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Detailed Bible Book Outline

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I. God taught about the creation of the earth - Genesis 1:1-2:25

A. The Creation was the work of God - Genesis 1:1-3

1. God, the Father, willed the creation - 1:1

In the beginning

Time did not exist before the creation

(we call that period eternity past)

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit have always existed - Ex. 3:6; John 8:58

God created the heavens

There are three heavens - II Cor. 12:2

God created the earth

Christ made all things - John 1:3

2. God, the Holy Spirit, moved on the face of the waters - 1:2

The earth was formless and empty (not complete)

God formed the earth to be inhabited - Is. 45:18-19

This happened during the six days of creation - Gen. 1:31

The evening and the morning were one day - Gen. 1:5

Darkness was on the face of the deep

The light had not yet been created - Gen. 1:3

The Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters

The land was later revealed - Gen. 1:9-10

3. God, the Son, spoke everything into existence - 1:3

God, the Son, was with the Father in creation - John 1:1

Christ always carried out the will of the Father - John 5:30; John 8:28

God, the Son, was also in the beginning - John 1:2

Christ appeared to Moses at the burning bush - Ex. 3:2-15

God, the Son, spoke everything into existence - John 1:3

Everything was made by the word of His mouth - Ps. 33:6

God, the Son, later became flesh (a man) - John 1:14

Christ is the Eternal One - Rev. 1:8; 1:17-18

Christ was later conceived by the Holy Spirit - Luke 1:35

B. The creation was completed in six days - Genesis 1:3-2:3

The first three days God separated various things
The second three days God filled what He had separated

1. Day one was the separation of light from darkness - 1:3-5

**God (Christ) said let there be light and there was light
God saw that the light was good
God divided the light from the darkness
God called the light Day
God called the darkness Night
God said the evening and the morning were the first day**

2. Day two was the separation of water from above from water below - 1:6-8

**God said there would be a firmament in the middle of the waters
God said that would divide the waters above from those below
The waters above were in the atmosphere
God saw that the firmament divided the water above from the water below
The waters below were on or in the earth - Gen. 7:11
God called the waters above the firmament heaven
The first heaven is the atmosphere above the earth
God said the evening and the morning were the second day**

3. Day three was the separation of the sea from dry land - 1:9-13

**God said the waters below the heavens would be gathered into one place
God told the dry land to appear
God called the dry land the earth
God called the waters the seas
God saw that it was good
God said that the earth would sprout vegetation
God said this would include plants yielding seed
God said this would include fruit trees with seeds
God saw the earth bring forth what He had commanded
God saw the plants come into existence and they were good
God saw the fruit trees come into existence and they were good
God said the evening and the morning were the third day**

4. Day four the heavens were filled with the sun, moon and stars - 1:14-19

God said there would be lights in the heavens to divide day and night

The second heaven is where the sun, moon and stars are located

God said these lights would be for signs and seasons

God said these lights would be for days and years

God said these lights would give light to the earth

God made the greater light to rule the day

God made the lesser light to rule the night

God also made the stars

God set them in the firmament to give light to the earth

God made them to divide the day and the night

God said the evening and the morning were the fourth day

5. Day five the sky was filled with birds and the sea with fish - 1:20-23

God said that the waters were to be filled with living creatures

God said the birds would fly above in the heaven

God created great sea and land creatures

This would include the dinosaurs and dragons - Job 40:15-41:34

God created every living thing that moves

God populated the waters with creatures for the water

God populated the skies with every winged bird

God saw that both kinds of creatures were good

God told the sea creatures to multiply in the waters

God told the birds to multiply on the earth

God said the evening and the morning were the fifth day

6. Day six the earth was filled with animals and man - 1:24-31

a. God created the animals 1:24-25

God told the earth to bring forth living creatures

God included cattle, creeping things and beasts of the earth

God made the beasts according to their kind

Nothing changes from one kind to a different kind

God made the cattle according to their kind

God made the creeping things accord to their kind

God saw that all of these creatures were good

b. God created man in His image - 1:26-31

1) Man was created in the image and likeness of God - 1:26-27

God said let Us make man in Our image according to Our likeness

We see that God uses the words “Us” and “our” rather than “I” and “My”

We see that God, the Father, willed the creation of people in the image of God

This means mankind has a body, soul and spirit

Christ became flesh by taking on a body - John 1:14

Christ always does the will of the Father - John 5:30

Christ prayed the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be our Helper - John 14:16

The Holy Spirit witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God - Rom. 8:16

This made fellowship with God possible

We are now able to have fellowship with the Father and the Son - I John 1:3

This also makes fellowship with one another possible - I John 1:3

God said mankind would have dominion over the fish and the birds

God said mankind would have dominion over the cattle and creeping things

The word translated “dominion” means to rule over - Lev. 25:53

God created man in His own image

This word for “create” is used 54 times and is only used of God

It means to create something new (the likeness of God) - Jam. 3:9

This means mankind is different than anything previously created

Only mankind can have spiritual life - Col. 3:9-10

God created them as male and female

This meant that neither could reproduce without the other

2) Man was placed over every living thing - 1:28

God blessed the people that He made

God told them to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth

This was the plan of God to fill the earth - Gen. 1:22

God gave Noah the same instruction after the flood - Gen. 9:1

God told them to subdue the earth

“subdue” means to cause to serve even if force is necessary - Josh. 18:1

God cast our sins (iniquities) into the depths of the sea - Micah 7:19

God told them to have dominion over the fish of the sea

God said mankind would rule over the fish of the sea

God told them to have dominion over the birds of the air

God said mankind would rule over the birds of the air

God told them to have dominion over every living thing that moves

God said mankind would rule over every living thing

3) Man was given food to eat - 1:29-30

God told man that he was given every herb that yields seed to eat
God told man that he was given every tree whose fruit yields seed
The fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil was excluded - Gen. 2:16-17
(the only fruit it produced was the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil)
God said that these were to be food for all mankind
God said that they were to be food for every beast of the earth
God said they were to be food for every bird of the air
God said they were to be food for everything that creeps on the earth
God said they were to be food for everything in which there is life
People and animals were probably vegetarians before the flood - Gen. 9:2-3
God said that he had given the green herb for food

4) Man was the final creation of God - 1:31

God saw everything that He had made
God had created a sinless creation - Rom. 5:12
God saw that everything was very good
It was the will of God to make everything very good - Is. 45:18
All fruit on trees was originally good for food - Gen. 2:9
God said the evening and the morning were the sixth day

7. Day seven God rested - 2:1-3

The heavens, the earth and everything in them were finished
“finish” to bring a process to completion or an end - Heb. 4:9
We enter rest when we cease from our own works - Heb. 4:10
God ended His work on the seventh day
God entered His rest when all of creation was complete - Gen. 2:2
God rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done
God blessed the seventh day
God sanctified the seventh day
God did this because He rested from all His work
God wants us to enter His rest - Heb. 4:9-11
God said this included all the things that God had created and made
God commanded the creation of everything in creation - Is.45:12
God created the earth to be inhabited - Is. 45:18
God created the earth and everything in it - Acts 17:24

C. The creation included a place for man to live - 2:4-17

1. Man was placed on an earth with no rain - 2:4-6

God gave a history of the heavens and the earth
God gave this account the day He made the earth and the heavens
(this account was given by God before He filled the earth)
God did this before any plants in the field had grown
God did this before any herbs had grown
God had not caused it to rain on the earth
God had not yet created man to till the ground
God sent up a mist from the ground to water the whole earth
This is how the earth was watered until the time of the flood - Gen. 7:4

2. Man became a living soul - 2:7

God formed the first man from the dust of the ground
Mankind was made in the image of God - Gen. 1:26-27
Man (man 408 times, men 121 times, Adam 22 times, other words 10 times)
First translated Adam (six times in Genesis 2:19-23)
God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life
The breath of the Almighty is the source of life for man - Job 33:4
God caused man to become a living soul
The contrast between the first Adam and Christ - I Cor. 15:45

3. Man was placed in a special garden - 2:8-14

God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden
This was apparently in the area of the modern country of Iraq
God put the man He had formed in that garden
God caused to grow every tree pleasing to the sight and good for food
God placed the tree of life in the middle of the garden
Adam could not eat of this tree after he sinned - Gen. 3:24
(he would have lived in his physical body forever if he had)
God protected mankind from such an event until the flood
God placed the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden
Adam was told he would die spiritually the day he ate of this tree - Gen. 2:17
God made a river go out of the garden with four branches
God placed various metals and stones along the river branches

4. Man was given a choice to obey or disobey - 2:15-17

God put man in the garden of Eden to till and keep it

God gave man responsibility to care for the garden - Gen. 2:8

Responsibility became hard work as a consequence of sin - Gen. 3:17-19

God told man he could eat freely from all but one tree

God gave mankind the freedom to eat of all other trees - Gen. 1:29

God told man he would die the day he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

Physical death is separation of the body from the soul and spirit - Gen. 5:5

Spiritual death is separation from God - Gen. 3:7-10; Eph. 2:1

All mankind experienced separation the day they sinned - Gen. 3:7-10

D. The creation included the first marriage - 2:18-25

1. The Lord showed man he was not complete - 2:18-20

God said it was not good for man to be alone

This is the first time that God said something was not good in His creation

God formed the animals and the birds from the ground

The animals and birds also came from the ground but lacked a spirit

God brought them to Adam to name them

Adam was able to name and remember the names of all the animals and birds

God recognized the names that Adam gave the animals and birds

God had created Adam with great knowledge for this task

Adam realized there was not a helper comparable to him

Adam saw that there was not another human being

2. The Lord created woman from man - 2:21-22

God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam

God performed surgery and took one of the ribs of Adam

God performed the first recorded surgery

God closed up the place from where He took the rib

God left no scar from the surgery He performed

God formed the woman from the rib that He had taken

Woman was not made the same way as the man - Gen. 2:7

God brought the woman to the man

God performed the first marriage and then gave a principle - Gen. 2:24

3. The Lord performed the first marriage 2:23-25

a. Man recognized that they were the same flesh - 2:23

Adam realized that the woman came from his rib

God had performed the first surgery - Gen. 1:21

Woman was taken from his side (equality)

Woman was taken from close to his heart (love)

Adam realized that the woman had the same flesh

The animals were not of the same flesh - Gen. 1:20

Woman became a living being like Adam - Gen. 2:7

Adam said that she would be called woman

Adam later gave her the name of Eve (life-producer) - Gen. 3:20

Adam said that the woman had been taken out of man

Adam realized God used a rib from his side - Gen. 2:21

b. Man is to leave, cleave and become one - 2:24

God said man was to leave his father

Adam had no parents to leave

God said man was to leave his mother

This was a principle given by God for future generations - Matt. 19:5-6

They had no parents to leave so this was a principle for all time

God said man was to be joined to his wife

God performed the first marriage of man and his wife

God showed that His plan was for monogamous marriage

God said the two would be one flesh

This principle is violated by all sexual immorality - I Cor. 6:15

We sin against our own body by sexual immorality - I Cor. 6:18

We also fail to glorify God by immorality - I Cor. 6:19-20

God said this gives a picture of Christ and the church - Eph. 5:25-27

c. Man was not ashamed - 2:25

Man and his wife were both naked

Before sin there were no sinful thoughts in the hearts

After sin the thoughts of the heart became evil continually - Gen. 6:5

Man and his wife were not ashamed

Shame was the result of sin - Gen. 3:7; Gen. 3:10

II. God taught about sin and showed its consequences - 3:1-24

A. Mankind made the choice to sin - 3:1-6

1. Sin was preceded by questioning the Word of God - 3:1-3

**Satan possessed the body of a snake to deceive them
The snake was more cunning than any animal of the field
Satan chose to speak to the wife instead of Adam
Satan began to speak by questioning what God had said
Satan was told that they could eat the fruit of the trees of the garden
Satan heard that there was only one tree that were not to eat from
Satan was told they were not to eat or touch that one tree
Satan told them they would die if they ate from that tree**

2. Sin appealed to the desire to be like God - 3:4-5

**Satan told the woman that they would not die
God said they would die if they ate from that tree - Gen. 2:16-17
They had to choose whether to believe God or Satan - John 8:44
Satan said three things would happen if they ate from that tree
Two were true but the one in the middle was false
As a result, the whole statement was a lie to deceive
Satan said their eyes would be opened - that was true
Satan said they would be like God - that was false
Satan said they would know good and evil - that was true**

3. Sin was based on three kinds of lust - 3:6

**Adam and his wife faced every temptation Satan could offer - I John 2:16
Lust of the flesh
His wife saw the tree was good for food
Lust of the eyes
His wife saw the tree was pleasant to the eyes
Lust for self glory (pride)
His wife saw the tree was desirable to make one wise
The wisdom of this world is earthly, sensual, demonic - James 2:15
His wife then ate the fruit
His wife also gave fruit to Adam who was with her and he ate**

B. Mankind experienced the immediate consequences of sin - 3:7-13
Both immediately experienced spiritual death (separation from God)

1. Sin caused man to feel guilt and shame - 3:7

The eyes of Adam and his wife were both opened
Adam and his wife knew that they were naked
They immediately began to sew fig leaves together
Fig leaves are large but after sin came they dry out quickly
They wanted to make themselves coverings

2. Sin caused man to experience separation from God (spiritual death) - 3:8-9

They heard the sound of God walking in the garden that evening
They immediately tried to hide from the presence of God
They hid themselves among the trees of the garden
The Lord God called to Adam, Where are you?

3. Sin caused man to feel fear - 3:10

Adam said that he heard God voice of God
Adam said that he was afraid (fear)
Adam said that he was naked (guilt)
Adam said that he hid himself (shame)

4. Sin caused mankind to blame 3:11-13

God first asked, Who told you that you were naked?
God then asked, Have you eaten from the tree which I told you not to eat?
Adam immediately blamed both his wife and God for his sin
The "WOMAN" that "YOU" gave to be with me
Adam said she gave him the fruit and he ate
The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
Adam and his wife were affected by that sin in five ways
Their relationship with God - Separation from God (spiritual death)
Their relationship within themselves - Fear, Guilt and Shame
Their relationship with others - Blame
These five things have affected every person born since except Christ
Separation from God - Ephesians 2:1, Fear, Guilt, Shame, Blame

C. Man was given the first example of the grace of God - 3:14-24

1. A deliverer was promised - 3:14-15

a. God caused the serpent to go on its belly - 3:14

**God gave the judgment that has been experienced by the snake
The snake was cursed more than all of the cattle
The snake was cursed more than every beast of the field
The snake was condemned to crawl on its belly
The snake was condemned to eat dust throughout its life**

b. God promised to crush the head of Satan - 3:15

**Then God judged Satan who spoke through the snake
God said there would be conflict between the woman and Satan
God said this conflict would be with her Seed
This Seed is clearly given in the New Testament - Gal. 3:16
The Seed would bruise (crush) the head of Satan
Satan would bruise the heel of Christ
Christ had victory over death when He arose - I Cor. 15:54-58**

2. A covering was provided - 3:16-21

a. God said woman would have sorrow in childbirth - 3:16

**The woman was told she would experience sorrow in bearing children
The woman was told she would experience pain in childbirth
The woman was told her desire (longing) would be for her husband
The woman was told her husband would rule over her**

b. God said man would work hard - 3:17-19

**Adam was judged for listening to his wife regarding sin
Adam was told the ground was cursed because of his sin
Adam was told he would experience toil and pain throughout life
Adam was told the earth would bring forth thorns and thistles
Adam was told he would work hard until he died
Adam was told that he would return to the dust**

c. God provided a covering for sin - 3:20-21

Adam gave his wife the name of Eve
Adam gave her this name because she was the mother of all living
God made garments of skins for Adam and his wife
God clothed Adam and his wife with these garments
Sin had caused them to realize their nakedness - Gen. 3:7

3. A hopeless future was prevented - 3:22-24

a. God did not want man to live in sin forever - 3:22

God said Adam and Eve had become like Us (the Trinity)
God said that they now knew good and evil
We all lived according to the lusts of our flesh - Eph. 2:3
God did not want them to eat of the tree of life any longer
Sin brought spiritual and physical death to all people - Rom. 5:12
God said that would result in living in a cursed body forever
A corrupt body (sinful body) cannot inherit an incorrupt body - I Cor. 15:50

b. God protected man by separating him from the tree of life - 3:23

God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden for their own protection
God said that there he would till the ground from which he had come
Adam had been formed from the dust of the ground - Gen. 2:7

c. God protected future generations by separating them from the tree of life - 3:24

God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden
This was so they would not live in sin forever - I Cor. 15:44
The new body of all believers will live forever - I Cor. 15:54
God placed Cherubim's at the east of the garden
Cherubim represented the glory of God - Ex. 25:20
God gave the Cherubim flaming swords
Some angels serve God as ministers of fire - Ps. 104:4
God left them there to guard the way to the tree of life
This was needed until the flood destroyed the earth - Gen. 7:19
The world that then was perished - II Pet. 3:5-6

III. God taught about the development of civilization - 4:1-5:32

A. The Lord taught about the first family - 4:1-15

1. Cain and Abel were born to Adam and Eve - 4:1-2

**Adam had relations with his wife and she conceived a son
Eve said she had conceived a man-child with the help of the Lord
Eve gave birth to his brother and called him Abel
Abel was a keeper of flocks
Cain was a tiller of the ground**

2. Cain and Abel both brought an offering to the Lord - 4:3-5

a. The offering of Cain was from his own efforts - 4:3

**Later in time Cain brought an offering of fruit to God
Cain brought this fruit from the result of his own efforts
Cain tried to please God through his own works - Is. 64:6**

b. The offering of Abel was accepted by the Lord - 4:4

**Abel brought an offering from his flock
Abel also brought the fat of his offering
Abel had his offering accepted by the Lord
Abel brought a blood sacrifice as a covering for sin - Heb. 11:4**

c. The offering of Cain was rejected by the Lord - 4:5

**Cain did not have his offering accepted by the Lord
Cain was very angry when his offering was not accepted
Cain showed his anger by the appearance of his face**

3. Cain was offered a second opportunity by the Lord - 4:6-7

**Cain was questioned about his face by the Lord
Cain was told that if he did right he would be accepted
Cain was told if he did wrong sin was waiting to pounce
Cain was told that he would have sin take control in his life**

Cain chose to kill Abel instead - 4:8

**Cain talked with his brother
Cain did this while they were in the field
Cain then had his anger take control and he killed his brother
Cain murdered because his own works were evil - I John 3:12**

Cain tried to cover his sin - 4:9-10

**Cain was asked by the Lord where his brother Abel was
Cain said that he did not know
He will not prosper who covers his sin - Prov. 28:13
Cain asked if he was his brother's keeper
Cain was asked what he had done
Cain was given the opportunity to repent - II Cor. 7:9-10
Cain was told that the blood of his brother cried from the ground
The Lord knows all of our thoughts and ways - Ps. 139:3-5**

Cain learned the consequences of sin - 4:11-14

**Cain said he was cursed by the ground
Cain was told the earth opened its mouth to take the blood of Abel
Cain was told what would happen when he worked the ground
Cain was told the earth would not yield its strength to him
Sinful rebellion always brings a curse - Deut. 28:15-20
Cain said his punishment was more than he could take
Cain said the earth would no longer provide for him
Cain said he would be hidden from the face of God
Cain said he would be a fugitive (wanderer) on the earth
Cain went out from the presence of the Lord - Gen. 4:16
Cain said he would be a vagabond (always on the move) on the earth
Cain said anyone who found him would kill him**

Cain was shown mercy by the Lord while on the earth - 4:15

**The Lord said judgment would be even worse if someone killed him
The Lord said revenge would be taken on that person seven times
The Lord put a distinguishing mark on Cain
The Lord did this so no one would kill Cain**

B. The Lord taught about the first civilization - 4:16-24

1. The first civilization saw the first city - 4:16-18

**Cain went out from the presence of the Lord
Cain lived in the land of Nod (Wandering) east of Eden
Cain had a son in that land
Cain built a city and named it after his son
Cain had a son that continued his family line**

2. The first civilization saw the beginning of polygamy - 4:19

Lamech was the first recorded person to have two wives

3. The first civilization saw the beginning of cattle raising - 4:20

Adah chose to live in tents and raise livestock

4. The first civilization saw the beginning of music - 4:21

**Jubal was the brother of Adah
Jubal was the father of all who play musical instruments**

5. The first civilization saw the beginning of work with metals - 4:22

Tubal-cain was the father of all who work with metals

6. The first civilization saw revenge and great pride - 4:23-24

**Lamech told his wives to listen to his voice
Lamech said he killed a man for wounding him
Lamech said he killed a young man for striking him
Lamech said that he who tried to avenge would receive 77 times**

C. The Lord teaches about the godly family of Seth - 4:25-26

**Adam and Eve started a new godly line through Seth
Eve said that Seth was a replacement for Abel who Cain killed
Seth then had a son named Eonsh and this line called on the Lord**

D. The Lord teaches about the physical consequences of sin - 5:1-32

1. Physical death came to Adam - 5:1-5

**God created man in the likeness of God
God created mankind male and female
God made Seth in the likeness of Adam
God gave Adam other sons and daughters
Adam died when he was 930 years old**

2. Physical death came to Seth - 5:6-8

Seth had sons and daughters and died when he was 912 years old

3. Physical death came to Enosh - 5:9-11

Enosh had sons and daughters and died when he was 905 years old

4. Physical death came to Kenan - 5:12-14

Kenan had sons and daughters and died when he was 910 years old

5. Physical death came to Mahalalel - 5:15-17

Mahalalel had sons and daughters and died when he was 895 years old

6. Physical death came to Jared - 5:18-20

Jared had sons and daughters and died when he was 962 years old

7. Physical death did not come to Enoch - 5:21-24

**Enoch was 65 years old when Methuselah was born
Enoch then walked with God for 300 years and had sons and daughters
Enoch was taken by God without dying**

8. Physical death came to Methuselah - 5:25-27

Methuselah had sons and daughters and died when he was 969 years old

9. Physical death came to Lamech - 5:28-31

**Lamech was 182 years old when Noah was born
Lamech said Noah would comfort them concerning their work and toil
Lamech then had sons and daughters and died when he was 777 years old**

10. Noah and his sons are introduced - 5:32

IV. God taught us about Noah and the flood - 6:1-10:32

A. The Lord teaches us about the causes of the flood - 6:1-8

1. Men of God began to marry ungodly women - 6:1-2

**The sons of God began to marry on the basis of beauty
The sons of God began to marry who they chose**

2. Men were warned that judgment would come in 120 years - 6:3

**God said His Spirit would not always strive with men
God said this judgment would come in 120 years**

3. Men began to be known for their evil - 6:4

**God said that there were giants in the land in those days
God told the consequences when godly men married ungodly women
God said that men began to be known for their military power
God said that men began to try to build their own reputation**

4. Men began to think evil continually - 6:5-7

**God saw that the wickedness of man became very great
God saw that the thoughts of their hearts were evil continually
God was sorry He made man and grieved in His heart
God said that He would destroy the people that He had created**

5. Men saw one man that was different - 6:8

Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord

B. The Lord taught us about the preparation of the ark - 6:9-22

1. Noah was told God was going to destroy the earth - 6:9-13

**Noah was a just man
Noah was righteous in his generation
Noah walked with God
Noah had three sons
The earth was corrupt before God
The earth was filled with violence
God saw that the earth was corrupt
God saw that the people had corrupted their way
God spoke to Noah about the condition of mankind
God said the earth was filled with violence
God said that he would destroy the people of the earth**

2. Noah was told to build an ark - 6:14-16

**God told Noah to build an ark of gopher wood
God told Noah to make rooms in the ark
God told Noah to cover both the inside and outside with pitch
God said the ark was to be three hundred cubits (450 feet)
God said the ark was to be fifty cubits wide (150 feet)
God said the ark was to be thirty cubits high (45 feet)
God told Noah to make a window of one cubit around the top
God told Noah to make a door in the side**

3. Noah was told about the coming flood - 6:17

**God said that He was going to bring a flood on the earth
God said that he was going to destroy everything that breathed**

4. Noah was told how life would be preserved - 6:18-22

**God said He would establish a covenant with Noah and his family
God said He would establish a covenant with the animals in the ark
God said there were to be two of each kind of animal and bird
God told Noah to take enough food for all who would be on the ark
God saw that Noah obeyed all that He had commanded**

C. The Lord taught us about the flood - 7:1-24

1. The flood came after the Lord gathered the animals - 7:1-6

God told Noah and his family to come into the ark
God said they would be spared because Noah was righteous
Noah was a preacher of righteousness while building the ark - II Pet. 2:5
God told Noah to take seven of every kind of clean animal
God told Noah to take two of each unclean animal into the ark
God told Noah to take seven of each kind of bird into the ark
God said it would start raining in seven more days
God said the rain would then continue forty days
God said the flood would destroy everything not in the ark
God saw Noah was obedient to all He had commanded
Noah was six hundred years old at the time of the flood

2. The flood came after Noah and the animals entered the ark - 7:7-10

Noah, his wife, his sons and their wives went into the ark
Noah had them do this because of the coming flood
Noah took the clean animals as God had instructed
Noah took a male and female of each unclean animal
Noah took a male and female of each unclean bird
Noah took a male and female of everything that creeps on the earth
All of these animals went into the ark
God sent the flood after seven days

3. The flood was the result of two different causes - 7:11-12

a. God caused the great deep to be broken up - 7:11

God sent the flood when Noah was 600 years, 2 months and 17 days
God caused the great fountains of the deep to open up
(this meant that there were large amounts of water under the ground)
God opened the windows of heaven and sent the rain

b. God caused it to rain for forty days and forty nights - 7:12

God caused it to rain forty days and forty nights

4. The flood came after God shut Noah in - 7:13-16

God saw Noah, his wife and the sons and their wives enter the ark
God saw the wild animals enter the ark
God saw the cattle enter the ark
God saw the creeping things enter the ark
God saw the birds enter the ark
God saw them enter two by two
God saw that every kind of life was present on the ark
God saw that there was a male and a female of each kind of life
God shut the door of the ark after every one of these went in
The time of judgment for evil had come - Gen. 6:11-13

5. The flood covered all of the high mountains - 7:17-20

God caused the flood to be on the earth
God caused the water to raise the ark high above the earth
God saw the waters prevail and greatly increase
God saw the ark moving around on the surface of the water
God saw the waters prevail exceedingly on the earth
God saw that the high hills and mountains were all covered
God caused the highest mountains to be covered with 15 cubits of water

6. The flood destroyed all life on the earth - 7:21-24

All living flesh on the earth died in the flood
God did not spare the ancient world - II Pet. 2:5
This included the birds, the cattle, the beasts and every creeping thing
This included all of the people that were not in the ark
People continued their sinful lives until God destroyed them - Luke 17:26-27
This included everything that had the breath of life
The world was condemned because the people lacked faith - Heb. 11:7
This included everything that was alive on the dry land
God destroyed all living things that were on the ground
This included both mankind and cattle
This included the creeping things and the birds of the air
Only Noah and those with him in the ark remained alive
God spared only the eight people on the ark - I Pet. 3:20
God caused the water to recede from the earth for 150 days

D. The Lord dried up the flood - 8:1-14

1. Noah was remembered by the Lord - 8:1-5

God remembered Noah and every living thing in the ark
God promised that He will never leave or forsake His people - Heb. 13:5
God remembered all of the animals that were in the ark
God knows what happens to every creature - Matt. 10:29
God caused the wind to pass over the earth and the waters subsided
God caused the fountains of the deep and the rains to stop
God caused the waters to begin to recede from the earth
God caused this water to decrease until 150 days had passed
God caused the ark to rest on the mountains after 150 days
God caused this to happen in the mountains of Ararat
God caused the waters to continue to recede until the tenth month
The tops of the mountains were seen on the first day of the tenth month

2. Noah sent out birds to see if the flood was going down - 8:6-12

Noah waited for forty more days after the tops of the mountains were seen
Noah opened the window that went around the top of the ark
God had told Noah where to place this window - Gen. 6:16
Noah then sent out a raven to try to learn what was happening
The raven flew here and there until the water dried up from the earth
Noah also sent out a dove (its wings are much weaker than a raven)
The dove found no place to land and so she returned to the ark
Noah reach out with his hand to the dove when she returned
Noah took the dove back into the ark with him
Noah waited seven days and sent out the dove again
The dove returned in the evening with an olive leaf in its mouth
Noah knew from this that the water was gone down from the earth
Noah sent out the dove seven days later and this time it did not return

3. Noah saw that the earth was dry - 8:13-14

Noah was 600 years old when he entered the ark - Gen. 7:6
The waters were dried up on the first month and first day of year 601
In month two and the twenty-seventh day the ground itself was dry
This was necessary before the people and animals got off the ark

E. The Lord told Noah to leave the ark - 8:15-22

1. Noah was told to bring everything out of the ark - 8:15-19

God is the One who told Noah when to go out of the ark
God told him to take his wife, his sons and their wives
God told him to bring every living thing out of the ark
This included the birds and the cattle
This included the creeping things that creep on the earth
God said everything was to be fruitful and multiply on the earth
Noah and his family were obedient and went out of the ark
The animals, birds and creeping things went out of the ark

2. Noah offered sacrifices to the Lord - 8:20-22

Noah built an altar to the Lord
Noah was a man who walked with God - Gen. 6:9
Noah took one of every clean animal and every clean bird
Noah offered them as burnt offerings on the altar
Noah chose to worship God immediately after coming out of the ark
The Lord smelled a soothing aroma
God saw offerings from the heart as a soothing aroma - Ex. 29:18, 25, 41
The Lord made a long term commitment to the present earth
God will make a new heavens and a new earth that is righteous - II Pet. 3:13
This will happen after all judgments are complete - Rev. 21:1
The Lord said He would never again curse the earth on account of man
Christ will rule for a thousand years on the present earth - Rev. 20:4
The Lord recognized that the heart of man is evil from his youth
The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked - Jer. 17:9
The Lord said he would never again destroy every living thing with a flood
The Lord will bring the day of judgment on ungodly mankind - II Pet. 3:7
The Lord is patient and wants mankind to repent - II Pet. 3:8-9
The Lord will one day cleanse the earth with fire - II Pet. 3:10
The Lord said that the following things would happen on earth
while the earth remains - II Pet. 3:7
Seedtime and harvest would continue
Cold and heat would continue
Winter and summer would continue
Day and night would continue

F. The Lord gave Noah a covenant - 9:1-19

1. Noah was told to multiply and fill the earth - 9:1

The Lord blessed Noah and his sons
The Lord told them to be fruitful and multiply
The Lord told them to fill the earth
The Lord had to scatter mankind on the earth - Gen. 11:8
Mankind rebelled and did not want to fill the earth - Gen. 11:4
The Lord changed the languages and the people then scattered - Gen. 11:9

2. Noah was given the animals for food - 9:2-4

God said the fear of man would be in the animals
God said the terror of man would be in the animals
God said this fear and terror would include the birds
God said these plus the creeping things and fish were given to man
God said the every moving thing was now available for food
God had earlier given only the green plants - Gen. 1:30
God said mankind was not to eat flesh with its life
(The blood was not to be eaten with the meat)
God said that meant that mankind was not to eat the blood
This principle is repeated in the New Testament - Acts 15:19-20
This principle applies to both Jews and Gentiles - Acts 15:28-29

3. Noah was told the penalty for murder - 9:5-7

God said every animal that destroyed man would be judged
An animal that killed a person was to be killed - Ex. 21:28
God said every man who took the life of another would be judged
This was the penalty that was required by the Law - Ex. 21:12-14
God said that the blood of all murderers was to be shed by man
The Law required all murderers to be put to death - Num. 35:16-19
God said this is due to the fact that we are made in the image of God
(Rejection of God often leads to rejection of the death penalty)
God said that mankind was to be fruitful on the earth
God said mankind was to bring forth abundantly on the earth
God wanted to fill the earth with people - Gen. 9:1
God said mankind was to multiply on the earth

4. Noah was told the earth would not be destroyed again by a flood - 9:8-11

God spoke to Noah and to his sons as well

Noah had earlier learned to walk with God - Gen. 6:9

God wanted to give the sons the opportunity to walk with Him

God said He would establish His covenant with them

God said this covenant was also for future generations

God said this covenant was with all living creatures

That included the birds, the cattle, and the beasts of the field

God said that He was establishing His covenant with all groups

God said He would never again destroy all flesh by a flood

God said there would never again be a worldwide flood

5. Noah was given the rainbow as a sign of the covenant - 9:12-17

God said He would give a sign of the covenant that He made with them

God said this sign would also be for all succeeding generations

God said He would set His rainbow in the cloud

God said this would be a sign between Him and the earth

God told what would happen when He brought a cloud over the earth

God said the rainbow would be seen in the cloud

God said He would remember His covenant

God said this covenant was between mankind and every living creature

God said it was a sign that waters would never again destroy the earth

God said the rainbow would be in the cloud so He could look at it

God said this was an everlasting covenant between God and all creatures

God also made an everlasting covenant with all Christians - Heb. 13:20-21

God said the rainbow was the sign of this covenant

God said that He had established this covenant with all flesh

6. Noah and his family spread out on the earth - 9:18-19

Noah and his three sons had all gone out of the ark

The names of the three sons were Shem, Ham and Japheth

Ham was the father of Canaan, from whom came the Canaanites

The whole earth was populated from these three sons

Shem and his descendants moved to the east (Asia and the Americas)

Ham and his descendants moved to the southwest (Canaan and Africa)

Japheth and his descendants moved to the northwest (Europe)

G. The Lord showed that Noah and his family still sinned - 9:20-29

1. Noah became drunk and passed out naked - 9:20-21

**Noah became a farmer and planted a vineyard
Noah drank the wine of his vineyard
Noah became drunk from the wine
Noah uncovered himself inside his tent**

2. Noah was treated with disrespect by Ham - 9:22

**Ham saw the nakedness of his father in the tent
Ham is mentioned again as the father of Canaan
(this may mean that Canaan was with his father)
Ham told his two brothers about the nakedness of their father**

3. Noah was treated with respect by Shem and Japheth - 9:23

**Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it on both of their shoulders
They went backward and covered the nakedness of their father
They kept their faces turned away from their father
They did not see the nakedness of their father**

4. Noah said a curse would be on Canaan - 9:24-25

**Noah awoke from his wine
Noah knew what his youngest son had done to him
Noah then placed a curse on Canaan
Canaan said that Canaan would be a servant of servants**

5. Noah gave a blessing to Shem and Japheth - 9:26-27

**Noah asked God to bless Shem and let Canaan serve him
Noah asked God to bless Japheth and let Canaan serve him**

6. Noah lived a total of 950 years - 9:28-29

**Noah lived for 350 years after the flood
Noah lived to 950 years of age before he died**

H. The Lord gave a list of the descendants of Noah - 10:1-32

1. Sons were born to Japheth, Ham and Shem after the flood

2. The sons of Japheth were: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Ashkenaz, Meshach, Tiras - 10:1-5

The sons of Gomer were:
Ashkenaz, Riphath, Togarmah

The sons of Javan were:
Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, Dodanim

These settled along the Mediterranean Sea after the languages were divided

3. The descendants of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put and Canaan - 10:6-20

The sons of Cush were;
Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah (sons were Sheba and Dedan), Sabtechah
Cush also had a son name Nimrod
Nimrod was a mighty hunter against the Lord
Nimrod was the one who started Babel and later went to Assyria
The sons of Mizraim were Ludim, Anamim, Lahabim, Naphtuhim, Pathrusim,
and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines and Caphtorim)
The sons of Canaan were:
Sidon, Heth, the Jebusite, the Amorite, the Girgashite, the Hivite, the Arkite, the
Sinite, the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite
These were the Canaanites - these were under the curse given to Canaan

4. The descendants of Shem - 10:21-32

The sons of Aram were:
Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash

Arphaxad had a son named Salah and he had a son named Eber

Eber had two sons Peleg and Joktan

These were alive at the time the earth was divided

The sons of Joktan were:

Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, Obal, Abimael, Sheba, Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab
These settled in the area of Mesha toward Sephar, the mountain toward the east

These were descendants of Shem:

according to their families, their languages, their lands and their nations

These were the families of Noah:
From which the earth was divided after the flood

V. God taught us about the Tower of Babel and the origin of the family from which Christ came - 11:1-32

A. The Lord told about the change of languages - 11:1-9

1. The people had one language and one speech - 11:1

The whole earth had one language and one speech

**2. The people were committed to one goal - 11:2-4
(the goal was rebellion against the commandment of God)**

**The people traveled east after the flood
The people found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there
The people decided to make bricks and burn them thoroughly
The people had bricks for stone and tar for mortar
The people decided that they should build a city
The people decided to build a tower that reached into the heavens
The people wanted to make a name for themselves
The people did not want to be scattered**

3. The people had unity to reach their goal - 11:5-6

**The Lord came down to see the city that the people had built
The Lord came down to see the tower that they were building
The Lord said that the people were one (they were unified)
The people all spoke the same language
The people were beginning to do what they had planned
The Lord said that nothing they purposed to do would be withheld**

4. The people were stopped by God - 11:7-8

**The Lord said let Us go down and confuse their language
The Lord said that then they would not be able to understand
The Lord scattered them from there and they ceased building the city**

5. The people were scattered - 11:9

**The name of the place was called Babel (confusion)
The Lord scattered the people throughout the earth**

B. The Lord gave the family line of Seth - 11:10-26

**Shem begot Arphaxad two years after the flood
Shem lived 500 years and begot other sons and daughters
Arphaxad begot Salah when he was 35 years old
Arphaxad lived 403 (438 total) years and begot sons and daughters
Salah begot Eber when he was 30 years old
Salah lived 403 (433 total) years and begot sons and daughters
Eber begot Peleg when he was 34 years old
Eber lived 430 (464 total) years and begot sons and daughters
Peleg begot Reu when he was 30 years old
Peleg lived 209 (239 total) years and begot sons and daughters
Reu begot Serug when he was 32 years old
Reu lived 207 (239 total) years and begot sons and daughters
Serug begot Nahor when he was 30 years old
Serug lived 200 (total 230) years and begot sons and daughters
Nahor begot Terah when he was 29 years old
Nahor lived 119 (total 148) years and begot sons and daughters
Terah begot Abram, Nahor and Haran being 70 years old**

C. The Lord told about the family of Terah - 11:27-32

**Terah begot Abram, Nahor and Haran who begot Lot
Terah and his family had served other gods - Josh. 24:3
Haran died before his father in his native land - Ur of the Chaldeans
Abram and Nahor both took wives
Abram took Sarai as his wife
Nahor took Milcah as his wife
Milcah was the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and Iscah
Sarai was barren and had no child
Terah took Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran
He also took Sarai, the wife of Abram
They left Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan
God called Abram while he was serving other gods - Josh. 24:3-4
Abram was told to go to a land that God would show him - Gen. 12:2
God later changed his name from Abram to Abraham - Gen. 17:5
Abraham became known as the Friend of God - Jam. 2:23
They came to the city of Haran and lived there for a period of time
Terah was 205 years old when he died in Haran**

VI. God taught about the family of Abraham - 12:1-25:18

A. The Lord called Abraham - 12:1-20

1. Abraham was given a promise by God - 12:1-3

a. The promise included a land - 12:1

**The Lord told Abram to leave his country
The Lord told Abram to leave his family
The Lord told Abram to go to a land that God would show him**

b. The promise included national blessing - 12:2a

**The Lord said He would make Abram a great nation
The Lord said that He would bless Abram
The Lord told Abram that He would make him great**

c. The promise included personal blessing - 12:2b-3:a

**God said that Abram would be a blessing
God said He would bless those who blessed Abram
God said He would curse those who cursed Abram**

d. The promise included blessing for all nations - 12:3b

**God said that through Abram all families of the earth would be blessed
This blessing would come to all nations through Christ - John 3:16
This blessing includes people from all nations and peoples - Rev. 7:9**

2. Abraham went to the land of Canaan - 12:4-5

**Abram departed as God had instructed him
Abram took his nephew Lot with him
Abram had been told to leave his family - Gen. 12:1
(Abram may have felt responsible for his nephew)
Abram was 75 years old when he departed from Haran
Abram took his wife, Lot and all of the possessions they had gained
Abram departed from Haran and came into the land of Canaan**

3. Abraham built an altar at Bethel - 12:6-9

**Abram passed through the land until he came to Shechem and Moreh
Abram saw that the Canaanites were then living in that land
The Lord appeared to Abram in that place
The Lord told Abram that He would give that land to his descendants
The Lord later made a covenant with Abram - Gen. 15:18-19
The Lord saw Abram build an altar to worship the Lord
Abram moved from there to east of Bethel
Abram settled between Bethel and Ai
Abram built an altar to the Lord and called on His name there
Abram was growing in his understanding of God
Abram then traveled toward the south**

4. Abraham failed when famine came - 12:10-13

**Abram experienced a famine in the land
Abram made a temporary move to Egypt
Abram had seen that the famine was severe
Abram told his wife that she was very beautiful
Abram became fearful that the Egyptians would kill him to get his wife
Abram told his wife to say that she was his sister so it would be well for him
(This was sin to put his wife in danger to protect himself)**

5. Abraham put his wife in danger - 12:14-20

**Abram came into the land of Egypt
The Egyptians saw that Sarai was very beautiful
The princes of Egypt recommended her to the Pharaoh
Sarai was taken into the house of Pharaoh
Pharaoh treated Abram well for her sake and gave him many animals
The Lord plagued the house of Pharaoh with great plagues
The Lord did this to protect Sarai
Pharaoh called Abram and rebuked him
Pharaoh asked Abram when he had not said she was his wife
Pharaoh asked him why he called her his sister
Pharaoh told Abram to take his wife and leave Egypt
Pharaoh commanded his men not to do anything to Sarai
Pharaoh sent Abram away with everything that he had**

B. Abraham separated from his nephew Lot - 13:1-14:24

1. Lot was traveling with Abraham - 13:1-4

**Abram left Egypt and returned to the south area of Canaan
Abram also had Lot traveling with him
Abram was very rich in livestock, silver and gold
Abram then traveled north to Bethel
Abram returned to the place where he had made an altar
Abram called again on the name of the Lord there**

2. Lot had his uncle give him a choice - 13:5-9

**Lot went with Abram with his flocks, herds and tents
The land did not have enough food to support all of their animals
They had so many animals that the land could not provide enough food
This caused conflict between the herdsmen of Abram and Lot
The Canaanites and Perizzites also lived in the land
Abram told Lot he did not want strife between their herdsmen
Abram reminded Lot that they were family
Abram had a suggestion to end the strife between the herdsmen
Abram suggested that one go to the right and the other to the left**

3. Lot made a choice based on what he saw - 13:10-11

**Lot saw that the plain of Jordan was well watered
Lot saw that the land looked like the garden of the Lord
Lot saw that the land was like the land of Egypt
Lot chose to have all of the plain of Jordan
Lot walked by sight and not by faith - II Cor. 5:7
Lot and Abram were now separated from each other**

4. Lot made a wrong choice of friends - 13:12-13

**Abram lived in the land of Canaan
Lot settled in the cities of the valley
Lot pitched his tents toward the city of Sodom
The men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked
The men of Sodom were sinners against the Lord**

5. Lot missed the blessing of Abraham - 13:14-18

The Lord spoke to Abram after Lot separated from him

The Lord chose to bless the obedience of Abram - Gen. 13:9

The Lord told Abram to look in all four directions

This included the direction that Lot had chosen - Gen. 15:19

The Lord told Abram that land would belong to his descendants forever

This was later established by a formal covenant - Gen. 17:7

The Lord told Abram his descendants would be like the dust of the earth

The Lord told Abram that his descendants could not be numbered

The Lord told Abram to walk through the land and see it

The Lord later gave Abram a covenant regarding the land - Gen. 15:17-21

The Lord saw Abram then travel as far south as Hebron

The Lord saw Abram build an altar to the Lord there

Abram continued to grow in his understanding of the Lord - Gen. 17:1-7

6. Lot was captured by the enemy - 14:1-12

a. The king of Shinar had conquered the cities of the valley - 14:1-3

The king of Shinar and his friends had come to fight against Sodom

The king of Shinar had conquered the kings of Sodom and that area

The kings of Sodom and that area served them for twelve years

b. The cities of the valley rebelled against the king of Shinar - 14:4-10

The kings of Sodom and that area rebelled in the thirteenth year

The king of Shinar and friends came to fight in the fourteenth year

The king of Shinar attacked many different groups of people

The king and those with him finally attacked Sodom and Gomorrah

The kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled and fell in the tar pits

The others who survived fled to the mountains

c. The king of Shinar took Lot and his goods captive - 14:11-12

The king of Shinar took all of the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah

The king of Shinar also took all of their food supplies

The king of Shinar also took Lot and all his goods and departed

Lot reaped the first consequence of his choice - Gen. 13:10-13

7. Lot was rescued by Abraham - 14:13-16

One who escaped came and told Abram that Lot had been captured

This is the first time anyone was called a Hebrew

Mamre, the Amorite, was a relative of Eshcol and Aner

Abram then armed his 318 trained servants who he had trained

(these had been born in the household of Abram)

Abram took the 318 trained servants and pursued the enemy to Dan

Abram divided his men and attacked during the night

These men pursued the enemy as far as Hobah (north of Damascus)

Abram brought back the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah

Abram also brought back Lot and his goods

Abram also rescued the women and the other people

8. Lot saw Abraham bless Melchizedek - 14:17-24

a. The king of Sodom went out to meet Abram as he returned - 14:17

b. The king of Salem, Melchizedek, also came out to meet Abram - 14:18-20

Melchizedek was the king of Salem (Jerusalem)

Melchizedek brought out bread and wine for Abram and his men

Melchizedek was also a priest of God Most High

Melchizedek gave a blessing to Abram

Melchizedek recognized that Abram served the God Most High

They both recognized God as “Possessor of heaven and earth” - Gen. 14:22

Melchizedek recognized that God Most High had given Abram victory

Abram then gave Melchizedek a title of all

c. Abram did not take anything that belonged to Sodom - 14:21-24

The king of Sodom offered Abram the goods taken from his city

(he offered these in exchange for the captives from Sodom)

Abram said that he had made a commitment to God

Abram said he would not take anything from the king of Sodom

(Abram realized the king of Sodom would then claim he made Abram rich)

Abram said all they would take was what the men had eaten

Abram said Aner, Eshcol and Mamre should be given their portion

because they had also gone to fight

C. Abraham saw the covenant confirmed by God - 15:1-21

1. God made the covenant because Abraham believed the promises of God - 15:1-6

a. Abram told the Lord that he had no descendants - 15:1-3

**The Lord spoke to Abram in a vision
The Lord told Abram not to be afraid because He was his shield
The Lord also said He was his exceedingly great reward
Abram said that he had no descendants
Abraham said his servant Eliezer was the present heir
Abram said that God had given him no offspring
Abraham said that was why a servant was his heir**

b. Abram was told that he would have many descendants - 15:4-6

**The Lord told Abram Eliezer would not be his heir
The Lord said one who came from his body would be his heir
The Lord told Abram outside and told him to count the stars
The Lord told Abram his descendants would be as many as the stars
Abram believed the promise of the Lord
The Lord put that to the account of Abram as righteousness
Righteousness is put to a person's account by God - Phil. 3:9**

2. The covenant was a blood covenant - 15:7-11

**The Lord reminded Abram he had brought him out of Ur
The Lord said he brought him to this land to inherit it
Abram asked the Lord how he could know he would inherit the land
The Lord told Abram to bring a heifer that was three years old
The Lord told Abram to bring a female goat that was three years old
The Lord told Abram to bring a ram that was three years old
The Lord told Abram to bring a turtledove and a young pigeon
The Lord told Abram to cut the animals in half
The Lord Abram to place one half on each side
The birds were not to be cut in half
These animals and birds were to be used for a blood covenant
Abram saw the vultures come and chased them away**

3. The covenant was only signed by God - 15:12-17

a. The Lord put Abram into a deep sleep - 15:12-16

A deep sleep fell on Abram as the sun was going down
A horror and great darkness fell on Abram
God told Abram his descendants would be strangers in another land
God told Abram his descendants would serve those people
The Egyptians made Israel serve with hard bondage - Ex. 2:23-24
God told Abram they would be there 400 years
Israel was in Egypt for a total of 430 years - Ex. 12:40-41
God said that He would judge that nation
Pharaoh and his armies were destroyed in the Red Sea - Ex. 14:27-28
God said his descendants would come out with great possessions
The Egyptians gave them great riches to get rid of them - Ex. 12:35-36
God told Abram he would go to his fathers in peace
God told Abram he would be buried at a good old age
God said Abram's descendants would return in the fourth generation
God said the iniquity of the Amorites was not yet full
God showed His patience by giving the Amorites 600 years to repent

b. The Lord went alone between the animals of the blood covenant - 15:17

God alone signed the blood covenant
God came in the form of a smoking oven and a burning torch
God walked alone through the pieces of the blood covenant
God had placed Abram in a deep sleep - Gen. 15:12

4. The covenant included the promise of the land - 15:18-21

The Lord made a blood covenant with Abram that day
The Lord said that He had given that land to the descendants of Abram
God reminded Israel He had given them this land - Deut. 3:18
The Lord give the area from the River of Egypt to the Euphrates River
God reminded Joshua of this promise - Josh. 1:2-4
The Lord listed the groups that lived in that area at that time
The Kenites, the Kenezites and the Kadmonites
The Hittites, the Perizzites and the Rephaim
The Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites

D. Abraham tried to fulfill God's plan by human methods - 16:1-16

1. Hagar was offered to produce a child for Abraham - 16:1-3

a. Sarai suggested her plan to Abram - 16:1-2

**Sarai had given Abram no children
Sarai had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar
Sarai suggested a plan to Abram
Sarai said that the Lord had restrained her from having children
Sarai asked Abram to go into her maid
Sarai said that perhaps she could obtain children by Hagar
Abram listened to the suggestion of Sarai
Abram chose to follow tradition instead of waiting on God - Gen. 15:2-5
Abraham had to make a very difficult decision later - Gen. 21:9-13**

b. Sarai then gave her maid to Abram - 16:3

**Sarai then took Hagar her maid
Sarai gave Hagar to her husband to be a second wife
Sarai did this after they had been in the land ten years**

2. Hagar was treated harshly by Sarah - 16:4-6

a. Sarai was not treated with respect by Hagar - 16:4

**Abram went into Hagar and she conceived
Hagar saw that she had conceived
Hagar then began to treat Sarai with disrespect**

b. Sarai became angry because of this disrespect - 16:5-6

**Sarai blamed Abram for the way Hagar was treating her
Sarai said that she had become despised by Hagar
Sarai said that the Lord would judge between Abram and her
Abram told Sarai that Hagar was in her hand
Abram said Sarai could handle the situation as she pleased
Sarai then treated Hagar with harshness
Hagar then left to get away from Sarai**

3. Hagar was told to return to Sarah - 16:7-10

The Angel of the Lord found Hagar by a spring
The Angel of the Lord saw she was on the road going toward Egypt
The Angel of the Lord asked Hager where she had come from
The Angel of the Lord asked Hagar where she was going
Hagar said she was fleeing to get away from her mistress
The Angel of the Lord told Hagar to return to her mistress
The Angel of the Lord told her to submit herself to Sarai
The Angel of the Lord then gave Hagar a promise
The Angel of the Lord said He would multiply her descendants
The Angel of the Lord said the number could not be counted
The Angel of the Lord is an appearance of Christ in the Old Testament

4. Hagar was told what her son would be like - 16:11-14

The Angel of the Lord told her how her son would act
He said that Hagar was pregnant
He said that Hagar would give birth to a son
He said to call his name Ishmael
He said the Lord had heard her affliction
He said her son would be a wild man
He said his hand would be against every man
He said every man would be against him
He said he would live in the presence of his brethren
Hagar realized that it was the Lord talking with Her
Hagar had the privilege of seeing an appearance of Christ
Hagar called Him “You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees”
Hagar asked, “Have I also seen Him who sees me?”
The name of the well was called “Beer Lahai Roi”
The means “The well of the Living One who sees me”
The well was located between Kadesh and Bered

5. Hagar gave birth to Ishmael - 16:15-16

Hagar gave birth to a son for Abram
Abram then named the son Ishmael
The name means “God hears” or “God will hear”
Abram was 86 years old when Ishmael was born

E. Abraham was given the sign of circumcision - 17:1-27

1. The Lord changed the name of Abraham - 17:1-5

**The Lord appeared to Abram when he was 99 years old
The Lord identified Himself as “The Almighty God”
The Lord told Abram to walk before Him and be blameless
The Lord said He would make a covenant with Abram
The Lord said He would multiply Abram exceedingly
The Lord saw Abram fall on his face
The Lord said Abram would be a father of many nations
The Lord said Abram would no longer be his name
The Lord said his new name would be Abraham
Abraham means “father of a multitude”**

2. The Lord reminded Abraham of the everlasting covenant - 17:6-8

**The Lord said Abraham would be exceedingly fruitful
The Lord said He would make nations from Abraham
The Lord said kings would come from Abraham
The Lord said He would establish His covenant with Abraham
The Lord said He would establish His covenant with his descendants
The Lord said this covenant would be an everlasting covenant
The Lord said He would be God to Abraham and his descendants
The Lord said he would give that land to his descendants
The Lord said that land would be their everlasting possession**

3. The Lord gave Abraham the sign of circumcision - 17:9-14

**The Lord said Abraham and his descendants were to keep that covenant
The Lord said every male child was to be circumcised
The Lord said they were to be circumcised in the flesh of their foreskins
The Lord said this would be a sign between He and them
The Lord said every male child was to be circumcised on the eighth day
The Lord said this included both their children and those purchased
The Lord said His covenant was to be in their flesh
The Lord said this was to be an everlasting covenant
The Lord said any males not circumcised were to be cut off from His people
The Lord said any uncircumcised had broken His covenant**

4. The Lord said that Sarah would have a son - 17:15-19

The Lord also changed the name of Sarai to Sarah
The Lord said that He would give Abraham a son through Sarah
The Lord said He would bless Sarah and make her a mother of nations
The Lord said kings and peoples would come from her
The Lord saw Abraham fall on his face and laugh
Sarah also laughed when she heard she would have a son - Gen. 18:12-15
Abraham could not believe he would have a son at 100 and Sarah at 90
Abraham asked the Lord to let Ishmael live before God
The Lord told him again that Sarah would have a son
The Lord said to call the name of that son Isaac
The name Isaac means "he laughs"
The Lord said He would establish His covenant with Isaac
This made it clear the covenant was with Isaac and not Ishmael - Gal. 4:28-30
The Lord said this would be an everlasting covenant with Isaac
The Lord said this covenant would also be with his descendants

5. The Lord promised to also bless Ishmael - 17:20-22

The Lord said he had heard the request of Abraham regarding Ishmael
The Lord said He would bless Ishmael and make him very fruitful
The Lord said Ishmael would give birth to twelve princes
The Lord said He would make Ishmael a great nation
The Lord said that His covenant would be with Isaac
This is the background of the conflict between Jews and Muslims
The Lord said Isaac would be born at this time the next year
The Lord finished talking with Abraham and went from him

6. The Lord saw the obedience of Abraham - 17:23-27

Abraham circumcised Ishmael and all his servants that same day
This included those born in his house and those bought with money
They were all circumcised in the flesh of their foreskin
Abraham was circumcised when he was 99 years old
Ishmael was circumcised when he was 13 years old
Ishmael was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin
Abraham and Ismael were circumcised the same day
All of the male servants were circumcised with Abraham

F. Abraham prayed for God to spare Lot - 18:1-33

1. the Lord appeared to Abraham at Mamre - 18:1-8

a. Abraham showed hospitality to strangers - 18:1-3

**The Lord visited Abraham as he sat by the terebinth trees
This visit came during the heat of the day
Abraham saw three men standing by him
Abraham ran from his tent to meet the men
Abraham invited the men to rest for a while
Abraham offered to wash their feet**

b. Abraham provided a meal for his visitors - 18:4-8

**Abraham also said he would bring a little food for them to eat
Abraham said that they could go on their way after they ate
Abraham had his offer accepted by the men
Abraham quickly told Sarah to make some bread
Abraham quickly went and got a young calf from the flock
Abraham told one of the young men to prepare the calf
Abraham then served the food to the visitors
Abraham stood by the visitors as they ate**

2. the Lord told Sarah that nothing is impossible - 18:9-15

a. Sarah was listening from inside the tent - 18:9-10

**The Lord asked where Sarah was
The Lord said that Sarah would have a son
The Lord knew that Sarah was listening behind the tent door**

b. Sarah received a gentle rebuke from the Lord - 18:11-15

**Sarah and Abraham were old and past the age of childbearing
Sarah laughed within herself at the thought of having a child
The Lord asked why Sarah laughed
The Lord said, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"
The Lord told Sarah that she did laugh**

3. The Lord sent the two angels toward Sodom - 18:16-22

**Abraham and the three others all walked together a short way
The Lord asked if he should hide from Abraham what He was doing
The Lord said all of the nations of the earth would be blessed through him
The Lord knew that Abraham would instruct his own children
The Lord knew that he would teach them to follow the Lord
The Lord said that the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah was great
The Lord said that their sin was very serious
The Lord said that He was going to check out their evil
The two left but Abraham stood before the Lord to make a request**

4. The Lord listened to the request of Abraham - 18:23-33

a. Abraham asked the Lord to spare Sodom if there were 50 righteous 18:23-26

**Abraham asked if the Lord would destroy the righteous with the wicked
Abraham asked if He would destroy the city if there were 50 righteous
Abraham said that was not the character of the Lord
Abraham said that he knew the Lord would do what was right
Abraham heard the Lord would spare Sodom if there were 50 righteous**

b. Abraham asked the Lord to spare Sodom if there are 45 righteous 18:27-28

**Abraham said he was like dust and ashes to make a request of the Lord
Abraham heard the Lord would spare the city for 45 righteous**

c. Abraham asked the Lord to spare Sodom if there are 40 righteous - 18:29

Abraham heard the Lord would spare the city if there were 40 righteous

d. Abraham asked the Lord to spare Sodom if there are 30 righteous - 18:30

Abraham heard the Lord would spare the city if there were 30 righteous

e. Abraham then made two final requests of the Lord - 18:31-33

**Abraham heard the Lord would spare the city if there were 20 righteous
Abraham heard the Lord would spare the city if there were 10 righteous
Abraham finished speaking and the Lord went His way**

G. Abraham saw the destruction of Sodom - 19:1-38

1. Lot had two visitors arrive at Sodom - 19:1-3

**The two angels came to Sodom in the evening
Lot was sitting at the gate of the city and saw them
Lot bowed down to the two visitors
Lot invited the visitors to spend the night at his house
Lot heard the visitors say that they would just stay out in the street
Lot insisted strongly so the visitors came into his house
Lot then prepared a feast for his visitors**

2. Lot saw the men of Sodom try to sexually abuse the visitors - 19:4-11

a. The men of Sodom wanted to have sexual relations - 19:4-5

**We read what happened before the visitors laid down to rest
Both the old and the young men of Sodom surrounded the house
These men came from every part of the city and called to Lot
These men asked where the two visitors were that came to his house
These men demanded that he bring them out to have sexual relations**

b. The men of Sodom would not listen to Lot - 19:6-8

**Lot went out of the house and shut the door behind him
Lot asked the men of Sodom not to act wickedly
Lot offered his two daughters that had not known a man
Lot said he would bring them out to the men
Lot said the men could do to his daughters as they wished
Lot asked them not to do anything to these men**

c. The men of Sodom were blinded by the angels - 19:9-11

**Lot was told to get out of the way
Lot was accused of making himself a judge
Lot was told they were going to do even worse to him
The two angels reached out and pulled Lot into the house
The two angels struck those outside the door with blindness
The men kept trying to find the door until they got tired**

3. Lot was rejected by his sons-in-law - 19:12-14

The two angels asked Lot if he had any other relatives there
The two angels asked if he had sons-in-law, sons or daughters
The two angels told Lot to get all of his relatives out of the city
The two angels said they would destroy the city because of its sin
The two angels said the outcry had grown great before the Lord
The two angels said the Lord had sent them to destroy the city
Lot went out and talked to his sons-in-law who had married his daughters
Lot told them to get out because the Lord was going to destroy the city
Lot was rejected as his sons-in-law thought he was joking

4. Lot was brought out of the city by the angels - 19:15-16

When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry
The two angels told him to take his wife and get out of the city
The two angels told him to take his two daughters that were there
The two angels warned that was the only way to prevent his death
Lot continued to linger in the city
The two angels took the hands of Lot, his wife and his daughters
The two angels did this because the Lord was merciful to Lot
The two angels took them until they were outside the city

5. Lot asked the angels to spare Zoar - 19:17-22

The angels told Lot to flee to the mountains to avoid destruction
The angels heard Lot try to bargain with them
Lot said something might happen to him if he went to the mountains
Lot asked them to spare the city of Zoar so he could go there instead
The angels agreed not to destroy Zoar for the sake of Lot
The angels told Lot to hurry to the little city of Zoar

6. Lot saw the Lord destroy Sodom - 19:23-25

Lot entered Zoar after the sun had risen
The Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah
The Lord destroyed everything on the plain

7. Lot's wife looked back and became a pillar of salt- 19:26

8. Lot was spared because of Abraham - 19:27-29

**Abraham went early in the morning to the place he talked with the Lord
Abraham looked toward Sodom, Gomorrah and the plain
Abraham saw that the smoke was like the smoke of a furnace
Abraham saw that God had destroyed the cities of the plain
God remembered Abraham and took Lot out of the destruction
God destroyed the cities where Lot had formerly lived**

9. Lot committed incest with his daughters - 19:30-38

a. The daughters got their father drunk - 19:30-32

**Lot became fearful, left Zoar and went to the mountains
Lot took his two daughters with him because of fear
Lot and his two daughters then lived in a cave
The oldest daughter said that their father was old
That daughter said they had no man to get them pregnant
That daughter said that they should get their father drunk
That daughter said they would then lie with him
That daughter said they would get pregnant by their father**

b. The daughters became pregnant by their father - 19:33-35

**The daughters got their father drunk that night
The older went in and laid with her father while he was drunk
Lot was so drunk he did not know when she came to him or left him
The next night the older daughter suggested the younger do the same
The daughter said she had laid with him (had sex) the previous night
She suggested they get him drunk so her sister could do the same
They got their father drunk that night also
The younger daughter laid with him (had sex) that night
Lot was so drunk he did not know when she came to him or left him**

c. The daughters had children by their father - 19:36-38

**Both daughters became pregnant by their father
The firstborn gave birth to Moab, the father of the Moabites
The younger gave birth to Ben-ammi, the father of the Ammonites**

H. Abraham put his wife in danger a second time - 20:1-18

1. Abimelech took Sarah to become his wife - 20:1-2

**Abraham traveled from Mamre toward the South
Abraham settled in the area between Kadesh and Shur
Abraham was living in Gerar (about 10 miles south of Gaza)
Abraham again made a request of Sarah
Abraham asked Sarah to say she was his sister
Abraham had committed this same sin in Egypt - Gen. 12:11-13
Abraham said nothing when the king of Gerar sent and took Sarah**

2. Abimelech was protected from sin by God - 20:3-7

a. God warned Abimelech in a dream - 20:3-5

**God warned Abimelech in a dream during the night
God warned Abimelech that he was like a dead man
God said that the woman he had taken was the wife of another man
Abimelech had not yet come near Sarah
Abimelech asked God if He would spare a righteous nation
Abimelech told God what Abraham had said
Abimelech said that Sarah confirmed what Abraham said
Abimelech said he had acted in the integrity of his heart
Abimelech said he had done it in innocence**

b. God said He had protected Abimelech from sinning against God - 20:6-7

**Abimelech received an answer from God in another dream
Abimelech learned that Abraham was a prophet
Abimelech was told God recognized the integrity of his heart
God said that was why he had warned Abimelech
God said that would have been a sin against God
All sin is against God as well as the person - Gen. 39:7-9
God said that was why he did not let Abimelech touch Sarah
God told Abimelech to restore the wife of Abraham to him
God said that Abraham would pray for Abimelech and he would live
God said if Abraham did not pray for him that he would surely die
Abraham was rebuked first before he prayed - Gen. 21:9, 17
God said that all of the people of his country would also die**

3. Abimelech rebuked Abraham for his sin - 20:8-13

**Abimelech got up early in the morning to warn his servants
Abimelech told his servants everything that God had said
Abimelech's servants were filled with fear when they heard
Abimelech called Abraham to rebuke him and said the following:**

What have you done to us?

How have I offended you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin?

You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done.

What did you have in view, that you have done this thing?

Abraham tried to give an excuse for his sin

Because I thought, surely the fear of God *is* not in this place.

They will kill me on account of my wife.

But indeed *she is* truly my sister.

She *is* the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.
And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her'

This *is* your kindness that you should do for me: in every place, wherever we go,

"Say of me, 'He is my brother.'"

This was again an attempt to deceive by Abraham to protect himself

Many times such a lie will greatly hinder our witness for Christ

4. Abimelech returned Sarah to Abraham - 20:14-16

Abimelech gave Abraham a large gift that included animals and servants

Abimelech also restored Sarah to her husband

Abimelech told Abraham he could live in the land wherever he wanted

Abimelech also rebuked Sarah for her lie

A woman sins if she disobeys God to obey her husband - Acts 5:29

He said he had given her brother 1,000 pieces of silver

He said this was to vindicate her before all who were with them

He said it was to vindicate her before the people of his nation

By these words Sarah was also rebuked for her attempt to deceive

5. Abimelech was blessed for his obedience - 20:17-18

Abraham then prayed for Abimelech and his people

Even a sinful prophet can pray when he has disobeyed - Jonah 2:1-10

God healed Abimelech, his wife and all of the other women

God had closed the wombs of all of the women

God did this because of the sin by Abraham and Sarah

I. Abraham was blessed with a son named Isaac - 21:1-34

1. The Lord gave Abraham and Sarah a son - 21:1-5

**The Lord remembered Sarah as He had said
The Lord did for Sarah as He had promised
The Lord had promised Sarah a son - Gen. 18:10
Sarah became pregnant and had a son for Abraham in his old age
Sarah had this son at the set time that God had promised him
God has set an appointed time for Sarah to have a son - Gen. 18:14
Abraham called the name of this son Isaac
This was the name God had earlier given Abraham - Gen. 17:19
Abraham circumcised Isaac when he was eight days old
The eighth day was the age God gave for circumcision - Gen. 17:12
Abraham did this exactly as God had commanded him
Abraham was one hundred years old when Isaac was born**

2. The Lord made Sarah laugh - 21:6-8

**Sarah said that God had made her laugh
Isaac means "He laughs"
Sarah said that all who heard would laugh with her
Sarah said who would have realized that she would nurse children
Sarah had given birth to a son in her old age
The child grew and was weaned
Abraham made a great feast the day Isaac was weaned**

3. The Lord gave Hagar a promise - 21:9-21

a. Hagar was sent away by Sarah - 21:9-11

**Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian
Sarah noticed that he was mocking
Sarah became very angry when she saw this
Sarah told Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son
Sarah said that the son of the bondwoman would not be heir with her son
Sarah said that he would not share the inheritance with Isaac
The demand of Sarah was very displeasing to Abraham
Abraham was upset because Ishmael was also his son**

b. Hagar had a son who would become a nation - 21:12-13

**God then spoke to Abraham about Ishmael
God told Abraham not to be displeased about his son
God told Abraham not to be displeased about his bondwoman
God told Abraham to do as Sarah had said
God said that through Isaac his descendants would be named
God said that He would also make a nation from Ishmael
God said He would do that because Ishmael was his child**

c. Hagar thought her son was going to die - 21:14-16

**Abraham was obedient to God and carried out the wish of Sarah
Abraham gave bread and a skin of water to Hagar
Abraham put the skin on her shoulder
Abraham then sent Hagar and Ishmael away
Hagar left and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba
Hagar saw that the water was all gone in the skin
Hagar then placed Ishmael under one of the shrubs
Hagar went and sat down About the distance an arrow can be shot
Hagar did this because she did not want to see her son die
Hagar then began to cry in sorrow**

d. Hagar was given a promise by God - 21:17-18

**God heard the sound of her son crying (probably from thirst)
Then the angel of God called to Hagar from the heavens
The angel of God asked Hagar what was upsetting her
The angel said not to fear because God had heard her son**

e. Hagar had her eyes opened by God - 21:19-21

**The angel of God told Hagar to lift up her son
The angel of God said he would make a great nation of Ishmael
God opened the eyes of Hagar and she saw a well of water
Hagar filled the skin with water and gave some to Ishmael
God was with Ishmael and he grew and became an archer
Hagar and Ishmael lived in the Wilderness of Paran
Hagar took a wife for Ishmael from the land of Egypt**

4. The Lord brought peace between Abraham and Abimelech - 21:22-34

a. Abraham heard Abimelech recognize that God was with him - 21:22-24

Abimelech brought Phichol with him to meet Abraham
Phichol was the commander of the army of Abimelech
Abimelech had seen that God was with Abraham in all he did
People see how God works in our lives by our example - Phil. 3:7
Abimelech asked Abraham to make a covenant with him
This covenant was not to deal falsely with Abimelech or his offspring
Abimelech wanted the same kind of kindness he had shown to Abraham
Abimelech had allowed Abraham to live in his land
Abimelech said Abraham could live where he chose - Gen. 20:15
Abimelech heard that Abraham would make that covenant

b. Abraham made a covenant with Abimelech - 21:25-32

Abraham used that time to speak about a well that had been seized
This well had been seized by the servants of Abimelech
The well have been dug by the servants of Abraham
Abimelech said that he had not heard before about that well
Abimelech said that day was the first time he had heard
Abraham gave sheep and oxen to Abimelech
Abraham and Abimelech made a covenant together
Abraham set seven ewe lambs by themselves
Abraham was asked what those seven ewe lambs meant
Abraham said Abimelech was to take the seven ewe lambs
Abraham said they were a sign he had dug that well
Abraham called the name of that place Beersheba
Beersheba means “well of the seven” or “well of the oath”
Abraham and Abimelech then made the covenant at Beersheba
Abimelech and Phichol then returned to the land of the Philistines

c. Abraham lived in Beersheba for a long time - 21:33-34

Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba
Abraham called on the Lord at Beersheba
Abraham called the Lord, “The Everlasting God”
Abraham sojourned for a long time in the land of the Philistines

J. Abraham is told to offer Isaac as a sacrifice - 22:1-24

1. the Lord told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac - 22:1-2

**God tested Abraham sometime later
God called to Abraham and he answered
God told him to take his only son Isaac and go to the land of Moriah
God told Abraham He knew Abraham loved his son
God told him to offer his son as a burnt offering
God said He would show him on what mountain to offer him**

2. The Lord saw the obedience of Abraham - 22:3-10

a. Isaac and Abraham traveled three days - 22:3-5

**Abraham got up early the next morning and saddled his donkey
Abraham took two of his young men with him
Abraham also took Isaac his son
Abraham split the wood for a burnt offering
Abraham then went to the place God had told him
Abraham and the others traveled together
Abraham saw the place on the third day
Abraham told the young men to stay with the donkey
Abraham said that he and Isaac would go to worship
Abraham said that they would come back**

b. Isaac was told that God would provide - 22:6-8

**Abraham took the wood and gave it to Isaac to carry
Abraham took the fire and the knife to carry
Isaac said that they had the fire and the wood
Isaac asked where the sacrifice was
Abraham said God would provide for Himself the sacrifice
The two then walked together to the place**

c. Isaac was placed on the altar - 22:9-10

**Abraham built an altar and placed the wood on it
Abraham bound Isaac and placed him on top of the wood
Abraham took the knife to kill His son**

3. The Lord provided a sacrifice - 22:11-14

**The Angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven
Abraham! Abraham! And he said "Here I am"**

Abraham knew God could raise Isaac from the dead - Heb. 11:17-19

The Lord told him not to lay his hand on his son

The Lord told him not to do anything to his son

The Lord said that now the Lord knew Abraham feared God

The Lord said he had not kept back his only son from God

The Lord told Abraham to look behind him

The Lord showed him a ram caught by his horns

The Lord used this event to teach about a substitute sacrifice - Is. 53:6

Abraham offered the ram as a sacrifice instead of his son

Abraham named the place "The Lord will provide"

It was said, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided"

The place of the Jewish temple was Mt. Moriah - II Chron. 3:1

Christ later died in Jerusalem as the sacrifice for our sins - II Cor. 5:21

4. The Lord reminded Abraham of the covenant - 22:15-19

The Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time

The Lord said He was now swearing by Himself

The Lord said Abraham did not withhold his son

The Lord said He would bless and multiply his descendants

The Lord said his descendants would be like the stars or the sand

The Lord said his descendants would possess the gate of their enemies

The Lord said in his seed all of the nations of the earth would be blessed

God originally told him this when he originally called him - Gen. 12:1-3

The Lord said this was because Abraham had been obedient

Abraham and Isaac returned to the young men

The all returned together to Beersheba

Abraham lived in Beersheba

5. The Lord let Abraham learn about his family - 22:20-24

Abraham learned that the Lord had given his brother children

The Lord had given Nahor eight sons by Milcah

One of those sons, Bethuel, was the father of Rebekah

The Lord had also given Nahor four sons by Reumah

K. Abraham buried his wife Sarah - 23:1-20

1. The death of Sarah happened in Hebron - 23:1-2

Sarah lived to the age of 127 years old
She is the only woman in the Bible whose age is mentioned
Sarah died in Kirjath Arba (also called Hebron)
This was located in the mountains west of the Dead Sea
Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and weep for her

2. The death of Sarah caused Abraham to buy a burial ground - 23:3-16

a. Abraham talked to the children of Heth about a burial site - 23:3-7

Abraham got up from his weeping for Sarah
Abraham then went to talk to the sons of Heth
Abraham told them that he was a foreigner in their land
This was the only land he would have during his lifetime
Abraham said that he was sojourning among them
Abraham asked to be able to purchase a place to bury Sarah
Later Abraham would be buried in this same cave - Gen. 25:9-10
Isaac and Rebekah were also buried there - Gen. 49:31
Jacob was also buried in this same cave - Gen. 50:13
Abraham was answered by the sons of Heth
Abraham was told that they viewed him as a mighty prince
Abraham was told that he could choose the choicest of their graves
Abraham was told that none would refuse their grave for burying Sarah
Abraham stood up and bowed himself to the sons of Heth

b. Abraham asked to purchase the cave of Machpelah - 23:8-9

Abraham told them what place he would like for a burial place
Abraham asked them if they would meet with Ephron for him
Ephron was the son of Zohar
Abraham wanted them to ask if he would sell him the Cave of Machpelah
Abraham said that cave was at the end of his field
Ephron also wanted to sell the field with it - Gen. 23:11
Abraham said he would pay the full price for the cave
Abraham said that he just wanted it as a burial site

c. Abraham had Ephron try to bargain with him - 23:10-13

Ephron lived among the sons of Heth
Ephron was a Hittite but he lived among the sons of Heth
Ephron answered Abraham with the sons of Heth as witnesses
This discussion happened at the gate of the city
Ephron said he would sell Abraham both the cave and the field
Ephron said these witnesses heard he would sell it
Ephron told Abraham to go ahead and bury Sarah
Abraham then bowed down to the witnesses
Abraham told Ephron he would pay for the field also
Abraham said he would pay and then bury Sarah

d. Abraham purchased the cave of Machpelah - 23:14-16

Ephron then answered Abraham
Ephron said that the land was worth 400 shekels of silver
Ephron asked what was that between them
Ephron told him to go ahead and bury Sarah
Abraham listened to the words of Ephron
Abraham then weighed out the amount Ephron requested
Abraham made certain there would be no questions later
Abraham did that in the presence of the witnesses there

3. The death of Sarah resulted in her burial in the cave of Machpelah 23:17-20

An official deed was then given to Abraham
The field was mentioned in the deed
The cave was mentioned in the deed
Even the trees in the field were mentioned in the deed
Everything within the boundaries was deeded
Abraham had witnesses that the land had been sold to him
These witnesses were there at the gate of the city
After the deed was witnessed, Abraham buried Sarah
The witnesses meant nothing could be changed
He buried her in the cave of Machpelah
This was in Hebron in the land of Canaan
The field and cave were deeded to Abraham
This became the burial place for Abraham

L. Abraham got a wife for Isaac - 24:1-67

1. The servant was asked to get a wife for Isaac - 24:1-9

a. Abraham asked the servant to get a wife from his family - 24:1-4

**Abraham was old and advanced in age
Abraham had been blessed by the Lord in all things
Abraham gave instructions to the oldest servant in his house
This was the servant who was responsible for managing everything
Abraham asked him to promise by the God of heaven and earth
Abraham said the servant was not to get a wife from the Canaanites
Abraham said the servant was to go to Haran
Abraham said he was to go to his relatives there
Abraham said he was to get a wife for Isaac from there**

b. Abraham answered the questions of the servant - 24:5-6

**The servant said what if the woman would not be willing to go with him
The servant asked if he needed to take Isaac to that land
Abraham told the servant was not to take Isaac there**

c. Abraham said the Lord would lead the servant - 24:7-9

**Abraham said that the servant needed to trust the Lord
Abraham said the Lord would send His angel before him
Abraham said if the woman would not follow he was free of his oath
Abraham told the servant to be sure he did not take Isaac back
Abraham saw the servant make that promise to him**

2. The servant prayed for guidance - 24:10-14

**The servant then went to the city where Nahor's family lived
The servant got there in the early evening
The servant had the camels kneel down by the well
The servant then prayed to the Lord for guidance
The servant said he was by the well where the women got water
The servant told the Lord what he would say
The servant said to let the one who watered his camels be the one
The servant said that was how he would know the Lord was leading**

3. The servant had his prayer answered- 24:15-33

a. Rebekah came to the well - 24:15-16

The Lord answered before the servant finished praying
The Lord hears our prayers as we pray for His will - I John 5:14-15
The Lord sent Rebekah to the well at that moment
In this case the Lord answered the prayer immediately
Rebekah was the son of Bethuel, the son of Nahor
Rebekah had her pitcher on her shoulder
Rebekah was a very beautiful young woman
Rebekah was also a virgin who had not known a man
Rebekah went down to the well to get water
Rebekah filled her pitcher and came up from the well

b. Rebekah gave water to the camels of the servant - 24:17-20

The servant ran to meet the young woman that was coming
The servant asked for a little water from her pitcher
Rebekah told the servant to have a drink
Rebekah quickly took down her pitcher and let the servant drink
Rebekah then offered to water the camels of the servant
This was exactly what the servant had prayed - Gen. 25:14
Rebekah said she would keep drawing water until the camel finished
Rebekah quickly emptied her pitcher in the water trough
Rebekah kept going back to the well to get more water
Rebekah drew enough water for all of the camels

c. Rebekah was given jewelry by the servant - 24:21-22

The servant remained silent all the time she was drawing water
The servant was watching to see if the Lord had made his trip prosperous
The servant trusted the Lord to work in answer to his prayer - Gen. 24:13
The servant watched until the camels finished drinking
Ten camels can drink a lot of water so this took time
The servant then took a golden nose ring weighing half a shekel
The servant gave this ring to Rebekah
The servant also took two bracelets weighing ten shekels of gold
The servant gave these bracelets to Rebekah

d. Rebekah told the servant about her family - 24:23-25

The servant asked, “Whose daughter are you?”
The servant also asked if there was room in their house for them to stay
Rebekah said that she was the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Nahor
That meant her father was a cousin of Isaac and she was related to Isaac
Rebekah said that they had straw and feed for the camels
Rebekah said that they had room for them to stay in their house

e. Rebekah told her family about the servant - 24:26-28

The servant then bowed down his head
The servant worshiped God
The servant really understood what it meant to worship God - Gen. 24:52
The servant said, “Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham”
The servant said that God had not forsaken His mercy
The servant said that God had shown His truth toward his master
The servant said that as he was in the way the Lord led him
The servant said the Lord had brought him to the family of Abraham
Rebekah ran and told her mother’s family these things
This may indicate their family was matriarchal

f. Rebekah had a brother who got the servant - 24:29-31

Rebekah had a brother named Laban
Laban saw the gold ring and gold bracelets
Laban heard the words of Rebekah
Laban went to get the servant and those with him
Laban found the servant by the well
Laban told him he was blessed by the Lord
Laban said he had prepared the house and place for the camels

g. Rebekah and her family made the servant comfortable - 24:32-33

Laban brought the servant into the house
Laban helped the servant care for the camels first
Laban washed the feet of the servant and those with him
The servant said he had to tell them why he came before he ate
The servant was told to go ahead and speak

4. The servant told why he had come - 24:34-49

a. The Lord had blessed Abraham greatly - 24:34-36

**The servant said that he was the servant of Abraham
The servant said the Lord had blessed his master greatly
The Lord had given Abraham flocks, herds, silver and gold
The Lord had given Abraham servants, camels and donkeys
The Lord had given Sarah a son in their old age to whom all was given**

b. The Lord had led the servant as he came - 24:37-41

**Abraham made him swear not to take a wife for Isaac from Canaan
Abraham had told him to go to the household of his father
Abraham had told him to get Isaac a wife from that household
The servant had asked what to do if the woman would not come
Abraham had told the servant the Lord would go before him
Abraham said to take a wife for Isaac from his father's household
Abraham said the he would be free of the oath if the family rejected**

c. The Lord had heard his prayer - 24:42-44

**The servant told what he had prayed that day at the well
He said that he prayed that when the virgin came to draw water
He said he prayed that the virgin he asked for water to drink
He said he prayed she would offer to water his camels also
He said he prayed let that be the woman for my master's son
He said before he finished praying Rebekah arrived at the well**

d. The Lord had answered his prayer - 24:45-47

**He said he asked for a drink and she offered to also water his camels
He said that both he and the camels were given water
He said he then asked her about her family
He said the Lord had even led him to the right family**

e. The Lord had been worshipped by the servant - 24:48-49

**The servant then worshiped the Lord who had led him to them
The servant then asked if they would give their daughter to Isaac**

5. The servant learned that God had provided a wife - 24:50-60

a. Rebekah heard the response of her brother and father - 24:50-51

**Laban and Bethuel said this thing had to be from the Lord
They said they could not speak either evil or good
They said that he could take Rebekah to his land
They said that Rebekah could become the wife of Isaac**

b. Rebekah saw the worship of the servant - 24:52

**The servant heard the words of Laban and Bethuel
The servant bowed himself to the ground and worshiped the Lord
The servant had really learned to worship the Lord**

c. Rebekah and her family were given riches - 24:53

**The servant brought out jewelry of silver and gold for Rebekah
The servant also gave clothing to Rebekah
The servant then gave precious things to her mother and brother**

d. Rebekah was asked to leave immediately - 24:54-56

**The servant and men with him ate, drank and stayed all night
In the morning the servant said, "Send me away to my master"
The brother and mother said let her stay at least ten days
The servant said not to hinder him from returning to his master
The servant said to send him away so that he could go to his master**

e. Rebekah agreed to leave immediately - 24:57-60

**The family said they would ask Rebekah if she wanted to go
Rebekah was asked if she was willing to go with this man
Rebekah said that she would go
Then they sent away Rebekah with her nurse
Rebekah and her nurse went with the servant and his men
The family blessed Rebekah as she left to go marry Isaac
They asked that she would become a mother of ten thousands
They asked that her descendants would have victory over any enemies**

6. The servant presented a bride to Isaac - 24:61-67

a. Isaac was waiting for his bride - 24:61-63

Rebekah and her maids rode on the camels as they followed the servant
The servant took Rebekah and departed for the house of Abraham
Isaac came from Beer Lahai Roi (a well of the Living One who sees me)
Isaac lived in the south of Canaan at this time
Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening
Isaac looked and saw the camels coming

b. Isaac had a bride who was looking for him - 24:64-65

Rebekah was watching as she came
Rebekah dismounted from her camel to ask the servant a question
Rebekah asked who the man was that was walking to meet them
Rebekah learned that it was Isaac, her future husband
Rebekah then took a veil and covered herself

c. Isaac heard how God has worked - 24:66

The servant told Isaac all that he had done while he was away

d. Isaac took Rebekah as his wife - 24:67

Isaac took Rebekah to the tent of his mother
Rebekah became his wife and he loved her
Isaac was comforted after the death of his mother

M. Abraham lived the final years of his life - 25:1-18

The Lord gave Abraham more family - 25:1-4

Abraham took another wife named Keturah
Keturah had Jokshan and five other sons
Jokshan had sons whom he named Sheba and Dedan
Dedan had three sons
Midian also had five sons
These were all part of the family of Keturah

2. The Lord had said the covenant would be fulfilled in Isaac - 25:5-6

**Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac
Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines
Abraham sent them to the east while he was still living
Abraham sent them so they would be away from Isaac
Abraham wanted to prevent conflict between these sons and Isaac**

3. The Lord gave Abraham a long, full life - 25:7-10

**The Lord gave a summary of the life of Abraham
Abraham lived a total of 175 years
Abraham then breathed his last
Abraham died in a good old age, and full of years
Abraham was gathered to his people
Isaac and Ishmael buried Abraham in the cave of Machpelah
This was at the end of the field Abraham bought from Ephron
This land was purchased in the area under the sons of Heth
Abraham was buried there with Sarah, his wife**

4. The Lord also blessed Isaac - 25:11

**God blessed Isaac after the death of his father
At that time Isaac lived in Beer Lahai Roi**

5. The Lord recorded the family of Ishmael - 25:12-18

**This is the genealogy of Ishmael, Abraham's son by Hagar
Hagar was an Egyptian and the maidservant of Sarah
Ishmael was the father of twelve sons
The firstborn of Ishmael was Nebajoth
The remaining eleven names are also given
These became the names of their towns and settlements
The twelve sons of Ishmael became known as princes
Ishmael lived to the age of 137 years
Ishmael breathed his last, died and was gathered to his people
The sons of Ishmael lived from Havilah east of Egypt
This other end of this area was toward the land of Assyria
Ishmael died in the presence of all his family**

VII. God taught us about the family of Jacob - 25:19-36:43

A. Jacob grew up in the family of Isaac - 25:19-26:35

1. Isaac and Rebekah had twins - 25:19-26

a. The Lord heard the prayer of Isaac for his wife - 25:19-21

**Isaac was the one who begot Isaac
Isaac was 40 years old when he took Rebekah as his wife
Rebekah was the daughter of Bethuel
Rebekah was the sister of Laban, the Syrian
Rebekah was barren and did not get pregnant
Isaac then pleaded with the Lord to make her pregnant
The Lord granted the request of Isaac
They had been married 19 years by the time of this request
Rebekah, his wife, became pregnant**

b. The Lord told them they would have twins - 25:22-23

**Rebekah felt a struggle going on within her
Rebekah asked if everything was ok since she felt this struggle
Rebekah had learned from Isaac to ask the Lord
The Lord told Rebekah that two nations were in her womb
The Lord told her that two different people were within her
The Lord told her one people would be stronger than the other
The Lord told her that the older would serve the younger**

c. The Lord blessed them with the birth of twins - 25:24-26

**When the time came for birth she knew that she had twins
The first twin came out red
The first twin was covered all over with hair
The first twin was named Esau because of his color
Afterward the second twin came out
The second twin was holding on to the heel of his brother
He was given the name of Jacob
Jacob means heel catcher, trickster or supplanter
Isaac was 60 years old when the twins were born**

2. Isaac and Rebekah played favorites - 25:27-34

a. Esau was the son Isaac loved - 25:27-28

**Esau and Jacob both grew up
Esau became a skillful hunter
Esau was a man of the field
Jacob was a peaceful or quiet man
Jacob spent much of his time in the tents
Isaac loved Esau because he loved his game
Rebekah loved Jacob**

b. Esau wanted his needs met immediately - 25:29-30

**One day Jacob had cooked a stew
Esau came in from the field to the tent
Esau was tired when he came into the tent
Esau then made a request of Jacob
Esau asked Jacob for some of the red stew he had cooked
Esau said that he was tired (faint)
Because of his desire for the red stew he was called Edom (red)**

c. Esau agreed to sell his birthright - 25:31-34

**Jacob asked Esau to sell him his birthright for the stew
Esau said he was so tired he was about to die
Esau said that if he died the birthright would be worth nothing
Jacob asked Esau to swear he would get the birthright
The birthright was the right of the firstborn - Gen. 43:33
The birthright included the spiritual leadership - Heb. 12:16
The birthright also included a double inheritance - Deut. 21:17
Esau made a covenant that Jacob would get the birthright
Esau had just sold his birthright to Jacob
Jacob then gave Esau bread and the stew of lentils
Esau ate, drank, got up and went his way
Esau showed he despised his birthright
He was a godless person and did not want spiritual leadership - Heb. 12:16
He was a greedy person and still wanted the double inheritance - Heb. 12:17
Esau tried to blame Jacob for taking away his birthright - Gen. 27:36**

3. Isaac had the covenant confirmed - 26:1-5

a. There was a famine in the land - 26:1

**There was a famine in the land besides the first famine - Gen. 13:10
Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines who lived in Gerar**

b. God told Isaac not to go down to Egypt - 26:2

**The Lord appeared to Isaac in Gerar
The Lord told Isaac not to go down to the land of Egypt
The Lord told Isaac to stay in the land which God would tell him**

c. God told Isaac to stay in the land - 26:3-5

**God told him to sojourn in the land where he was
God said that He would be with Isaac and bless him
God said He would give the land to the descendants of Isaac
God said He would carry out the promise made to Abraham
God said He would multiply his descendants like the stars
God said his descendants would have all these lands
God said his seed would bring blessing to all nations
God said this would happen because Abraham obeyed him
God said Abraham kept His commandments, His Statutes and His laws**

4. Isaac lived in the land of Gerar - 26:6-22

a. In Gerar Isaac put his wife in danger - 26:6-9

**Isaac stayed in Gerar as God had said
Isaac was questioned about his wife by the men of Gerar
Isaac said she was his sister because of his fear
Isaac was afraid they would kill him to take his wife
Isaac knew that she was a very beautiful woman
Isaac stayed in Gerar for a long time
One day the king saw Isaac caressing Rebekah
The king called Isaac and said she was obviously his wife
The king asked why he had lied and said she was his sister
Isaac admitted that it was due to his fear that he would be killed**

b. In Gerar Abimelech warned his people - 26:10-11

**Abimelech gave a rebuke to Isaac
Abimelech said one of the men might have had sex with her
Abimelech that would have brought guilt on his people
Abimelech warned all of his people not to touch Rebekah
Abimelech said anyone who touched Rebekah would be put to death**

c. In Gerar Isaac gained much increase - 26:12-16

**Isaac sowed crops in that land
Isaac had a crop that produced 100 times as much as he sowed
The Lord blessed Isaac while he was in Gerar
Isaac prospered while he was in Gerar
Isaac became very prosperous in fact
Isaac had possessions of flocks and herds
Isaac had a great number of servants
The Philistines envied Isaac as he became more prosperous
The Philistines had stopped the wells that Abraham had dug
The Philistines had filled those wells with dirt
Abimelech finally asked Isaac to leave
Abimelech said Isaac had become mightier than them**

d. In the Valley of Gerar Isaac dug several wells - 26:17-22

**Isaac left the city and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar
Isaac dug again the wells that his father had dug
The Philistines had filled those wells after Abraham died
Isaac called the wells the same names as his father called them
Isaac's servants dug a well in the valley that had running water
The herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with the herdsmen of Isaac
The herdsmen of Gerar said the water belonged to them
Isaac called the well Esek (contention) because they quarreled
Isaac then dug another well
The herdsmen of Gerar quarreled over that well as well
Isaac then called that well Sitnah (enmity)
Isaac dug a third well and they did not quarrel over it
Isaac called that well Rehoboth (plenty of room)
Isaac said the Lord had made room for them to be fruitful**

5. Isaac has the Lord appear to him at Beersheba - 26:23-25

**Isaac then went to Beersheba
The Lord appeared to Isaac in Beersheba
The Lord said He was the God of Isaac's father
The Lord told Isaac not to fear for He was with him
The Lord said He would bless Isaac and multiply his descendants
The Lord said He would do this for the sake of Abraham
Isaac built an altar there and called on the Lord
Isaac pitched his tent in that place
Isaac's servants also dug a well**

6. Isaac made a covenant with Abimelech - 26:26-33

**Abimelech came from Gerar to visit Isaac
Abimelech brought Ahuzzath and Phichol with him
Isaac asked them why they had come since they hated him
Isaac said they had sent him away because of that hatred
They said they had seen that the Lord was with Isaac
These men wanted to make a covenant with Isaac
They wanted Isaac to promise that he would not harm them
They said they had done nothing but good to Isaac
We see they had a very different opinion than Isaac (see above)
They said they had sent Isaac away in peace
They said Isaac was now the blessed of the Lord
Isaac made these men a feast and ate and drank
These men got up the next morning and made a covenant
Isaac sent them away and they departed in peace
The same day the servants of Isaac came to him
They told him that in the well they dug they found water
Isaac called the well Shebah (Oath)
The city was called Beersheba**

7. Isaac experienced grief because of Esau - 26:34-35

**Esau was forty years old when he took two wives
Judith was the daughter of Berri the Hittite
Basemath was the daughter of Elon the Hittite
These wives were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah**

B. Jacob stole the blessing and was forced to flee - 27:1-28:22

1. A choice was made by Jacob to steal the blessing - 27:1-17

a. Rebekah heard the plan to bless Esau - 27:1-5

1) Isaac wanted to give Esau the blessing - 27:1-4

**Isaac has his eyes become dim so he could not see as he got old
Isaac called Esau to come to him
Isaac heard Esau say that he was there
Isaac said that he was old
Isaac said that he did not know the day of his death
Isaac told Esau to take his quiver of arrows and bow
Isaac told Esau to go out in the field and hunt game for him
Isaac told Esau to make savory food like he loved
Isaac said that he wanted to eat some of that savory food
Isaac said that then he would bless Esau**

2) Rebekah wanted the blessing to go to Jacob - 27:5

**Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to Esau
Esau went to the field to hunt game and bring it**

b. Rebekah encouraged Jacob to try to deceive his father - 27:6-10

**Rebekah then spoke to Jacob about what she had heard
Rebekah told Jacob what Isaac had said to Esau
Rebekah said Esau was told to bring game and make savory food
Rebekah said Isaac wanted to eat the food and then bless Esau
Rebekah said Isaac wanted to do this before the time of his death
Rebekah then told Jacob to obey her command
Here we see that Rebekah wanted to deceive her husband
Rebekah told Jacob to go to the flock and get two choice kids of the goats
Rebekah said that she would make savory food like Isaac loved
Rebekah said that then Jacob was to take the food to his father
Rebekah said that then Isaac could eat the food
Rebekah said that then Isaac could give the blessing to Jacob
Rebekah wanted her favorite son to get the blessing**

c. Rebekah suggested ways to deceive Isaac - 27:11-17

1) Jacob gave reasons why such deception might fail - 27:11-13

**Jacob then began to answer his mother
Jacob said that Esau was a hairy man
Jacob said that he had smooth skin
Jacob said his father might want to feel his arms
Jacob said his father would know that he was a deceiver
Jacob said he might bring a curse on himself instead of a blessing
Rebekah then gave Jacob an answer
Rebekah said that the curse would be on her
Rebekah was determined to see Jacob get the blessing
Rebekah just told Jacob to obey and go and get the young goats**

2) Jacob then obeyed Rebekah - 27:14-17

**Jacob went and brought the young goats to his mother
Rebekah then made a savory stew like Isaac loved
Rebekah had some of the clothes of Esau in her place
Rebekah put the clothes of Esau on Jacob
Rebekah put the skins of the goats on the arms and neck of Jacob
Rebekah then gave the savory food and bread to Jacob
Rebekah planned for each thing Isaac might say**

2. A choice was made by Jacob to deceive his father - 27:18-29

a. Jacob brought the food to his father - 27:18-20

**Jacob went to his father and spoke to him
Jacob was asked who he was
Jacob said that he was Esau, the firstborn
Here we see that Jacob now told his father a lie
Jacob said that he had done just as his father said
Jacob asked his father to get up and eat the game
Jacob said that then his father could bless him
Isaac then began to question Jacob
Isaac asked how he had found the game so quickly
Jacob said that God had brought it to him**

c. Esau learned about the blessing Jacob has received - 27:35-37

**Isaac told Esau that Jacob had come with deceit
Isaac said that his brother had taken away his blessing
Esau said that Jacob (to take by the heel) had been named properly
Esau said that Jacob had taken away the birthright - Gen. 25:31-33
Esau said he had now taken away the blessing
Esau asked if his father had reserved a blessing for him
Isaac said that he had made Jacob his master
Isaac said that he had given all of his brethren to him as servants
Isaac said that he had sustained him with grain and wine
Isaac asked what he could now do for Esau**

d. Esau asked if there was still a blessing for him - 27:38-40

**Esau asked if his father only had one blessing
Esau asked if his father could also bless him
Isaac said that his dwelling would be away the fatness of the earth
Isaac said that he would depend on the dew from heaven
Isaac said that Esau would live by his sword
Isaac said that Esau would serve his brother
Isaac said that he would finally break off the yoke from his neck**

e. Esau planned to kill Jacob because of the blessing - 27:41-46

**Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing that Isaac had given him
Esau decided that the time for the death of his father was coming
Esau decided that afterward he would kill his brother
Rebekah heard what Esau was planning to do to his brother
Rebekah called for Jacob so that she could tell him what to do
Rebekah told Jacob that Esau was planning to kill Jacob
Rebekah told Jacob to flee to her brother Laban
Rebekah told him to stay there until the anger of his brother went away
Rebekah said to stay there until his brother forgot what Jacob had done
Rebekah said that she would then send for Jacob to bring him home
Rebekah asked why should she lose both of her sons in one day
Rebekah gave Isaac a different reason to send Jacob away
Rebekah told Isaac that she was tired of the daughters of Heth
Rebekah said that she did not want Jacob to marry any of them**

b. Jacob was able to deceive his father - 27:21-25

Isaac told Jacob to come close to him
Isaac said he wanted to feel him to make certain he was Esau
Jacob then went close to his father Isaac
Isaac then felt his arms and felt the skins
Isaac said the voice sounded like Jacob
Isaac said the hands felt like the hands of Esau
Isaac did not recognize Jacob since the hands felt like Esau
Isaac asked, "Are you really Esau?" Jacob replied, "I am."
Isaac then asked him to bring the food close to him
Jacob brought him food and wine and he ate and drank

c. Jacob was blessed by his father - 27:26-29

Isaac said, "Come near and kiss me my son."
Jacob came near and kissed his father
Isaac smelled the smell of his clothing and blessed him
The smell of my son is like the smell of the field
God give you the dew of heaven and the fatness of the earth
God give you plenty of grain and wine
Let peoples serve you and nations bow down to you
Let you mother's sons bow down to you
Cursed on those who curse you and blessed are those who bless you

3. A choice brought division between Jacob and Esau - 27:30-46

a. Esau came to receive the blessing - 27:30-31

Isaac had finished blessing Jacob and he had just left
Esau then came in from his hunting
Esau made savory food and brought it to his father
Esau asked his father to arise, eat his game and bless him

b. Esau learned that Jacob has stolen the blessing - 27:32-34

Isaac asked Esau who he was and learned it was Esau
Isaac trembled and said his brother had come and he had blessed him
Esau asked his father to bless him also

4. A choice made it necessary for Jacob to leave home - 28:1-9

a. Isaac sent Jacob to Paddan-Aram - 28:1-5

Isaac then called Jacob and blessed him
Isaac told Jacob not to take a wife from the daughters of Canaan
Isaac told Jacob to go to Padan Aram to the house of Bethuel
Isaac told Jacob to take a wife of the daughters of Laban
Isaac asked that the Lord bless Jacob
Isaac asked the Lord to make Jacob fruitful and multiply him
Isaac desired for Jacob to become a company of peoples
Isaac asked that God would give him the blessing of Abraham
This is the blessing that God gave to Abraham - Gen. 12:1-3
Isaac said that then Jacob would inherit the land
Isaac said that God had given the land of Canaan to Abraham
Isaac sent Jacob away to go to Padan Aram
Isaac sent Jacob to get a wife from the daughters of Laban

b. Isaac had Esau try to please him - 28:6-9

Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to get a wife
Esau saw that he told Jacob not to take a wife of the daughters of Canaan
Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father
The first two wives of Esau were both Canaanites - Gen. 26:34
Esau decided to get another wife that was a daughter of Ishmael
Esau knew that would be a descendant of Abraham instead of Canaan
Esau then married Mahalath, the daughter of Ishmael

5. A choice resulted in Jacob meeting God - 28:10-22

a. Jacob traveled toward Haran - 28:10-11

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward the city of Haran
Jacob came to a certain place after sunset
The next day Jacob called the name of that place Bethel - Gen. 28:19
This place was called Luz until Jacob gave it a new name - Gen. 35:6-7
Jacob decided to stay at that place all night
Jacob took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head
Jacob then lay down in that place to sleep

b. Jacob dreamed a dream - 28:12

**Jacob dreamed a dream as he was sleeping
Jacob dreamed he saw a ladder set up on the earth
Jacob dreamed the top of the ladder was in heaven
Jacob dreamed the angels of God were going up and down the ladder**

c. Jacob had the covenant passed to him - 28:13-15

**The Lord spoke to Jacob from the top of the ladder
The Lord said He was the God of Abraham and Isaac
The Lord told Jacob He would give the land he was laying on to him
The Lord told Jacob his descendants would be like the dust of the earth
The Lord said they would spread to the west, the east the north and the south
The Lord said all of the families of the earth would be blessed from his seed
The Lord told Jacob He was with him and would keep him
The Lord told him He would bring him back to that land
The Lord said He would not leave Jacob until He did all He said**

d. Jacob realized that God had spoken to him - 28:16-17

**Jacob awoke from his sleep
Jacob said that the Lord was certainly in this place
Jacob said he did not realize that the Lord was there
Jacob became fearful and said, "How awesome is this place"
Jacob said that place was the house of God and the gate of heaven**

e. Jacob called the place Bethel - 28:18-19

**Jacob got up early, set up a stone at his head and poured oil on it
Jacob called the name of the place Bethel (house of God)**

f. Jacob vowed a vow to God - 28:20-22

**Jacob made a conditional vow
*If God is with me, if God keeps me in the way I am going, if he gives me bread
to eat and clothing to put on so that I come back to my father's house,
then the Lord shall be my God*
Jacob said that then he would surely give a tenth to God**

C. Jacob developed a family in Haran - 29:1-30:43

1. In Haran Jacob met the family of Laban - 29:1-14

a. Rachel was pointed out to Jacob - 29:1-8

**Jacob traveled on his way and came to the people of the east
Jacob saw a well in a field with three flocks of sheep lying by it
Jacob saw that there was a large stone on the mouth of the well
Jacob learned that when all the flocks were gathered the stone was moved
Jacob learned that after the flocks were watered, they put the stone back
Jacob learned that the people at the well were from the city of Haran
Jacob learned that they were also acquainted with Laban
Jacob was told that his daughter, Rachel, was just coming with the sheep
Jacob said they should water the sheep and then go and feed them
Jacob learned that could not be done until all the flock were there
They had to roll away the stone before they could water the sheep**

b. Rachel had her flock watered by Jacob - 29:9-10

**Rachel came with her father's sheep because she was a shepherdess
Jacob went and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well
Jacob then watered the sheep of Laban**

c. Rachel learned that Jacob was related - 29:11-12

**Jacob kissed Rachel and then cried
Jacob told Rachel that he was the son of Rebekah
Rachel then ran and told her father**

d. Rachel sees Jacob welcomed by her father - 29:13-14

**Laban heard the report that Jacob was the son of Rebekah
Laban ran to meet Jacob, embraced him and kissed him
Laban had not forgotten the wealth of the family of Isaac - Gen. 24:53
Laban then took him to his house where they talked together
Laban said that Jacob was certainly his bone and flesh
Laban later thought Jacob took away his wealth - Gen. 31:1-2
Jacob then stayed with Laban for a month**

2. In Haran Jacob got two wives - 29:15-35

a. Jacob served seven years for Rachel - 29:15-20

1) Laban offered to pay Jacob wages for his work - 29:15-16

**Laban said that he did not expect Jacob to work for nothing
Laban asked Jacob what he would like for wages
Laban had two daughters, Leah the older and Rachel the younger**

2) Jacob said he would work seven years to get Rachel as his wife 29:17-20

**Leah have eyes that did not sparkle
Rachel was very beautiful (just like Rebekah had been)
Jacob loved Rachel and said that he would work for seven years
Jacob made it clear he loved his younger daughter
Laban said it was better to give her to Jacob than some other man
Jacob then worked seven years for Rachel
Those years seemed like just a few days because of his love for her**

b. Jacob was deceived by Laban - 29:21-26

1) Laban chose to deceive Jacob and gave him Leah instead - 29:21-24

**Jacob asked Laban for his wife at the end of the seven years
Jacob said he had fulfilled the work needed for her to become his wife
Laban gathered the men of the place together and had a wedding feast
Laban had the wedding at night and gave Jacob his daughter Leah
The bride wore a veil so her face was not seen the wedding night
Laban also gave Zilpah to Leah as a maid**

2) Laban said a younger daughter could not marry before an older - 29:25-26

**Jacob saw in the morning that he had actually married Leah
Jacob immediately asked Laban what he had done to him
Jacob said that he had worked seven years for Rachel
Jacob demanded to know why Laban deceived him
Jacob suddenly found out what it felt like to be deceived - Gen. 27:34-35
Laban said that would have violated the custom of his country
Laban said the younger could not marry before the older**

c. Jacob served seven more years for Rachel - 29:27-30

1) Laban gave Jacob the conditions in order to marry Rachel - 29:27

Laban said, "Fulfill her week and we will give you this one also"
Wedding feast lasted a week in that culture so Jacob had to honor Leah that week
Laban said that he could marry Rachel if he worked seven more years

2) Laban let Jacob marry Rachel but work the next seven years - 29:28-30

**Jacob fulfilled the week of celebration for Leah
Laban then gave Rachel to Jacob as a second wife
Laban gave Rachel Bilhah as her maid
Jacob then consummated his marriage with Rachel
Jacob loved Rachel more than he loved Leah
Jacob also had to work the second seven years for Rachel**

d. Jacob received children by Leah - 29:31-35

1) The Lord encouraged Leah even though she was unloved - 29:31

**The Lord saw that Leah was unloved
The Lord gave children to Leah
The Lord did not give children to Rachel**

2) The names Leah named her sons told how she felt - 29:32-35

**The first son of Leah was Reuben (See, a Son)
Leah felt that the Lord looked on her affliction and gave her Reuben
Leah felt that now her husband would love her
The second son of Leah was Simeon (hearing)
Leah felt the Lord showed her He knew she was unloved
Leah said that was why the Lord had given her this son also
The third son of Leah was Levi (attachment)
Leah felt that now Jacob would become attached to her
Leah felt this was true because she had given birth to 3 sons
The fourth son of Levi was Judah (praise)
Leah felt that she could now give praise to the Lord
Leah stopped having children for a period of time**

3. In Haran Jacob had his family increase - 30:1-24

a. Jacob had children by Bilhah - 30:1-8

1) Rachel used the same plan as Sarah to try to have children - 30:1-3

**Rachel could see that she had no children for Jacob
Rachel became jealous of her sister who was having children
Rachel said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die"
Jacob had his anger burn toward Rachel
We see that there was real conflict in the family of Jacob
Jacob asked Rachel, "Am I in the place of God who has withheld children?"**

2) Rachel saw Bilhah give birth to a son - 30:4-6

**Rachel then gave her maid Bilhah to Jacob
Rachel told him to have a sexual relationship with Bilhah
This is what Sarah had done with Hagar to get a son - Gen. 16:2-5
Rachel said Bilhah would bear a child on my knees
Rachel said this way she would have children by Bilhah
Bilhah conceived and gave Jacob a son
Rachel said, "God has judged my case"
Rachel said, "He has heard my voice and given me a son"
Rachel called the boy Dan (Judge)**

3) Rachel saw Bilhah give birth to a second son - 3:7-8

**Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son
Rachel said, "With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister."
Rachel called his name Naphtali (wrestling)**

b. Jacob had children by Zilpah - 30:9-13

**Leah then gave Zilpah to Jacob as a wife
Zilpah conceived and bore Jacob a son
Leah said, "a troop comes:" and called him Gad (how fortunate)
Zilpah then bore Jacob a second son
Leah said, I am happy for the daughters will call me blessed
Leah called his name Asher (happy)**

c. Jacob had more children by Leah - 30:14-21

1) Leah bargained with her sister Rachel - 30:14-16

**Reuben went out in the wheat field during the harvest
Reuben found some mandrakes while he was in the field
Reuben brought the mandrakes to his mother Leah
Rachel asked Leah for some of the mandrakes
Mandrakes were thought to cause fertility
Leah showed that she still did not feel loved by Jacob
Leah told Rachel that she had taken away her husband
Jacob's marriage to two sisters caused conflict to continue
Leah said that now Rachel wanted to take her son's mandrakes
Rachel said that Jacob would be with Leah that night for the mandrakes
Leah went out to meet Jacob when he came from the field
Leah told Jacob he had to spend the night with her
Leah made it clear she still did not feel loved
Leah said she had hired him with her son's mandrakes**

2) Leah saw God listen to her - 30:17-21

**God listened to Leah and caused her to conceive
Leah bore Jacob a fifth son as a result
Leah said that God had given her a son for her hire
Leah named this son Issachar (wages or reward)
Leah conceived and bore Jacob a sixth son
Leah said that God had endowed her with a good gift
Leah thought that now her husband would live with her
Leah named this son Zebulun (dwelling)
Leah later had a daughter that she named Dinah**

d. Jacob had a son by Rachel - 30:22-24

**God remembered Rachel
God listened to Rachel and opened her womb
Rachel gave birth to a son
Rachel said that God had taken away her reproach
Rachel called the name of her son Joseph (may the Lord add)
Rachel asked that the Lord would give her another son**

4. In Haran Jacob became wealthy - 30:25-43

a. Jacob was offered wages by Laban - 30:25-28

1) Jacob wanted to return to his own country - 30:25-26

Rachel gave birth to Joseph
Soon after this Jacob told Laban to send him away
Jacob wanted to go to his own place and his own country
Jacob told Laban it was time for him to give his wives and children
Jacob had served seven years for each wife (14 years)
Jacob said that Laban knew he had served well

2) Laban wanted Jacob to continue working for him - 30:27-28

Laban asked Jacob to please stay
Laban asked if it pleased him that he wanted Jacob to stay
Laban had only a small flock when Jacob first came - Gen. 29:9
Laban told Jacob that he had learn a very important lesson by experience
Laban realized that the Lord blessed him for the sake of Jacob
Laban asked Jacob to tell what he wanted as wages
Laban said he would give what Jacob requested

b. Jacob made a suggestion to Laban - 30:29-33

Laban knew how Jacob had served him
Laban knew that he had very little at the time that Jacob came
Laban knew that what he had now was a large increase
Laban knew that the Lord was the One who blessed him
That did not mean that he was ready to follow the Lord - Gen. 31:30
Jacob said it was now time for him to provide for his own family
Laban asked what he should give Jacob
Jacob said Laban did not need to give him anything
Jacob said if Laban would do one thing he would again feed his flocks
Jacob said he would remove those sheep and cattle that were:
speckled, spotted or brown from the sheep and goats
Jacob said those born in the future of abnormal color would be his
Jacob said his righteousness would answer for him in the future
Jacob said anything else could be considered stolen by him

c. Jacob had Laban accept his suggestion - 30:34-36

Laban promised it would be as Jacob had just spoken
Laban removed all the abnormal sheep and goats
Laban gave those to his sons to watch
Laban had his sons moved three days from Jacob
Laban showed that a deceiver will always fear being deceived
Jacob continued to feed the rest of the flocks of Laban
Jacob had made the decision to let the Lord show His will

d. Jacob tried to multiply through human effort - 30:37-42

Jacob took for himself rods of green poplar
Jacob took rods of almond and chestnut trees
Jacob peeled these rods so that they had white strips
Jacob exposed the white that was in the rods
Jacob put these rods in front of the flocks in the gutters
These were the watering troughs where the flocks came to drink
This caused the flocks to conceive (mate) when they came to drink
The word translated conceive means to be hot or to be in heat
The flocks conceived in front of the rods
The flocks conceived animals with abnormal colors
Jacob separated the lambs from the other flocks
Jacob kept his own flocks by themselves
Jacob did not put them in the flock of Laban
Jacob placed the rods whenever the stronger sheep conceived
This way the stronger sheep mated by the gutters
Jacob did not place the rods there when the feeble sheep were there
The weaker sheep born were those that belonged to Laban
Laban changed the wages of Jacob ten times in six years - Gen. 31:7
The stronger sheep that were born belonged to Jacob
This was the result of the fact that the Lord was in control

e. Jacob was blessed by God - 30:43

Jacob became extremely prosperous
Jacob had large flocks
Jacob had male and female servants
Jacob also had camels and donkeys

D. Jacob leaves Laban to return home- 31:1-55

1. This return was the plan of God - 31:1-13

a. Jacob saw that Laban was unhappy with him - 31:1-2

Jacob heard the words of the sons of Laban
They said Jacob had taken away the wealth of their father
They said Jacob had acquired all the wealth of their father
The Lord said that He had seen all Laban did to Jacob - Gen. 31:12
Jacob said the appearance of Laban showed he had the same attitude
Jacob could tell that Laban was no longer favorable to him
Laban had very little when Jacob had come - Gen. 29:9

b. Jacob was told by the Lord to return home - 31:3

The Lord spoke to Jacob and gave him instructions
The Lord told him to return to the land of his fathers
The Lord said that He would be with Jacob

c. Jacob told his wives why he was returning - 31:4-8

Jacob called Rachel and Leah out to the field to the flock
This way the father and brothers could not overhear what was said
Jacob told them that their father no longer favored him
Jacob said that the God of his father had been with him
Jacob told them he had served their father with all his might
Jacob said their father had changed his wages ten times
This meant that the plan of Jacob had little or no influence
Jacob said that God had protected him from being hurt
Jacob said the Lord changed the sheep to whatever his wages were

d. Jacob told how God had increased his flocks - 31:9-10

Jacob said God took away the livestock of Laban and gave them to him
Jacob said that he had a dream at the time the flocks conceived
Jacob said the in the dream he saw the rams which leaped on the flocks
Jacob said those rams were streaked, speckled and gray-spotted
God was actually revealing what the recessive genes of the rams were

e. Jacob had been reminded of his vow at Bethel - 31:11-13

The Angel of God (Christ) spoke to Jacob in a dream
Jacob said that he had answered, "Here I am"
The Angel of God told Jacob to lift up his eyes and look
The Lord showed Jacob what He had been doing
All the rams (male sheep and goats) were abnormal colors
The rams that were breeding had recessive genes
The Lord said He had seen all that Laban did to Jacob
The Lord said that He is the God of Bethel
This was the first time that the Lord spoke to Jacob - Gen. 28:13
The Lord said Jacob had anointed a pillar and made a vow
The Lord said it was now time to fulfill this vow - Gen. 28:20-21
The Lord told him to leave that land and return to his family

2. This return was accepted by his wives - 31:14-16

Leah and Rachel were both in agreement
They said there was no portion or inheritance in their father's house
They said they had been treated as strangers by their father
They said their father had completely used up their money
They said God had taken from their father what was really theirs
They said that whatever God had told Jacob he should do it

3. This return was not told to Laban - 31:17-24

a. Laban was not home when Jacob left - 31:17-21

Jacob put his sons and his wives on camels
Jacob took all of his livestock and possessions he had gained
He acquired the livestock during the time he was in Padan Aram
Jacob arose to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan
Laban had gone to shear his sheep so was not there
Rachel had stolen the household idols that were her father's
Jacob stole away unknown to Laban, the Syrian
Jacob did not tell Laban that he intended to flee
Jacob fled with all that he had
Jacob first of all took everything across the river
Jacob then headed toward the mountains of Gilead

b. Laban pursued after Jacob - 31:22-23

**Laban was told on the third day that Jacob had fled
Laban took his brethren and pursued Jacob
Laban pursued Jacob for seven days
Laban overtook Jacob in the mountains of Gilead**

c. Laban was warned not to harm Jacob - 31:24

**God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream at night
God told Laban not to speak to Jacob anything good or bad**

4. This return caused another conflict between Jacob and Laban - 31:25-42

a. Jacob was accused of stealing Laban's gods - 31:25-30

1) Laban accused Jacob of acting foolishly - 31:25-28

**Laban caught up with Jacob
Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountains
Laban with his brethren pitched in the mountains of Gilead
Laban questioned what Jacob had done
Laban asked why Jacob had secretly left
Laban asked why he had carried away his daughters like captives
Laban asked why Jacob had fled secretly without telling him
Laban said he could have sent them away with joy and song
Laban asked why he had not been able to kiss his sons and daughters
Laban said that Jacob had acted foolishly by so doing**

2) Laban said it was in his power to do Jacob harm - 31:29-30

**Laban said he had the power to do Jacob harm
Laban said the God of Jacob's father had spoken to him
Laban said that had happened the previous night
Laban said God had told him not to speak to Jacob good or bad
Laban said Jacob must have surely longed for his father
Laban then asked, "But why did you steal my gods?"
This seemed to be his greatest concern that day
This showed the strength of his idol worship**

b. Jacob did not know Rachel had stolen the gods - 31:31-32

**Jacob said he had left without telling because of fear
Jacob feared Laban would take his daughters by force
Jacob said he could put to death the one who had taken his gods
Jacob said he could identify the gods in the presence of his brethren
Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen the idols**

c. Jacob saw Laban search his possessions - 31:33-35

**Laban searched through the tent of Jacob
Laban searched through the tents of the two maids
Laban searched through the tent of Leah
Laban entered the tent of Rachel
Rachel had taken the household idols and put them in the camel's saddle
Rachel then sat on the camel's saddle
Laban searched the entire tent but did not find the idols
Rachel said that she was sorry she could not stand up
Rachel said that she was menstruating
Laban searched but did not find his household idols**

d. Jacob reviewed his labor for Laban - 31:36-42

**Jacob was angry and rebuked Laban
Jacob asked what was his trespass or sin
Jacob asked why Laban had hotly pursued him
Jacob said that Laban had searched through all of his possessions
Jacob said that Laban had found nothing that belonged to him
Jacob said to set anything before his brethren and let them judge
Jacob said that he had worked for Laban for twenty years
Jacob said the female goats had not miscarried
Jacob said he had not eaten the male goats of Laban's flock
Jacob said he did not bring any animals that had been killed
Jacob said Laban had required anything stolen day or night
Jacob said he worked day and night to please Laban
Jacob said that he had worked a total of 20 years
Jacob said God had stopped him or he would have sent Jacob away empty
Jacob said that God had seen the affliction of Jacob
Jacob said that God had rebuked Laban the previous night**

5. This return resulted in a covenant being made - 31:43-55

a. Laban said that they make a covenant not to harm one another - 31:43-44

**Laban told Jacob his wives and daughters were his family
Laban said that the flocks belonged to him
Here we see why God had warned Laban - Gen. 31:24
Laban realized he could not take them from Jacob
Laban then said that he and Jacob should make a covenant**

b. Laban and Jacob then made a covenant - 31:45-50

**Jacob set up a stone as a pillar
Jacob told the others to gather more stones for a heap of stones
Jacob and Laban gave names in different languages to the stones
Both names mean “heap of witness”
Mizpah means “watchtower”
It meant that the Lord was the like a watchtower dividing them
Laban said God would make certain Jacob treated his daughters right**

c. Laban explained what the pillar and heap of stones meant - 31:51-53

**Laban said that the heap of stones and the pillar were a boundary
Laban said he had placed this between he and Jacob
Laban said he would not pass beyond this heap of stones
Laban said Jacob was not to pass beyond this heap
Laban said they were not to pass beyond this heap to harm each other
Laban said the God of Abraham and the God of Nahor should judge
Laban said the God of their father should judge between them
Jacob swore by “the fear of Isaac”**

d. Laban then saw Jacob offer a sacrifice - 31:54-55

**Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain
Jacob called his brethren to eat bread together
They ate bread and stayed all night on the mountain
Laban arose early in the morning
Laban kissed his family members and blessed them
Laban then departed and returned to his own place**

E. Jacob had his name changed - 32:1-32

1. The Lord saw Jacob prepare to meet Esau - 32:1-8

a. Jacob was met by angels - 32:1-2

**Jacob went on his way and the angels of God met him
Jacob saw the angels and said this is God's camp
Jacob named that place Mahanaim (double camp)**

b. Jacob sent messengers to Esau - 32:3-5

**Jacob sent messengers before him to his brother Esau
Esau was then located in the land of Seir, the country of Edom
Jacob told the messengers what to say to Esau
Jacob called himself "Your servant Jacob"
Jacob said that he had sojourned with Laban up to now
Jacob said that he had donkeys and flocks
Jacob said that he had male and female servants
Jacob called Esau lord because he wanted to find favor in his sight**

c. Jacob heard that Esau is coming - 32:6-8

**The messengers returned to Jacob
The messengers said that Esau was coming to meet Jacob
The messengers said that Esau was bringing 400 men with him
Jacob was very fearful and distressed
Jacob divided everything that he had into two companies
Jacob said if Esau attacked one company the other could escape**

2. The Lord heard the prayer of Jacob - 32:9-12

**Jacob prayed to the God of Abraham and Isaac
Jacob reminded the Lord that the Lord told him to return
Jacob said that he was not worthy of the mercy God had shown
Jacob said that He had crossed the Jordan and become two companies
Jacob asked the Lord to deliver him from the hand of his brother
Jacob said that he feared his brother would attack them
Jacob reminded the Lord of the promise the Lord had made him**

3. The Lord saw Jacob prepare a present for Esau - 32:13-20

a. Jacob prepared a present for Esau - 32:13-16

Jacob stayed there that night
Jacob took what he had right there to prepare a present for Esau
Jacob sent a gift of 220 goats as a present to Esau
Jacob sent a gift of 220 sheep as a present to Esau
Jacob sent a gift of 30 female camels and 30 young camels
Jacob sent a gift of 50 cattle to Esau
Jacob sent a gift of 30 donkeys to Esau
This meant the total gifts included 580 animals
Jacob put his servants in charge of these animals
Jacob put each of the kinds of animals in a separate group
Jacob told the servants with the animals to go ahead of him
Jacob told them to put a distance between each group of animals

b. Jacob then sent each company separately - 32:17-20

Jacob told the one in charge of the first group what to say
Jacob said that Esau would probably ask to whom he belonged
Jacob said he would probably ask where they were going
Jacob said that he would probably ask about the animals they were driving
He was to answer, "They are your servant Jacob's"
Here we see that Jacob wanted to show a humble attitude
He was to answer the animals were a present for Esau
He was to say that Jacob was behind them
He commanded each of the following groups to say the same thing

4. The Lord saw the family of Jacob cross the Jabbok - 32:21-23

Jacob sent those with the present on before him
Jacob stayed that night where they had camped
Jacob took his two wives across the Jabbok River
Jacob took his two maidservants across the Jabbok River
Jacob took his eleven sons across the Jabbok River
Jacob sent them all over at the ford of the Jabbok River
The ford was a place where it was easier to cross the river
Jacob then sent all of his possessions across the Jabbok River

5. The Lord met with Jacob alone - 32:24-32

a. Jacob wrestled with the Lord - 32:24-25

**Jacob was left alone when everything was across the Jabbok River
Jacob suddenly had a Man wrestle with him until the day dawned
The Man who wrestled with Jacob did not defeat Jacob
The Man who wrestled with Jacob touched the socket of his hip
Jacob's hip went out of joint as the Man wrestled with him**

b. Jacob asked the Lord to bless him - 32:26

**The Man told Jacob, "Let Me go, the day breaks"
Jacob said he would not let the Man go until the Man blessed Him**

c. Jacob had his name changed - 32:27-28

**The Man asked Jacob what his name was
Jacob answered that his name was Jacob
Jacob said that would be his name no longer
Jacob was told that his new name would be Israel
Jacob was told that he had struggled with God and with man
Jacob said that he had prevailed when he struggled**

d. Jacob realized he had met the Lord - 32:29-30

**Jacob then asked the Man what His name was
Jacob asked the Man to tell him His name
Jacob was asked the question, "Why is it that you ask my name?"
Jacob then was given a blessing
Jacob then called the place Peniel (the face of God)
Jacob realized he had met God face to face**

e. Jacob had a physical reminder of that meeting - 32:31-32

**Just as he crossed over Penuel, the sun came up
Jacob limped on his hip as he crossed the river
The people of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank as a result
The socket of Jacob's hip was what shrank**

F. Jacob met his brother Esau - 33:1-20

1. The Lord had prepared the heart of Esau - 33:1-4

**Jacob looked and saw Esau coming
Jacob saw that there were 400 men with him
Jacob divided the mothers and their children
Jacob put the maidservants and their children first
Jacob put Leah and her children after the maidservants
Jacob put Rachel and Jacob last
Jacob crossed over and went ahead of all of them
Jacob bowed himself to the ground seven times
Jacob did this as he came close to his brother
Esau ran to meet Jacob
Esau embraced Jacob, fell on his neck and kissed him
Esau and Jacob then wept together**

2. The Lord saw Esau meet the family of Jacob - 33:5-7

**Esau then looked and saw the women and children coming
Esau asked who these were that were following Jacob
Jacob said that they were the children God had graciously given
The maidservants came near with their children and bowed down
Leah came near with her children and bowed down
Finally Joseph and Rachel came near and bowed down**

3. The Lord caused Esau to accept the gift of Jacob - 33:8-11

**Esau that asked what all the groups of animals meant
Jacob said that there were a gift to find favor with Esau
Esau said he had enough and told his brother to keep them
Jacob said no that he wanted to know he found favor from Esau
Jacob urged Esau to receive them as a present
Jacob said he has seen his face as one sees the face of God
Jacob said that then he would know Esau was pleased with him
Jacob asked Esau to take his blessing that was brought to Esau
Jacob said that God had dealt graciously with him
Jacob said that God had given him plenty
Jacob urged him and then Esau received that gift**

4. the Lord caused Jacob to receive grace from Esau - 33:12-16

a. Jacob said that he had to travel slowly because of the young - 3:12-14

**Esau suggested that they travel together
Esau said he would lead and show the way
Jacob reminded Esau that the children were young and weak
Jacob also reminded Esau that he had flocks and herds with young
Jacob said if these animals were driven too hard they would die
Jacob told Esau to please go ahead and return home
Jacob said that he would follow slowly
Jacob said that he would go at a pace the animals could handle
Jacob said that way the animals would all live
Jacob said this would be better for the children
Jacob said he would come and visit Esau in Seir**

b. Esau offered men to help Jacob - 33:15-16

**Esau next offered to leave some of the men that were with him
Jacob said that he did not need additional help
Jacob said that his desire was to have a right relationship with Esau
Esau then returned and went back to Seir**

5. the Lord saw the worship of Jacob - 33:17-20

**Jacob then journeyed to Succoth (booths)
Jacob built a house there for his family
Jacob built booths for all of his animals
The booths were why Jacob called the place Succoth
These were needed to give him time to get everything across the Jordan
Jacob then crossed the Jordan River and came safely to Shechem
Jacob had now arrived in Canaan on his trip from Padan Aram
Jacob pitched his tent near the city of Shechem
Jacob bought the land on which he had placed his tent
Jacob bought the land from Hamor, Shechem's father
Jacob built an altar on that land
Jacob called the altar "El Elohe Israel "
That name means "a Mighty God is the God of Israel"
The location of this land is mentioned in the New Testament - John 4:5**

G. Jacob had sin in his family - 34:1-31

1. Shechem defiled Dinah, the daughter of Jacob - 34:1-5

a. Dinah went to visit the daughters of the land - 34:1

**Dinah was the daughter of Leah and Jacob
Dinah went out to get acquainted with other young women in the city**

b. Dinah was defiled by Shechem - 34:2

**Shechem was the son of Hamor the Hivite
Shechem was a prince in that area
Shechem saw Dinah as she came toward the city
Shechem then lay with Dinah and took her by force
Shechem violated Dinah (he had raped her)**

c. Dinah was requested in marriage by Shechem - 34:3-5

**Shechem was strongly attracted to Dinah
Shechem spoke kindly to her after he raped her
Shechem said that he loved her
Abraham, Isaac and Joshua all saw their sin - Gen. 24:3; Josh. 23:12-13
Shechem then spoke to his father about Dinah
Shechem told his father to get her so she could become his wife
Jacob heard that Shechem had defiled Dinah, his daughter
The sons of Jacob were out in the field at that time
Jacob waited to do anything until his sons came in from the field**

2. Shechem wanted to make a treaty with Jacob - 34:6-19

a. The sons of Jacob were very angry - 34:6-7

**Hamor came out of the city to ask Jacob to allow his son to marry Dinah
The sons of Jacob were grieved when they heard what Shechem had done
The sons of Jacob immediately became very angry
The sons of Jacob said Shechem had done a very disgraceful thing
The sons of Jacob said it was wrong for him to take her and rape her
The sons of Jacob said that was a thing that should not have been done**

b. The sons of Jacob heard the request for a treaty - 34:8-10

Hamor spoke to Jacob and his sons
Hamor said that his son Shechem longed for their daughter
Hamor said that Shechem wanted to have her as a wife
Hamor said that Jacob's daughters could marry their sons
Hamor said that Jacob's sons could marry their daughters
Hamor said that they could then live in their land
Hamor said that they could trade in their land
Hamor said Jacob and his sons could get possessions in their land

c. The sons of Jacob heard Shechem offer a dowry - 34:11-12

Shechem then spoke to the father and brothers of Dinah
Shechem said that he wanted to find favor in their eyes
Shechem said he would give whatever dowry they wanted
Shechem said he would give according to what they said
Shechem said he wanted them to give him the young woman as his wife
The word translated young woman here is also translated child - II Kings 5:2

d. The sons of Jacob said the Hivites must be circumcised - 34:13-19

The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor deceitfully
Shechem and Hamor did not recognize the anger of the brothers - Gen. 34:7
The sons of Jacob wanted revenge for him raping Dinah
They killed Shechem for raping their sister - Gen. 34:26
They also killed all of the other males of the city - Gen. 34:25
They said they could not give her to uncircumcised people
They said that would bring reproach on them
They said there was one requirement before they could consent
They said all of the males in the city must be circumcised
They said that then they would allow marriages between them
They said they would live with them and become one people
Abraham was aware of this very danger - Gen. 24:37
They said that otherwise they would take Dinah and leave
Shechem and Hamor were pleased with those words
Shechem was quick to follow the plan that the sons requested
Shechem did this because he was delighted with Jacob's daughter
Shechem was more respected than all the household of his father

3. Shechem convinced the Hivites to be circumcised - 34:20-24

a. Hamor promised the Hivites financial gain - 34:20-23

**Hamor and Shechem came to the gate of the city to talk to the men
They said that Jacob and his sons were at peace with them
They said that they should allow them to live in the land and trade with them
They said the land was large enough for all of them to live in
They said they could take their daughters as wives
They said they would be husbands for their daughters
They said the Jacob's family had one condition to allow marriage
That condition was that all of the males of the city had to be circumcised
He said their livestock, property and animals would be theirs
He said that would only happen if they agreed to circumcision**

b. Hamor got the Hivites to be circumcised - 34:24

**All of the men listened to Hamor and Shechem
All of the males went out to the gate of the city to be circumcised
Every male in the city was circumcised**

4. Shechem and his men were destroyed - 34:25-29

a. The sons of Jacob killed the men - 34:25-26

**Two sons of Jacob waited until they were in great pain to get revenge
Simeon and Levi then took their swords and killed all of the men in the city
Jacob gave judgment to these two when he blessed the brothers - Gen. 49:3-7
They also killed Hamor and Shechem with the sword
Then they took Dinah out of the house of Shechem**

b. The sons of Jacob spoiled the city - 34:27-29

**The other sons of Jacob then joined in looting the city
The sons all wanted revenge for Shechem raping Dinah
They took all of the animals both in the city and the field
They took all of the wealth of the city
They took their little ones and wives as captives
They looted and took everything out of the houses**

5. Shechem and his death caused a wrong reaction from Jacob - 34:30-31

**Jacob then spoke to Simeon and Levi
Jacob told them that they had brought trouble to him
Jacob said they made him like a bad smell to the people of the land
Jacob said that he would now be hated by the people of the land
Jacob said that included the Canaanites and the Perizzites
Jacob said he and those with him were few in number
Jacob said the people would gather together to kill him
Jacob said he and his household would be destroyed
Simeon and Levi said Shechem had treated their sister like a prostitute**

H. Jacob returned to Bethel - 35:1-29

1. The Lord told Jacob to return to Bethel - 35:1-5

**The Lord then spoke to Jacob and told him to go to Bethel and live there
The Lord told Jacob to build an altar to God in Bethel
The Lord said He appeared to Jacob there when he fled from his brother
Jacob then spoke to his family and all who were with him
Jacob told them to put away their foreign gods that were among them
Jacob told them to purify themselves and change their clothes
Jacob said that they were going to Bethel
Jacob said he was going to build an altar to God in Bethel
Jacob said God had answered him in the day of his distress
Jacob said that God had been with him wherever he went
Jacob's household gave him all of the foreign gods which they had
Jacob's family gave him all the earrings which were in their ears
Jacob buried all of these things under the terebinth (oak) tree
The terror of the Lord was on the people and they did not pursue Jacob**

2. The Lord saw Jacob build an altar - 35:6-8

**Jacob came to Bethel (Luz) in the land of Canaan
All the people with Jacob also came to Bethel
Jacob built an altar and called it El Bethel (God of Bethel)
This was the place where God had appeared to Jacob
Deborah, the nurse of Rebekah died and was buried below Bethel
She was buried under a tree which was named Allon Bachuth**

3. The Lord appeared to Jacob at Bethel - 35:9-15

a. The Lord appeared to Jacob and blessed him - 35:9-11

**God appeared to Jacob again after he came from Padan Aram
God blessed Jacob when He appeared to Jacob
God reminded him his name was Jacob
God said his name would not be Jacob any more
God said that Israel would be his name
God told Israel that He is God Almighty
This is the Hebrew name "El Shaddai"
God told Israel to be fruitful and multiply
God said a company of nations would come from Jacob
God said kings would come from Jacob**

b. The Lord reminded Jacob of the promise of the land - 35:12

**God said the land given to Abraham and Isaac was now given to him
God said the land would belong to Israel and his descendants**

c. Jacob set up a pillar where the Lord talked to him - 35:13-15

**God left Jacob after He talked to him
Jacob set up a pillar of stone in the place where they talked
Jacob poured a drink offering (wine) on the pillar
Jacob then poured oil on the pillar
Jacob called the place Bethel**

4. The Lord gave Jacob another son - 35:16-20

**Jacob then traveled on from Bethel
Rachel began childbirth and had hard labor as they neared Ephrath
The midwife told her not to fear as she would have this son also
Rachel gave a name to this son as she was dying
Rachel called this son Ben-Oni (son of my sorrow)
Jacob gave him the name of Benjamin (son of the right hand)
Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (Bethlehem)
Jacob set up a pillar on the grave of Rachel
That pillar was still there when Israel returned from Egypt**

5. The Lord gave a summary of the family of Jacob - 35:21-26

a. Reuben committed incest with Bilhah - 35:21-22

**After the death of Rachel Jacob continued to travel south
Israel pitched his tent after they passed the tower of Eder
A tower for shepherds near Bethlehem
Reuben went and lay (had a sexual relationship) with Bilhah
Bilhah (the maid of Rachel) was the concubine of his father - Gen. 30:4
Israel said Reuben had defiled his father's bed - Gen. 49:3-4
Bilhah had given birth to two of his half-brothers
Israel heard what Reuben had done with Bilhah**

b. Jacob had a total of twelve sons - 35:23-26

**Jacob had a total of twelve sons
The sons of Leah were:
Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun
The sons of Rachel were:
Joseph and Benjamin
The sons of Bilhah, Rachel's maidservant were:
Dan and Naphtali
The sons of Zilpah, Leah's maidservant were:
Gad and Asher
These were all of the sons that were born to Israel**

6. The Lord restored Jacob to Isaac - 35:27-29

**Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre
This place was also called Kirjath Arba (or Hebron)
Abraham and Isaac had both sojourned in this area
Isaac lived to a total of 180 years of age
Isaac had thought he was near death many years earlier - Gen. 27:1-2
Esau and Jacob would have been 120 years when Isaac died - Gen. 25:26
Isaac breathed his last and died
Isaac was gathered to his people
Isaac was old and full of days
Isaac was buried by Esau and Jacob
The brothers were together for this event**

I. Jacob and Esau went to different areas - 36:1-43

1. Esau had been given a family - 36:1-5

This chapter gives the genealogy of Esau (Edom)
Esau had several wives
Adah was the daughter of Elon the Hittite
Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite
Basemath the daughter of Ishmael and sister of Nebajoth
Esau married an Ishmaelite since the Hivites did not please his father - Gen.28:8
Esau had five sons born to him while he lived in Canaan
Since the blessing was given to Jacob, Esau settled a different area

2. Esau moved from Canaan to Edom - 36:6-8

Esau moved to a country that was away from his brother in Canaan
Esau had already moved to this area before Jacob returned - Gen. 32:3
Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters and the rest of his household
Esau took his cattle and all of his animals
Esau took all of the goods he had gained in Canaan
Esau knew he had too many possessions for him to live near Jacob
This was the land where they were both strangers
The land they lived in could not support all their livestock
Esau lived in Mount Seir (Esau is Edom)

3. Esau had many descendants - 36:9-43

The descendants through Adah, the wife of Esau - 36:9-12
The descendants through Basemath, the wife of Esau - 36:13-17
The descendants through Aholibamah, the wife of Esau - 36:18-19
The descendants through Seir, the Horite - 36:20-30
These intermarried with the descendants of Esau
The word "chiefs" speaks of a ruler of a thousand
The kings who reigned in Edom - 36:31-39
These kings ruled before there was a king in Israel - 36:31
The chiefs who came from the family of Esau - 36:40-43a
Esau was the father of the Edomites - 36:43b

This chapter provides a summary of the family of Esau!

A. Joseph was rejected by his brothers - 37:1-36

1. The brothers saw that Joseph was favored - 37:1-4

**Jacob lived in the land where his father had been a stranger
This was the land in which his father was a stranger
This is what happened to the sons of Jacob
Joseph was 17 years old and was feeding the flock with his brothers
He was working with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives
He brought a bad report about these brothers to his father
Jacob loved Joseph more than all of his other children
Jacob loved him more because he was the son of his old age
Jacob made Joseph a tunic of many colors**

2. The brothers of Joseph hated his dreams - 37:5-11

a. The first dream caused hatred - 37:5-8

**Joseph dreamed a dream and told it to his brothers
Joseph was hated even more because of this dream
Joseph told the brothers to listen to his dream
Joseph said they were all together binding sheaves in the field
Joseph said that his sheaf arose and stood upright
Joseph said their sheaves all bowed down to his sheaf
His brothers asked, "Shall you reign over us?"
"Shall you indeed have dominion over us?"
His brothers hated him more for his dreams and words**

b. The second dream caused envy - 37:9-11

**Joseph dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers
Joseph said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream."
"This time the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to me."
Joseph told this dream to his father and to his brothers
Jacob rebuked him and said to him
"What is this dream that you have dreamed?"
Shall your mother and I and your brothers come and bow to you?
The brothers of Joseph envied him when they heard the dream
The father of Joseph kept the statement in mind**

3. The brothers took the flock to Shechem - 37:12-14

**His brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem
Israel said to Jacob, "Are your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem?"
Israel said that he was going to send Joseph to his brothers
Joseph told his father that he was ready to go
Israel said, "Please go and see if it is well with your brothers."
"See if it is well with the flocks and bring back word to me"
Israel sent Joseph from the Valley of Hebron
Shechem was 40 miles and Dothan was 60 miles to the north
Joseph then went to Shechem**

4. The brothers took the flock to Dothan - 37:15-17

**A certain man found Joseph wandering in the field in Shechem
That man asked, "What are you seeking?"
Joseph told him, "I am seeking my brothers."
"Please tell me where they are feeding their flocks."
Joseph was told that they had moved from the area of Shechem
The man heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."
Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan**

5. The brothers decided to get rid of Joseph - 37:18-22

**The brothers saw Joseph when he was still a long way from them
The brothers conspired against Joseph to kill him
The brothers said to one another, "Look, this dreamer is coming!"
"Let us now kill him and cast him into some pit"
The sons of Bilhah and Zilpah may have especially felt this way - Gen. 37:2
They decided to tell their father, "Some wild beast has devoured him."
"We shall see what will become of his dreams."
All of the sons were angry at the dreams - Gen. 37:5-11
Reuben heard what they said and offered another suggestion
Reuben said, "Let us not kill him."
"Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit which is in the wilderness."
"Do not lay a hand on him."
Reuben said this so that he could later rescue Joseph
Reuben felt the responsibility of being the oldest brother - Gen. 35:23
Reuben said this so he could bring him back to his father**

6. The brothers threw Joseph into a pit - 37:23-25

Joseph came to the place where the brothers were
Joseph had his tunic removed by his brothers
This was the tunic of many colors his father had given him - Gen. 37:3
Joseph was taken by his brothers and thrown into a pit
Joseph was thrown into a pit that was empty
Joseph was thrown into a pit that had no water in it
The brothers sat down to eat a meal
The brothers saw a caravan of camels coming from Gilead
The brothers learned that they were Ishmaelites and Midianites
The brothers learned they were taking spices, balm and myrrh to Egypt

7. The brothers sold Joseph as a slave - 37:26-28

Judah made a suggestion to his other brothers
Judah said there was no profit if they killed their brother
Judah said there was no profit to just conceal the blood from their father
Judah suggested selling him to the Ishmaelites and not hurting him
Judah reminded them that he was their brother and flesh
The Midianite traders then passed by
The brothers lifted Joseph out of the pit
The brothers sold Joseph for 20 pieces of silver
The traders then took Joseph to Egypt

8. The brothers deceived their father - 37:29-36

Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was gone
Reuben tore his clothes and then returned to the other brothers
Reuben said that Joseph was gone and wanted to know where he should go
The brothers killed a goat and dipped the tunic in the blood
The brothers then brought the tunic to their father
The brothers said that they had found the tunic
The brothers asked Jacob if this was the tunic of Joseph
Jacob recognized it and said it was Joseph's tunic
Jacob said a wild animal must have killed Joseph and tore him in pieces
Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned his son many days
Jacob could not be comforted by his sons and daughters
Joseph was sold in Egypt to Potiphar, the captain of the guard

B. Joseph had sin in his family - 38:1-30

1. Judah had a family by Shua - 38:1-5

a. Judah married a Canaanite woman named Shua - 38:1-2

**Judah departed from his brothers and went to visit Hirah
Hirah was an Adullamite (a person from the town of Adullam)
Judah saw in the town the daughter of a Canaanite named Shua
Judah married Shua and went in to her**

b. Judah had three sons by Shua - 38:3-5

**Shua conceived and gave birth to a son named Er
Shua conceived and gave birth to a second son named Onan
Shua conceived and gave birth to a third son named Shelah
Shua was in Chezib when the third son was born**

2. Judah had two sons killed for their evil - 38:6-11

a. His firstborn son was killed by the Lord - 38:6-7

**Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn named Tamar
Er was wicked in the sight of the Lord so the Lord killed him**

b. His second son was also killed by the Lord - 38:8-10

**Judah then told Onan to fulfill his duty to his brother's wife
Judah said that he was to marry Tamar
Judah told him that he was to raise up an heir for his brother
Onan knew that the heir would not be considered his
That meant he would not get the inheritance of a firstborn - Deut. 25:5-10
Onan went into his brother's wife but he emitted on the ground
The Lord killed him for his willful disobedience**

c. Judah told Tamar to wait for the third son - 38:11

**Judah told Tamar to remain a widow until his son Shelah was grown
Tamar went and lived in the house of her father and waited**

3. Judah did not keep his promise to Tamar - 38:12-14

Later Shua, the wife of Judah, died
When the time of mourning was over, Judah went to shear his sheep
He and his good friend Hirah went together to the sheep shearing
Tamar was told that her father-in-law was going to shear his sheep
Tamar heard that they were going to Timnah
Tamar took off her widow's clothes
She knew that he would respond to her moral trap
Tamar covered herself with a veil and disguised herself
Tamar sat in an open place along the road to Timnah
Tamar saw that Shelah was now an adult
Tamar saw that she had not been given to him as a wife

4. Judah treated Tamar like a prostitute - 38:15-23

a. Tamar was offered a price - 38:15-17

Judah saw the disguised woman sitting along the road
Judah thought that she was a prostitute
Judah saw that her face was covered (concealed)
Judah turned to talk to her where she was sitting
Judah asked what she would charge to have sex with her
Judah did not realize that she was his daughter-in-law
Judah was asked what he would give her to have sex with her
Judah said that he would send a young goat from the flock
Judah was then asked what he would give as a pledge
(a guarantee until he sent the young goat to her)

b. Tamar was given a pledge - 38:18

Tamar was asked by Judah what she wanted until he sent the goat
Tamar said that she wanted his signet (a seal or signet-ring)
Tamar said that she wanted his cord (a cord or twisted thread)
Tamar said she wanted his staff (walking stick) that was in his right hand
Judah gave her the three things that she requested
Judah then went into her and had sex with her
The Lord allowed Tamar to become pregnant that day
God's grace was shown as she is included in the family of Christ - Matt. 1:3

c. Tamar was not there to receive the price - 38:19-23

**Tamar then left that area and went home
Tamar told off the disguise that she had used
Tamar then put her widow's clothing back on her
Judah sent the young goat by the hand of his friend, the Adullamite
He was to get the pledge that Judah had left with her
Hirah did not find the woman that had been dressed as a prostitute
Hirah asked the men of that place about the prostitute
Hirah said that she had been sitting openly near the side of the road
Hirah heard that there was no prostitute near that place
Hirah then returned to Judah and told him what happened
Hirah said that he could not find the woman
Hirah said the men told him that there was no prostitute in that place
Judah said to just let her keep the things he left as a pledge
Judah said they would be shamed if they kept looking for the woman
Judah said they had tried to get the young goat to her**

5. Judah was forced to recognize his sin - 38:24-26

**Judah was told that Tamar was pregnant about three months later
Judah heard that she was pregnant as a result of prostitution
Judah said, "Bring her out and let her be burned."
While she was being brought out she sent a message to Judah
She said, "By the man to whom these belong, I am with child."
"Please determine whose these are—the signet and cord and staff"
Judah had to admit that the three things belonged to him
Judah said that Tamar was more righteous than he
Judah said her did not give her Shelah as a husband
Judah never had relationships with Tamar again**

6. Judah became the father of twins - 38:27-30

**Tamar had twins in her womb when it was time to give birth
The first thing that came out was the hand of one of the twins
The midwife tied a bright red string around the hand
The hand was then drawn back into the womb
Then the other twin came out unexpectedly (she called it a breach)
She named the first twin Perez (breach) and the second Zerah**

C. Joseph resisted temptation - 39:1-23

1. Potiphar bought Joseph as his servant - 39:1-2

**Joseph had been brought down to Egypt by the Ishmaelites
Potiphar, an Egyptian, bought Joseph from the Ishmaelites
Potiphar was an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard
The Lord was with Joseph in Egypt
The Lord caused Joseph to become a successful man
The Lord was with Joseph as he worked in the house of his master**

2. Potiphar trusted Joseph with his household - 39:3-6

**Potiphar saw that the Lord was with Joseph
Potiphar saw that the Lord made all Joseph did to prosper
Joseph found favor in the sight of Potiphar as he served him
Potiphar made Joseph the overseer of his entire household
Potiphar placed everything that he had in the hand of Joseph
Potiphar was blessed by the Lord from the time he made Joseph overseer
The blessing of the Lord was on all he had in the house and the field
Potiphar left the oversight of everything in the hand of Joseph
Potiphar did not know what he had except for the bread that he ate
Joseph was handsome in form and appearance**

3. Potiphar did not know when his wife tempted Joseph - 39:7-12

**The wife of Potiphar cast longing eyes on Joseph
The wife of Potiphar asked him to lie with her
Joseph refused the requests of the wife of Potiphar
Joseph said his master had committed everything into his hand
Joseph said there was none greater in the household than he
Joseph said the only thing Potiphar kept from him was his wife
Joseph said, "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"
The wife of Potiphar continued to try to seduce him day after day
Joseph did not listen to her to lie with her or even be with her
Joseph was doing his regular work inside of the house one day
Joseph happened to be the only man in the house
The wife of Potiphar caught him by his garment
The wife of Potiphar said, "Lie with me."
Joseph left his garment and ran outside**

4. Potiphar put Joseph in prison - 39:13-23

a. Joseph fled from temptation - 39:13-16

**The wife of Potiphar saw Joseph left his garment as he fled
The wife of Potiphar decided to take revenge immediately
The wife of Potiphar falsely accused Joseph to the other men
She said, "He has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us"
"He came to me to lie with me and I cried with a loud voice."
"He heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out"
"He left his garment with me, and fled and went outside."
The wife of Potiphar kept the garment until her husband came home**

b. Joseph was falsely accused - 39:17-19

**The wife of Potiphar told him what she had told the other men
"The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me"
" So it happened as I lifted up my voice and cried out"
"He left his garment with me and fled outside"
Potiphar reacted when he heard the words his wife said:
"Your servant did to me after this manner."
Potiphar had his anger aroused**

c. Joseph was put in prison - 39:20

**Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison
This prison was where the king's prisoners were confined
Joseph was there in the prison for several years**

d. Joseph was given responsibility in prison - 39:21-23

**The Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy
The Lord gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison
The keeper of the prison committed everything into Joseph's hand
Joseph was over all the prisoners that were in the prison
Joseph was responsible for whatever was done in the prison
The keeper of the prison did not supervise anything under Joseph
The Lord was with Joseph and guided all that he did
The Lord caused whatever Joseph did to prosper**

D. Joseph was forgotten in prison - 40:1-23

1. The Lord gave Joseph the opportunity to serve two men - 40:1-4

**Joseph was in the prison for quite a period of time
One day the butler and the baker offended their lord
Their lord was the king of Egypt (Pharaoh)
Pharaoh was angry with these two officers
One was the chief butler and the other was the chief baker
Pharaoh had them put in custody under the captain of the guard
They were put in the place where Joseph was imprisoned
The captain of the guard gave Joseph responsibility for them
Joseph served them because they were in custody for a while**

2. The Lord gave both men a dream 40:5-8

**The king had left them confined in the prison
One night the butler and the baker each dreamed a dream
Each man had a dream and each dream had its own interpretation
Joseph came to the two men in the morning
Joseph saw that both of these men were sad that morning
Joseph then talked with both of Pharaoh's officers
Joseph asked the question, "Why do you look so sad today?"
Joseph had a great concern to serve each one effectively
The two men said that they had each dreamed a dream
The two men said that there was no one to interpret their dreams
Joseph said, "Do not interpretations belong to God?"
Joseph said, "Tell them to me, please."**

3. The Lord let the butler tell his dream first - 40:9-11

**The chief butler told his dream to Joseph first
The chief butler said, "In my dream a vine was before me."
"In the vine were three branches"
The branches budded and the blossoms came out
The clusters then produced ripe grapes
Pharaoh's cup was in my hand
I took the grapes and squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup
I then put the cup into the hand of Pharaoh**

4. The Lord let Joseph interpret his dream - 40:12-15

**Joseph spoke to the butler to give him the interpretation of his dream
Joseph said that the three branches represented three days
Joseph said that within three days Pharaoh would lift up his head
Joseph said that Pharaoh would restore him to his place as butler
Joseph said he would put Pharaoh's cup in his hand as he did as butler
Joseph asked the butler to remember him when it was well with him
Joseph asked the butler to show kindness to him
Joseph asked the butler to mention him to Pharaoh and get him out
Joseph said he was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews
Joseph said he had done nothing wrong that he should be in the dungeon**

5. The Lord let the baker tell his dream - 40:16-17

**The chief baker saw that the interpretation of the butler's dream was good
The chief baker also decided to tell his dream to Joseph
The chief baker said he had three white baskets on his head
The baker said the top basket had all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh
The baker said the birds ate the baked goods out of the basket on his head**

6. The Lord let Joseph interpret his dream also - 40:18-19

**Joseph answered the baker and interpreted his dream
Joseph said the three baskets represented three days
Joseph said within three days Pharaoh would lift up his head
Joseph said that Pharaoh would then hang him on a tree
Joseph said the birds would then eat his flesh**

7. The Lord fulfilled both dreams - 40:20-23

**The third day was the birthday of Pharaoh
Pharaoh made a feast for all of his servants
Pharaoh talked about both the butler and baker to his servants
Pharaoh restored the chief butler to his butlership
The butler again placed Pharaoh's cup in his hand
Pharaoh then hanged the chief baker as Joseph had said
The butler did not remember Joseph when he was restored
The butler forgot about Joseph**

E. Joseph was given leadership in Egypt - 41:1-57

1. Pharaoh had two dreams - 41:1-8

a. The first dream was about cows - 41:1-4

**Two full years later Pharaoh had a dream
Pharaoh dreamed he was standing by the river (Nile River)
Suddenly seven cows came up out of the river
These cows were fine looking and fat
These cows fed in the meadow
Then seven other cows came up out of the Nile River
These cows were ugly and thin
The ugly and lean cows then ate up the fat and good cows
Pharaoh suddenly awoke from his dream**

b. The second dream was about heads of grain - 41:5-8

**Pharaoh went back to sleep and dreamed a second time
Seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, plump and good
Then seven heads of grain thin and scorched by the east wind came up
The thin ears swallowed the seven plump and good ears
Pharaoh awake again and this was also a dream
In the morning the spirit of Pharaoh was troubled
Pharaoh sent and called for all the magicians and wise men in Egypt
Pharaoh told these men his dreams but no one could interpret them**

2. Pharaoh was told that Joseph interpreted dreams - 41:9-13

**Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh
The butler said, "I remember my faults this day"
The butler said when Pharaoh was angry he put him in custody
The butlers said this happened to both he and the baker
The butler said that each of them had a dream one night
Each one dreamed a dream according to its own interpretation
The butler said a young Hebrew man was there with them
Each dream was interpreted according to its own interpretation
The butler had been restored to his position as butler
The baker was hanged and died**

3. Pharaoh told his dreams to Joseph - 41:14-24

a. Joseph told Pharaoh that God would give an answer of peace - 41:14-16

**Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph
Joseph was hastily brought out of the prison
Joseph shaved and changed his clothes
Joseph was then brought into the presence of Pharaoh
Pharaoh told Joseph that he had dreamed a dream
Pharaoh said that no one could interpret the dream
Pharaoh said that he heard that Joseph could understand a dream
Pharaoh said that he heard that Joseph could interpret a dream
Joseph said that it was not he that could interpret the dream
Joseph said that God would give Pharaoh an answer of peace
Joseph used every opportunity to bring glory to God - I Cor. 10:31**

b. Pharaoh told his first dream to Joseph - 41:17-21

**Then Pharaoh explained his first dream to Joseph
Pharaoh dreamed that he stood on the bank of the river
Suddenly seven cows came up out of the river
These cows were fine looking and fat
These cows then fed in the meadow
Pharaoh said that then seven other cows came up out of the river
These cows were poor and very ugly and thin
Pharaoh said that he had never seen such ugliness in Egypt
Pharaoh said the thin and ugly cows ate up the fat cows
Pharaoh told what happened after they ate them
Pharaoh said they were still just as ugly as before they ate them
Pharaoh said that then he woke up from his dream**

c. Pharaoh told his second dream to Joseph - 41:22-24

**Pharaoh said that seven heads of grain full and good came up on one stalk
Pharaoh said that then seven heads of grain come up after the good heads
Those heads of grain were withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind
The thin heads of grain then ate the good heads of grain
Pharaoh said that he had told this to the magicians
Pharaoh said that no one could explain what these meant to him**

4. Pharaoh had his dreams interpreted by Joseph - 41:25-32

a. Joseph said that God had shown what He was about to do - 41:25-28

**Joseph said that the two dreams had the same meaning
Joseph said that God had shown what He was about to do
The seven good cows were seven years
The seven good heads were seven years - the dream is one
The seven thin and ugly cows were seven years
The seven blighted heads were seven years of famine
Joseph explained the meaning of what he had just told Pharaoh
Joseph said God had shown Pharaoh what He was about to do**

b. Joseph explained the meaning of the dreams - 41:29-32

**Joseph said that there would be seven years of plenty
Joseph said that this would happen throughout the land of Egypt
Joseph said that then there would be seven years of famine
Joseph said that would make the people forget the years of plenty
Joseph said that the seven years of famine would deplete the land
Joseph then explained why God had given him two different dreams
When God repeats something, it means it has been established by God
God was showing that He would bring this to pass very soon**

5. Pharaoh was given advice by Joseph - 41:33-36

**Joseph then went on to give Pharaoh some counsel
Joseph told Pharaoh to select a discerning and wise man
Joseph here taught the importance of good leadership
Joseph told Pharaoh to set that man over the land of Egypt
Joseph told Pharaoh to appoint officers over the land
Joseph said these officers would be responsible to collect 1/5 of the crops
Joseph said the officers should do this during the seven years of plenty
Joseph said they could gather 1/5 of the food of those good years
Joseph said they could store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh
Joseph told Pharaoh to have then store the food in cities
Joseph said that food would be a reserve for the seven years of famine
Joseph said the years of famine would be on the land of Egypt
Joseph said that way the land would not perish during the famine**

6. Pharaoh gave Joseph that position of leadership - 41:37-44

a. Pharaoh realized that Joseph had given him good advice - 41:37-40

Pharaoh recognized that the advice of Joseph was good
The servants of Pharaoh saw that the advice of Joseph was good
Pharaoh questioned his servants by asking
“Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God”
Pharaoh then spoke to Joseph by saying
“God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you”
Pharaoh said that Joseph would be over his house
Pharaoh said, “All of my people shall be ruled according to your word”
“Only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you”

b. Pharaoh gave Joseph the authority he needed to do this work - 41:41-44

Pharaoh then spoke to Joseph again
“See I have set you over all the land of Egypt”
Pharaoh took off his signet ring and placed it on the hand of Joseph
Pharaoh clothed Joseph with garments of fine linen
Pharaoh put a gold chain around the neck of Joseph
Pharaoh had Joseph ride in the second chariot
Pharaoh had the runners ahead of him cry, “Bow the knee”
Pharaoh set Joseph over all the land of Egypt
Pharaoh then explained the authority that he gave to Joseph
“Without your consent, no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land”

7. Pharaoh gave Joseph a wife - 41:45-53

a. Joseph was given a wife by Pharaoh - 41:45

Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphnath-Paaneah
Pharaoh gave him a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah

b. Joseph was 30 years old when he was given this leadership - 41:46

Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh
Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh
Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt

c. Joseph gathered the grain during the seven years of plenty - 41:47-49

**During the seven years of plenty the ground brought forth abundantly
Joseph gathered up all the food in Egypt (the 1/5th) for the seven years
Joseph stored the food in the cities during those seven years
Joseph gathered up food in every city for the fields around them
Joseph gathered a very large amount of food during those years
The amount of the food was like the sand of the sea
Joseph stopped counting because there was so much food**

d. Joseph had two sons born during the seven years of plenty - 41:50-52

**Joseph had two sons born before the years of famine came
Asenath, daughter of Poti-Pherah gave birth to both of those sons
Joseph called his firstborn Manasseh (one who causes to forget)
Joseph said, "God has made me forget all my toil"
God has made me forget "all my father's house"
Joseph called his second son Ephraim (I shall be doubly fruitful)
Joseph said, "God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction"**

8. Pharaoh has his dream fulfilled - 41:53-57

a. The seven years of plenty ended and the famine began - 41:53-54

**The seven years of plenty came to an end
The seven years of famine began to come
The plenty and famine happened just as Joseph had said
The famine was in all the lands but in Egypt there was bread**

b. Pharaoh told the people to go to Joseph - 41:55

**The people of Egypt ran out of food and became hungry
Pharaoh told the Egyptians to go to Joseph and do what he said**

c. Joseph also saw people come from the surrounding countries - 41:56-57

**Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians
The famine became severe in the land of Egypt
All countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain
The famine was severe in all lands around Egypt**

F. Joseph was reunited with his brothers - 42:1-45:28

1. The brothers came to Egypt for the first time - 42:1-38

a. Joseph saw his brothers had come to Egypt - 42:1-5

1) Jacob gave instructions to his ten oldest sons - 42:1-2

**Jacob heard that there was grain in the land of Egypt
Jacob asked his sons why they were just looking at each other
Jacob told them he had heard there was grain in Egypt
Jacob told his sons to go down to Egypt to buy them grain
Jacob said that was the only way they could live and not die**

2) Jacob's ten oldest sons went to Egypt to buy grain - 42:3-5

**Joseph's ten brothers went down to Egypt to buy grain
Jacob did not send Benjamin with his brothers
Jacob was fearful that something terrible would happen to Benjamin
The sons of Israel went to buy grain along with others who journeyed
The famine was also severe in the land of Canaan**

b. Joseph recognized his brothers - 42:6-8

**Joseph was the governor over all the land
Joseph was the one who sold to all the people in the land
Joseph's brothers came and bowed down before Joseph
The brothers bowed their faces to the earth
Joseph remembered his dreams and his words - Gen. 37:7-8
Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them
This was a very emotional experience for Joseph - Gen. 42:23-24
Joseph acted like a stranger and spoke roughly to them
Joseph had to test his brothers to see if their hearts had been changed
Joseph asked them from where they had come
Joseph accused them of being spies - Gen. 42:9; 42:30
Joseph was told that they had come from Canaan to buy food
Joseph recognized that they were his brothers
Joseph was not recognized by the brothers
Joseph spoke to them through an interpreter - Gen. 42:23**

c. Joseph tested his brothers - 42:9-20

1) This testing included accusation - 42:9-14

**Joseph remembered the dreams he had dreamed about them
Joseph accused them of being spies
Joseph said that they had come to see the nakedness of the land
The brothers said, “No my lord, but your servants have come to buy food”
“We are all one man’s son’s, we are honest men, your servants are not spies”
Joseph said again that they had come to see the nakedness of the land
They said they had come from a family of twelve brothers
They said they were the sons of one man in Canaan
They said their youngest brother was with they father
This gave him news about his father and brother
They said that one brother was no longer alive
Joseph again accused them of being spies**

2) This testing included imprisonment - 42:15-17

**Joseph told them how he would find out if they were truthful
Joseph said they would not leave unless the younger brother came
Joseph said to send one brother and let him bring your brother
Joseph said the others would be kept in prison
Joseph said their words would be tested to see if there was truth in them
Joseph gave an oath by the life of Pharaoh
Joseph said if they false it would prove their were spies
Joseph put the brothers in prison and left them there for three days**

3) This testing included mercy - 42:18-20

**Joseph brought them out of the prison on the third day
Joseph told them to do what he said and they would live
Joseph told them that he feared God
Joseph told them how they could prove they were honest men
Joseph said that they had to leave one of their brothers in the prison
Joseph told the rest that they could take grain for the famine
Joseph said that then they could bring their youngest brother to him
Joseph said that was the way that their words could be verified
Joseph said that then they would not die**

d. Joseph saw the guilt of his brothers - 42:21-24

1) The brothers talked about the guilt that they felt about Joseph - 42:21-22

The brothers talked with one another
The brothers said they were guilty concerning their brother
The brothers described the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with them
The brothers felt guilt because they had refused to listen
The brothers felt that they were being punished for what they did
Reuben talked about what he had said to his brother
Reuben said what he had told his brothers
Reuben had told them not to sin against their younger brother
Reuben reminded them that they would not listen
Reuben was the oldest so this may be why he was not the one bound
Reuben said that now Joseph's blood was being required of them

2) The brothers did not know that Joseph knew what they said - 42:23-24

The brothers did not know that Joseph understood them
The brothers did not realize that Joseph did not need an interpreter
Joseph then turned around and went away from his brothers
Joseph cried once he was away from his brothers
Joseph then returned to his brothers again
Joseph talked some more with them
Joseph took Simeon and bound him in front of his brothers

e. Joseph returned the money of his brothers - 42:25-28

Joseph gave the command to fill their sacks with grain
Joseph said to restore the money of each man to his sack
Joseph was showing kindness to his brothers by this action
Joseph gave them food for their trip back to Canaan
The brothers loaded their donkeys with the grain and departed
One brother opened his sack to give grain to his donkey where they camped
That brother saw his money at the top of the sack
That brother told his brothers that his money had been returned to him
This caused the hearts of all of the brothers to be filled with fear
The brothers said, "What is this that God has done to us?"
The brothers felt like they were under the judgment of God

f. Joseph was described to his father - 42:29-34

1) The brothers told their father they were accused of being spies - 42:29-32

**The brothers returned to their father in the land of Canaan
The brothers told all that had happened to them in Egypt
The man who was lord of the land had spoken roughly to them
The man accused them of being spies of the land
The brothers said that they told him they were honest men
The brothers told him that they were not spies
They said they were twelve brothers all from the same father
They said they had one brother who was no more
They said the youngest was with their father in the land of Canaan**

2) The brothers told what they had to do to clear themselves - 42:33-34

**They said the lord of the land told them how to clear themselves
The lord of the land told how he would know they were honest men
The lord of the land told them to leave one of their brothers with him
The lord of the land told them to take food for the famine
The lord of the land told them they could return to their land
The lord of the land said to bring their youngest brother
The lord of the land said then he would know they were not spies
The lord of the land said that he would know they were honest men
The lord of the land said he would return their brother to them
The lord of the land said then they could trade in the land**

g. Joseph caused his brothers to become more fearful - 42:35-38

**The brothers then emptied their sacks
The brothers each found their money in their sack
The brothers and their father were afraid when they saw the money
Jacob told his sons they had bereaved him of his children
Joseph is no more, Simeon is no more and you want to take Benjamin away
Jacob said all these things were against him
Reuben said Jacob could kill his two sons if he did not bring Benjamin back
Reuben said to put Benjamin in hands and he would bring him back
Jacob said Benjamin would not go down because Joseph was dead
Jacob said he did not want any calamity to happen to Benjamin
Jacob said that would bring his grey hair down to the grave**

a. Joseph's brothers prepared to come a second time - 43:1-15

1) Israel did not want to send Benjamin - 43:1-6

a) Jacob told the brothers to go and buy more food - 43:1-2

**The famine was very severe in the land of Canaan
The family of Jacob had eaten the grain they brought from Egypt
Jacob told his sons, "Go back, buy us a little food"**

b) Jacob was told they could not go without Benjamin - 43:3-6

**Judah then spoke to their father
He said the lord of Egypt had solemnly warned them
He said, "You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you"
He said, "If you send our brother with us, we will go down and buy food"
He said if Jacob would not send Benjamin they would not go
The lord said, "You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you"
Jacob said, "Why did you deal wrongfully with me?"
He said why did you "Tell the man whether you had still another brother?"**

2) Israel heard how they were questioned - 43:7-10

**The brothers said, "The man asked us pointedly about ourselves"
The man asked us pointedly about our kindred (relatives)
The brothers certainly did not understand why Joseph was so interested
The man asked us, "Is your father still alive?"
The man asked us, "Have you another brother?"
We answered the questions that he asked us
How could we know he would say, "Bring your brother down."
Judah then spoke to Israel and became the responsible son
Judah said it very differently than Reuben had spoken earlier - Gen. 42:37
Judah said to send Benjamin with him and they would arise and go
Judah said that way we will live and not die
Judah said both we and you and also our little ones will live
Judah said that he would be surety for Benjamin
Judah said if he did not bring him back he would bear the blame forever
Judah said that they had already lingered
Judah said if they had gone they would be back already**

3) Israel agreed to let Benjamin go - 43:11-15

**Israel said if it must be so, that they should do certain things
Israel said to take the best fruits of the land
Israel said to take a little present for the man
This included a little balm, a little honey, spices and myrrh, and nuts
They were to take double money as well as the money that was in their sacks
Israel said that perhaps that money in their sacks was an oversight
Take your brother with you also and get up and go back to the man
“May God Almighty give you mercy before the man”
May he release Simeon and Benjamin
“If I am bereaved, I am bereaved!”
The brothers then took the present and Benjamin
They took double money in their hand
They went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph**

b. Joseph invited his brothers to dinner - 43:16-25

1) The brothers were filled with fear - 43:16-18

**Joseph saw that Benjamin was with them
Joseph told his steward to take these men to his house
Joseph told the steward to slaughter an animal and make it ready
Joseph said these men would eat with him at noon and the steward did it
The steward brought the men into Joseph’s house and they were afraid
They thought this happened because of the money the first time they came
They thought the man was looking for an excuse to judge them
They thought the man was going to make them slaves and take their donkeys**

2) The brothers talked to the steward - 43:19-22

**The brothers talked to the steward at the door of the house
They told the steward the first time they came down to buy food
They told the steward that they found the money when they camped
They said every man’s money was in his sack
They said they brought the money back and had it in their hand
They said they also brought other money to buy food
They said they did not know who put the money in their sacks
These words are an example of the fact that they were very fearful**

3) The brothers were told to have peace - 43:23-25

**The steward told them to be at peace and not to be afraid
He said your God and the God of your fathers has given you treasure
He said that he had their money (but he also put it back)
He also brought Simeon out to them
The steward brought the men into Joseph's house
The steward gave them water and they washed their feet
The steward gave feed to their donkeys
The brothers made the present ready for Joseph's coming
The brothers had heard that they were going to eat there**

c. Joseph had dinner with his brothers - 43:26-34

1) The brothers bowed to Joseph - 43:26

**The brothers brought the present when Joseph came into the house
The brothers bowed down before Joseph to the earth**

2) The brothers saw Joseph's concern - 43:27-31

**Joseph asked the brothers about their wellbeing
Joseph asked if their father was well, the old man of whom you spoke?
Joseph asked if their father was still alive
They said, "Your servant our father is in good health; he is still alive."
The brothers bowed down and prostrated themselves
Joseph then saws Benjamin, his mother's son
Joseph asked if this was the younger brother they had mentioned
Joseph told Benjamin, "God be gracious to you, my son."
Joseph yearned in his heart for his brother
Joseph could not hold his emotions and went into his bedroom to cry
Joseph then washed his face and came out and said, "Serve the bread."**

3) The brothers were seated according to their age - 43:32-34

**Joseph seated the brothers according to their age
The brothers looked in astonishment at one another
Joseph served them all servings of food
Benjamin's serving of food was five times as much as the brothers
The brothers drank and made merry with Joseph**

3. The brothers were tested by Joseph - 44:1-34

a. Joseph used his cup for a final test - 44:1-5

**Joseph told his steward exactly what to do for the final test
The steward filled the sacks with as much food as they could carry
The steward put the money of each man in his sack
The steward put the silver cup and his money in the sack of Benjamin
At dawn the next morning the men and their donkeys were sent away
Joseph waited until the men had gone out of the city
Joseph told the steward to get up and follow the men
Joseph told the steward what to say when he overtook them
He was to say, "Why have you repaid evil for good?"
The steward was to say that the cup of his lord was stolen
He was to say, "You have done evil in so doing?"**

b. Joseph had his brothers brought back - 44:6-13

1) The brothers said that they were innocent - 44:6-9

**The steward overtook the brothers of Joseph
The steward spoke the words he had been told to speak
The brothers asked why my lord had said these things
The brothers said they would not think of doing such a thing
They said they showed their honesty by bringing back the money
This was the money in the mouths of their sacks
They asked how they could steal silver or gold from their lord's house
They said that with whomever he found the cup that person could die
They said they would also become slaves of the lord of the steward**

2) The brothers saw the cup was found in the sack of Benjamin - 44:10-13

**The steward said, "Let it be according to your words"
The one who is guilty will become a slave and the rest will be blameless
Each man took down his sack and opened his sack
They searched began with the sack of the oldest brother
They concluded the search with the sack of the youngest brother
The cup was found in the sack of Benjamin
Each man loaded his donkey and returned to the city**

c. Joseph questioned his brothers - 44:14-17

**Judah and brothers came to the house of Joseph
Judah and the brothers found that Joseph was still at his house
Judah and his brothers fell down before him on the ground
Joseph said, "What deed is this you have done?"
"Did you not know that such a man as I can certainly practice divination?"
Judah said, "What shall we say to my lord?"
"Or how shall we clear ourselves?"
Judah said that God showed the iniquity of Joseph's servants
Judah said that they would be the slaves of Joseph including Benjamin**

d. Joseph saw the concern of Judah - 44:18-34

1) Judah reviewed what Joseph had said - 44:18-23

a) Judah spoke for all of the brothers - 44:18-19

**Judah came near and spoke to Joseph
Judah called Joseph my lord and himself your servant
Judah asked Joseph not to let his anger burn against his servant
Judah recognized that it was like he was speaking to Pharaoh**

b) Judah reviewed what had happened leading to this day - 44:20-23

**Judah said that his lord had asked if they had a father or brother
Judah was surety for Benjamin - Gen. 44:32
Judah wanted to take the place of Benjamin - Gen:44-33
Judah said that they had said their father was an old man
Judah said that they had also told him that he had a son in his old age
Judah said they had said that the brother of Benjamin was dead
He is left alone of his mother's children and his father loves him
You told your servants, "Bring him down to me that I may see him"
We told you that he cannot leave his father
We said that if he left his father that his father would die
This is what Jacob had said about himself - Gen. 42:38
You said to your servants:
"Unless your youngest brother comes down with you,
You will see my face no more"**

2) Judah reviewed what Jacob had said - 44:24-29

Judah said they had told their father the words of their lord

At that time Jacob said that sorrow would kill him - Gen. 42:38

Later their father said, "Go back and buy us a little food"

But we said, "We cannot go down"

"If our youngest brother is with us, we will go down"

"For we may not see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us"

Our father said, "You know that my wife bore me two sons"

The one went out from us and I said,

"Surely he is torn in pieces, and I have not seen him since."

Joseph found out here how his father thought he had died - Gen. 37:32-35

"If you take this one, and calamity befalls him,

Benjamin was the only other son of Rachel - Gen.35:24

You shall bring down my grey hairs with sorrow to the grave"

This had been the statement of Jacob - Gen. 42:38

3) Judah said he had become surety - 44:30-32

Judah said he could not face his father if his brother was not with him

Judah said that the life of his father was bound up in his life

Judah said to go back without Benjamin would kill their father

Judah chose to become surety for Benjamin because of this fear - Gen. 43:8-9

Judah said that would bring down the grey hair of their father to the grave

Judah said that he had become surety (the pledge) for Benjamin

Judah said that then he would bear the blame before his father forever

In this same way Christ became sin for us - II Cor. 5:21

4) Judah said he would take the penalty - 44:33-34

Judah begged for "the lord" to let him be the slave instead of the lad

In this same way Christ bore our sins - I Pet. 2:24

Judah said he would remain and be the slave

Judah had suggested selling Joseph as a slave - Gen. 37:26-27

Judah asked for the lad to return home with his brothers

Judah said he could not go to his father without the lad

Judah said such a choice would bring evil on his father

Judah was later promised that kings would come from him - Gen. 49:8-10

Judah was in the family line of Christ - Matt. 1:3; Luke 3:33

4. The brothers learned who Joseph was - 45:1-28

a. Joseph asked everyone to leave - 45:1

**Joseph could no longer restrain himself in front of the Egyptians
Joseph cried out, "Make everyone go out from me!"
No one else was there when Joseph made himself known to his brothers**

b. Joseph told his brothers who he was - 45:2-5

**Joseph wept very loudly when everyone had gone out
The Egyptians heard Joseph crying
The household of Pharaoh heard Joseph crying
Joseph then spoke to his brothers and said:
"I am Joseph; does my father still live?"
His brothers could not answer Joseph
His brothers were dismayed in his presence
Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near me."
The brothers then came close to Joseph
Joseph said, "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt"
Joseph told his brothers not to be grieved or angry with themselves
Joseph then explained the plan of God
Joseph said, "God sent me before you to preserve life."**

c. Joseph told how long the famine will last - 45:6-8

**Joseph said that the famine had been in the land for two years
Joseph said that there were still five more years of the famine
Joseph said there would be no plowing or harvesting during that time
Joseph said that God had sent him before them
Joseph said that God wanted to preserve a posterity for them
Joseph said God's plan was to save their lives by a great deliverance
Joseph said it was not really his brothers that had sent him to Egypt
Joseph understood the way God had worked - Gen 50:20
The brothers meant it for evil but God meant it for good
Joseph said that God was the One who had sent him to Egypt
Joseph said that God had made him a father to Pharaoh
Joseph said that God had made him lord of Pharaoh's household
Joseph said God had made him a ruler throughout Egypt**

d. Joseph told them to bring his father - 45:9-13

1) Joseph told them to hurry and get their father - 45:9-10

Joseph told them to hurry and go to his father

Joseph had a strong desire to see his father again - Gen. 46:28-29

Joseph told them what to say to his father

“God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry”

It had been 22 years since Joseph had seen his father - Gen. 37:14

Joseph told them they would dwell in the land of Goshen

This area had grass for the cattle and flocks (it was next to the Nile River)

This would also allow them to multiply as a nation - Ex. 1:7

Joseph said that then they would be near to him

Joseph said their children and grandchildren would also be near

Joseph said that their flocks, herds and everything would be near

2) Joseph said that he would provide for them - 45:11-13

Joseph said he would provide for them in the land of Goshen

Joseph kept his promise to his brothers - Gen. 47:12

Joseph said that otherwise they would all end up in poverty

Joseph said that the famine was going to last five more years

Joseph said that the brothers had seen and heard what he had said

Joseph said his brother Benjamin had heard the words from his mouth

Joseph said to tell his father of all his glory in Egypt

Joseph said to tell his father all that they had seen

Joseph then told them to hurry

Joseph told his brothers to bring his father down to Egypt

God also spoke to his father and told him to go to Egypt - Gen. 46:2-4

e. Joseph showed his love for his brothers - 45:14-15

Joseph then fell on his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept

Benjamin also wept on the neck of Joseph

Joseph then kissed all of his brothers

Joseph also wept over all of his brothers

His brothers then talked with Joseph

Their fear had partly gone away - Gen. 45:3

That fear did not totally go away - Gen. 50:17-21

f. Joseph was given instructions by Pharaoh - 45:16-24

1) Pharaoh wanted the family to Joseph to have life in Egypt -45:16-20

**The household of Pharaoh heard about the family of Joseph
They heard that the brothers of Joseph had come to Egypt
Pharaoh and her servants were pleased by this news
Pharaoh then gave Joseph instructions for his family
Pharaoh told them to load their animals and return to Canaan
Pharaoh told them to bring their father and their households to Egypt
Pharaoh said that he would give them the best of the land
Pharaoh said that they would eat the best fruit of the land
Pharaoh told them what they were to do
Pharaoh said to take carts with them from Egypt
Pharaoh told them to bring their wives and their little ones
Pharaoh told them to bring their father
Pharaoh told them not to think about their goods
Pharaoh said that the best of the land of Egypt would be theirs**

2) Joseph carried out the command of Pharaoh - 45:21-24

**Joseph gave his brothers carts for their families
Joseph gave them food for the journey
Joseph gave each of his brothers a new set of clothes
Joseph gave Benjamin 300 pieces of silver
Joseph gave Benjamin five changes of clothes
Joseph sent various things for his father
Joseph sent him ten donkeys carrying the good things of Egypt
Joseph sent ten female donkeys with food for the trip to Egypt
Joseph told his brothers not to have conflict along the way**

g. Joseph sent his brothers for Jacob - 45:25-28

**The brothers left Egypt and came to their father in Canaan
The brothers told him Joseph was alive and governor over Egypt
Jacob had a very hard time believing them in his heart
Jacob heard the words and then saw the carts
The spirit of Jacob revived when he heard and saw these things
Israel said he would go and see Joseph before he died**

G. Joseph was reunited with his father - 46:1-34

1. Israel was told to go to Egypt by God - 46:1-4

**Israel took his journey with all that he had
Israel came to Beersheba and offered sacrifices to the God of Isaac
God spoke to Israel in visions in the night
God called to Jacob and Jacob answered, "Here I am."
God told Jacob that He is God, the God of his father
God told Israel not to be afraid to go down into Egypt
God said that he would make him a great nation there
God said He would go with Israel to Egypt and bring him back again
God said that Israel would see Joseph in Egypt**

2. Israel was obedient to God - 46:5-7

**Israel and his family were carried in the carts that Pharaoh sent them
They took their livestock and their goods which they had acquired
Israel brought all of his descendants with him to Egypt**

3. Israel took his entire family to Egypt - 46:8-27

a. The summary of each family - 46:8-25

**Reuben had four sons and their families
Simeon had six sons and their families
Levi had three sons and their families
Judah had three living sons and their families
Issachar had four sons and their families
Zebulun had three sons and their families
The entire family of Leah was a total of 33 people
Gad had seven sons and their families
Asher had four sons and their families
The entire family of Zilpah was 16 people
Joseph had two sons born to him in Egypt
Benjamin had ten sons
The entire family of Rachel was 14 people
Dan had one son
Naphtali had four sons
The entire family of Bilhah was 7 people**

b. The total of the family that went to Egypt - 46:26-27

**There were all the people who were from Jacob's body
That did not include the wives of the sons
The total descendants of Jacob who came to Egypt were 66
The descendants of Joseph were he and his two sons
All the people of the house of Jacob who went with him were 70**

4. Israel was reunited with Joseph - 46:28-30

**Israel sent Judah before him to Joseph
This was so he could point out the way to Goshen
Then the family of Israel arrived in the land of Goshen
Joseph got his chariot ready and went to Goshen to meet his father
Joseph presented himself to his father
Joseph then fell on his neck and wept for a good while
Israel told Joseph this visit gave him peace
Now let me die since I have seen your face
Now I have seen that you are still alive**

5. Israel and his sons were prepared to meet Pharaoh - 46:31-34

**Joseph then spoke to his brothers and to the whole household
Joseph told them what he was going to do
Joseph said he was going to tell Pharaoh they had arrived
Joseph said this included his brothers and their households
Joseph said he would tell Pharaoh those in Canaan had come to him
Joseph said he would tell Pharaoh that his family were shepherds
Joseph would tell Pharaoh their occupation was feeding livestock
They had come with their flocks, their herds and all that they had
Joseph said that Pharaoh would have a question for them
Pharaoh would want to know what their occupation was
Joseph told his brothers how to answer this question of Pharaoh
"Our occupation has been with livestock from our youth even till now"
Tell Pharaoh that was also the occupation of our fathers
Then Pharaoh will let you dwell in Goshen
"Every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians"
This meant the Egyptians would want them to live in a separate place
This would make it possible for Israel to grow into a large nation - Gen. 47:27**

H. Joseph experienced blessing in Egypt - 47:1-31

1. This blessing included presenting his brothers to Pharaoh - 47:1-6

a. Joseph told Pharaoh about the arrival of his family - 47:1

**Joseph went and told Pharaoh about the coming of his family
Joseph said his family came with all their flocks, herds and possessions
Joseph said that they had come from the land of Canaan
Joseph said that they were now in the land of Goshen**

b. Joseph presented five of his brothers to Pharaoh - 47:2-4

**Joseph took five of his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh
Pharaoh asked them about their occupation
Pharaoh heard that both they and their fathers were shepherds
They said they had come because there was no pasture for their flocks
They asked if they could dwell in the land of Goshen**

c. Joseph was asked to provide chief herdsmen for Pharaoh - 47:5-6

**Pharaoh then spoke to Joseph
Pharaoh said that his father and brothers had come to Joseph
Pharaoh said to tell them they could dwell in the best of the land
Pharaoh said to tell them they could live in Goshen
Pharaoh said if some were competent men among them
Pharaoh said if so to make them his chief herdsmen**

2. This blessing included presenting his father to Pharaoh - 47:7-10

**Joseph brought his father and presented him to Pharaoh
Jacob then blessed Pharaoh
Pharaoh asked Jacob how many years had he lived
Jacob said that he had lived 130 years
Jacob said that few and evil had been the days of his life
Jacob said he had not reached the age of his fathers
Jacob said that his fathers had lived longer lives
Jacob again blessed Pharaoh
Jacob then left the meeting with Pharaoh**

3. This blessing included caring for his family - 47:11-12

**Joseph then gave his father and brothers a place to live in Egypt
This possession was in the best of the land
This possession was in the land of Rameses (Goshen)
This was what Pharaoh had ordered Joseph to do
Joseph provided for his father, brothers and all their families
Joseph provided them with bread according to the size of their families**

4. This blessing included preserving the Egyptians - 47:13-26

a. The Egyptians used up their money - 47:13-14

**There was no bread in Egypt because the famine was very severe
Egypt and Canaan became faint because of the famine
Joseph gathered all the money that was found in the land of Egypt
Joseph gathered all the money that was found in the land of Canaan
The people gave this money to Joseph in order to buy grain
Joseph brought the money into the house of Pharaoh**

b. The Egyptians used their cattle to buy food - 47:15-17

**The people in Egypt and Canaan used up all of their money
The people asked Joseph for grain to keep from dying
The people told Joseph they had used up all of their money
Joseph said he would give them food in exchange for their livestock
Joseph said that was another way to pay if their money was gone
The people brought their animals to Joseph to buy food
These animals included horses, flocks, cattle, herds and donkeys
Joseph gave them food in exchange for their cattle that year**

c. The Egyptians sold their land - 47:18-20

**The people said that they had nothing left to exchange for food
The people said that all they had was their bodies and their lands
The people told Joseph to buy them and their land for food
The people said that they would become the servants of Pharaoh
Joseph bought all of the land of Egypt for Pharaoh
Everyone sold their fields because the famine was so severe**

d. The Egyptians were moved to the cities - 47:21-22

**Joseph then moved all of the people into cities
This happened from one end of Egypt to the other
The only land Joseph did not buy was the land of the priests
The priests had their food allotted to them by Pharaoh
That was the reason why the priests did not sell their land**

e. The Egyptians were provided with food - 47:23-26

**Joseph told the people he had bought them and their land for Pharaoh
Joseph then gave them seed to plant in the land
Joseph said that when the harvest came they were to give 1/5 to Pharaoh
Joseph told the people that 4/5 of the grain would be for the people
Joseph said the 4/5 would provide seed for the fields and food for the people
The people said that Joseph had saved their lives
The people said that they would be the servants of Pharaoh
Joseph then made it a law that Pharaoh would receive 1/5 of their crops
This did not apply to the priests since their land was not Pharaoh's**

f. The family of Israel grew and multiplied - 47:27-28

**Israel lived in the land of Egypt in the area of Goshen
They had possessions there and grew and multiplied exceedingly
Jacob lived in the land of Egypt for 17 years
The total length of the life of Jacob was 147 years**

g. Israel told Joseph he did not want to be buried in Egypt - 47:29-31

**The time came close to the time for Israel to die
Israel called his son Joseph to speak to him
Israel asked Joseph to deal kindly with him
Israel asked not to be buried in Egypt
Israel wanted to be buried in the same place as his fathers
Israel asked if his body could be taken to their burial place
Joseph said that he would do as Israel had requested
Israel asked Joseph to swear he would do it
Joseph said that he would keep that promise
Israel then bowed himself on the bed**

I. Joseph and his sons were blessed by Israel - 48:1-22

1. Jacob reviewed the promise God has given him - 48:1-4

Joseph was told that his father was sick
Joseph went to visit his father with his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim
Jacob was told, "Look your son Joseph is coming to you"
Israel then strengthened himself and sat up on the bed
Jacob spoke to Joseph about the past and said:
"God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan"
At that time the Lord had blessed him and said:
"Behold, I will make you fruitful, and multiply you"
This happened when Jacob returned from Padan Aram - Gen. 35:11-12
"I will make you a multitude of people "
I will give this land to your descendants as an everlasting possession

2. Jacob said the sons of Joseph were his - 48:5-7

Jacob said that Joseph now had two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh
Jacob said these sons were born in the land of Egypt before he came
Jacob said that both sons would be his like Reuben and Simeon
This meant that two tribes in Israel came from Joseph - Josh. 16:4
Jacob said any other offspring would be considered Joseph's
Jacob said they would be like his sons in their inheritance
Jacob said Rachel died when he was coming to the land of Canaan
She died in childbirth at the time Benjamin was born - Gen. 35:16-19
Jacob said this death happened before they reached Ephrath
Jacob said he had a little distance to go to Ephrath (Bethlehem)

3. Jacob said he would bless the sons of Joseph - 48:8-11

Jacob saw Joseph's sons and asked who they were
Joseph said that these were the two sons that God had given him
Jacob asked Joseph to bring the two sons to him
Jacob had eye problems so he could hardly see
Joseph brought his sons close and Jacob kissed and embraced them
Jacob said that he did not think he would ever see Joseph
Jacob thought he would go to the grave mourning - Gen. 37:35
Jacob said that now God had also shown him Joseph's sons

4. Jacob showed the younger would be greater - 48:12-14

**Joseph brought his sons from beside his knees
Joseph then bowed with his face to the ground
Joseph used his right hand to guide Ephraim toward Israel's left hand
He used his left hand to guide Manasseh toward Israel's right hand
Joseph brought both sons close to Jacob
Jacob crossed his hands and laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim
Jacob laid his left hand on the head of Manasseh, the firstborn
Jacob guided his hands knowingly so his right hand was on Ephraim**

5. Jacob reviewed how God has blessed him - 48:15-16

**Jacob then blessed Joseph and his sons
Jacob said this blessing was in the name of God
This was the God of Abraham and Isaac
This was the God who fed him throughout his life
This was the Angel who redeemed him from all evil
Jacob blessed the sons and placed his name on them
Jacob also placed the name of his fathers on Joseph's sons
Jacob said that their descendants would grow into a multitude**

6. Jacob said the younger will be greater - 48:17-19

**Joseph saw that his father had crossed his hands and it displeased him
Joseph tried to move his right hand from Ephraim to Manasseh
Joseph told his father that Manasseh was the firstborn
Jacob said he knew and Manasseh would also become a people
Jacob said the younger son would be greater than the older son
Jacob said his descendants would become a multitude of nations**

7. Jacob promised Joseph a double inheritance - 48:20-22

**Jacob said by these sons the nation of Israel would bless
Jacob said they would bless by the name of Ephraim and Manasseh
Jacob told Joseph he was dying but God would bring them back to Canaan
Jacob said that he had given Joseph one portion above his brothers
Joseph received this blessing instead of Reuben because of sin - Gen. 35:22
Jacob said he took the land from the Amorite with his sword and bow**

J. Joseph and his brothers heard about their future - 49:1-33

1. Jacob gathered his sons for his final words - 49:1-2

**Jacob sent a message to all of his sons
Gather together so that I can tell you what will happen to you in the last days
“Gather together and hear, you sons of Jacob”
Listen to Israel, your father”**

2. Jacob told his sons about their future - 49:3-27

a. Reuben would not excel - 49:3-4

**Reuben was reminded that he was the firstborn
Reuben was the beginning of Jacob’s might and strength
Reuben was supposed to be first in dignity and first in power
Jacob said that Reuben had been as uncontrolled as water
Reuben was the firstborn but his sin kept him from exceling
Reuben would not be the first in dignity or power
Reuben had gone up to his father’s bed
Reuben had defiled his father’s couch by his actions
This was when he lay with Bilhah, his father’s concubine - Gen. 35:22**

b. Simeon and Levi would be scattered - 49:5-7

**Simeon and Levi were brothers - the second and third of Jacob’s sons
Jacob said that instruments of cruelty were in their habitation
Jacob did not want to be a part of their counsel
Jacob did not want his glory to be associated with them
In their anger they slew a man, Shechem - Gen. 34:25-26
In their sell-will they hamstrung an ox
Jacob said their anger was cursed because it was fierce
Jacob said their wrath was cursed because it was cruel
Jacob said that they would be divided in Jacob
Simeon became the smallest tribe on the second census - Nu. 26:14
Levi became the priestly tribe - Deut. 33:8-11
Jacob said that they would be scattered in Israel
The inheritance of Simeon was within the tribe of Judah - Josh. 19:1
Levi was scattered in 48 cities among the various tribes - Num. 35:6-7**

c. Judah would have Christ come from his family - 49:8-12

Judah would be praised by his brothers
Judah would have his hand on the neck of his enemies
Judah would have the other tribes bow down to him
Judah would be as strong as a young lion
Judah would be as secure as an old lion
Judah would stretch himself like a lion
Judah would have the line of kings come from that tribe
Shiloh means “He who brings” and was recognized as a title for the Messiah
Judah would have the Messiah come from his descendants
Christ is called the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah - Rev. 5:5
His rule is described in Revelation 20:4-6
During that rule Christ will experience the obedience of the people
During that rule the donkey will even be tied to the vine
The donkey’s colt will be tied to the choice vine
This speaks of such abundance that the donkey shares in that abundance
Grapevines are like a delicacy for animals
The fruit of the vine will be as common as water when Christ rules
His eyes will be brighter than wine
His teeth will be whiter than milk

d. Zebulun would live near the sea - 49:13

Zebulun would live on the trade route from the sea to east of Israel
Zebulun would benefit from the shipping trade
Zebulun would be located on the route that ran from Sidon
The people along trade routes benefit because of the purchases of traders

e. Issachar would become a servant - 49:14-15

Issachar would be as strong as a donkey
The donkey was an animal that carried heavy loads
Issachar would lay down between two burdens
Issachar would see that rest is good
Issachar would see a land that was pleasant
Issachar would bow his shoulder to carry a burden
Issachar would become a band of slaves
We see that Issachar would serve others

f. Dan would judge the people - 49:16-18

**Dan would be a tribe that would serve as a judge
Dan would be one of the tribes of Israel
Dan would be like a snake along a path
Dan would be like a poisonous snake
The tribe of Dan introduced idolatry in Israel - Jud. 18:30-31
Dan would be like a snake that bites a horse
This causes a rider to fall off the horse
Israel wanted salvation to come back to Dan**

g. Gad would overcome at the last - 49:19

**Gad would have others tramp on him
Gad would triumph at the last**

h. Asher would have the rich seacoast - 49:20

**Asher would have a rich land
This land would produce plenty of food for others**

i. Naphtali would be a good speaker - 49:21

**Naphtali would be like a deer let loose
Naphtali would have good speakers**

j. Joseph would be very fruitful - 49:22-26

**Joseph's family would be like a fruitful branch
Joseph's family would be like a branch near a well
Joseph's family would spread out like branches going over a wall
Joseph had been bitterly grieved by the treatment given to him
Joseph was mistreated and hated by his brothers
Joseph had remained strong in his faith in God
Joseph had been made strong by the Mighty God of Jacob
Joseph became like a Shepherd and the Stone of Israel
The God of his father helped him and greatly blessed him
The blessings of his father were greater than his ancestors
These blessings would be on him who was separate from his brothers**

k. Benjamin would be successful but cruel - 49:27

**Benjamin would be like a ravenous wolf (successful in war)
Benjamin would be cruel and devour his prey
Benjamin would gather great spoil through war**

3. Jacob gave his instructions for burial - 49:28-32

Israel had spoken to each of the sons who came from him

Israel had told them what would happen in their futures

Part of their futures were controlled by their past

The past for Reuben had been sin - Gen.35:22

The pasts for Simeon and Levi involved cruelty - Gen. 34:25-26

The past for Joseph had been dependence on God - Gen. 39:8-9

Israel blessed each of his sons

Isaac had only given one blessing - Gen. 27:38

Israel recognized that each son would have a different future

No two of us will have the same future on this earth

Israel that gave a charge to all of his sons

This charge was regarding his coming burial

Israel said that the time of his death had come

Israel said that he wanted to be buried with his fathers

Israel said he wanted to be buried in the cave of Ephron the Hittite

Israel said this was the cave in the field of Machpelah

Israel said this was close to Mamre in the land of Canaan

Israel said Abraham bought this cave from Ephron the Hittite

Abraham bought it as a possession for a burying place

Abraham and Sarah were buried in that cave

Isaac and Rebekah were buried in that cave

Israel had buried Leah in that cave

The field and the cave were purchased at the same time

The field and cave were purchased from the sons of Heth

4. Jacob concluded his words and died - 49:33

Israel finished commanding his sons

Israel drew his feet up into his bed

Israel breathed his last

Israel was gathered to his people

K. Joseph carried out his father's instructions - 50:1-14

1. The body of Jacob was prepared for burial - 50:1-3

**Joseph fell on his father's face, wept and kissed him
Joseph commanded the physicians to embalm his father
Forty days were required for the embalming
The Egyptians had a seventy day period of mourning**

2. The request to Pharaoh was honored by Pharaoh - 50:4-6

**Joseph made his request after the time of mourning was over
Joseph asked the household of Pharaoh to speak to Pharaoh for him
Joseph said that his father had requested to be buried in Canaan
Joseph asked for permission to take the body for burial
Joseph promised he would come back after the burial
Pharaoh told Joseph he could go to Canaan as he promised his father**

3. The body of Jacob was taken to Canaan - 50:7-11

**Joseph went to Canaan to bury his father
The servants of Pharaoh and the elders of Egypt went with Joseph
All of the adults of his father's house went with Joseph
Their little children, flocks and herds remained in the land of Goshen
They went up with both chariots and horsemen
They went up with a very large group
They mourned seven days at the threshing floor of Atad
The Canaanites saw this mourning at the threshing floor of Atad
They named the place Abel Mizraim (mourning of Egypt)**

4. The body of Jacob was buried in Canaan - 50:12-14

**The sons of Israel did just as he had commanded
The sons of Israel carried Israel to the land of Canaan
The sons of Israel buried him in the cave of Machpelah
The sons of Israel buried him in the cave bought from Ephron
Joseph returned to Egypt after the burial
All his brothers returned with him to Egypt after the burial
All the Egyptians who went along also returned to Egypt**

L. Joseph was blessed the rest of his life - 50:15-26

1. This blessing allowed him to encourage his brothers - 50:15-21

The brothers became fearful after they returned to Egypt
The brothers thought that Joseph would hate them
The brothers thought Joseph might repay all of the evil they had done
The brothers sent messengers to Joseph with a command from Israel
Israel had told them to ask Joseph to forgive them for the evil they had done
They asked, "Please. Forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin"
"Please forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your fathers"
Joseph wept when he heard the words of this message
The brothers also came and fell down before Joseph
The brothers said, "Behold, we are your servants."
Joseph said, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?"
"As for you, you meant it evil against me; but God meant it for good"
God made it possible for this to save many people alive
Joseph told his brothers not to be afraid
Joseph said he would provide for them and their little ones
Joseph comforted them and spoke kindly to them

2. This blessing included watching his family grow - 50:22-23

Joseph lived in Egypt along with his father's household
Joseph lived one hundred and ten years
Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation
The third generation of Manasseh were also brought up on his knees

3. This blessing included hope for the future - 50:24-26

Joseph gave a final message to his family before he died
Joseph said that God would visit Israel and bring them out of this land
Joseph said God would bring them to the land promised to their fathers
God would bring them to the land given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
Joseph took an oath from his family about his bones
"God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here"
Joseph died when he was 110 years old
The body of Joseph was then embalmed
The body of Joseph was put in a coffin in Egypt