them (**Gen. 42:7**)
 - ➔ Joseph's brothers bow before him - he remembers his dreams
 - **application:** God always accomplishes His will, always keeps His promises - salvaiton
 - ➔ Joseph tests them, to see if they have changed or if they're still as sinful as when they sold him into slavery
 - **made them bring their younger brother** to Egypt, to see what they would do when he was endangered - give their lives to save his, or let him remain imprisoned in Egypt to save their own skins
 - ➔ Joseph weeps on a couple of occasions, unable to control himself
 - **application:** we must be tender hearted, therefore we are forgiving (as Joseph)
 - **Quote - Eph 4:32** Be kind to one another, **tender-hearted, forgiving each other**, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.
 - ➔ Joseph forgives his brothers — understood that God meant the evil things to occur to bring about good
 - **Read - Gen. 45:45** not be grieved or angry, God sent Joseph to preserve life
 - **application:** more blessed to forgive than hold a grudge
 - **Quote - Rom. 12:17** Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

➤ #11 Gen. 45-47 Jacob and family in Egypt

→ Pharaoh has Joseph move his family to Egypt

➤2 ● **map:** Beersheba to Goshen

→ Jacob's move to Egypt was prophesied to Abraham

- **Quote - Gen. 15:13** God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be **strangers** in a land that is not theirs, where they will be **enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.**"
- **application:** God always accomplishes His word — keeps His promises — heaven / hell

→ Jacob didn't believe Joseph was alive until he saw the evidence

- Jacob was stunned when he heard that Joseph was alive - didn't believe
- he believed after he saw the evidence — wagons with the provisions
- **application:**
 - we can all believe a lie — e.g., when Jacob was deceived, believed Joseph was dead
 - we don't always believe the truth (e.g., parent)
 - must let the evidence convince (Bible, faith is evidence of things not seen [NKJV])

→ God blessed them to settle in Goshen, the choicest of land for shepherds

- **application:** if we are faithful to God, he will bless us in this life and even more in the next life

➤ #12 Gen. 48-50 Death of Jacob and Joseph

→ Joseph went to Jacob, heard he was sick

- Joseph given a double blessing, Jacob adopted Ephraim and Manasseh (Joseph's sons) and they were each given an inheritance — land in Canaan when they came out of Egypt

→ Then Jacob blessed all his sons

- Reuben (oldest) did not receive preeminence because he had gone up to his father's bed
- Judah: scepter would not depart from the tribe of Judah — Christ, eternal reign

→ Jacob died

- embalmed his body and buried it in Canaan where Abraham was buried

→ Returned to Egypt after Jacob's burial

- Read - Gen. 50:18-21 Joseph promises not to harm his brothers — God meant it for good, to bring about the present result
- application: forgiving spirit, seeing the greater good

→ Joseph died, 110 years old

- Read - Gen. 50:24-26 Joseph died, believing God and His promise
- application: die believing in God, faith in God, confidence in God — only way to die

Conclusion Part II:

→ review: Gen. 23-50, Jacob and Esau / Jacob's sons in Egypt as promised to Abraham

➤ → End of Part II: have the faith of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph

- God keeps His promises: faith reckoned as righteousness — believe
- result: eternal life
- inv.

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