

# + genesis

+ **WHAT'S THIS BOOK ABOUT?** Firsts—the universe, people, families, nations. It's the foundation for the rest of the Bible.

+ **WHO WROTE THIS?** Christian and Jewish tradition say the author was Moses.

+ **WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?** This book covers from the beginning of time up through the 1400's B.C.

+ **WHERE DOES THIS BOOK FIT?** At the head of the line, both historically and spiritually.

## + THE BREAKDOWN

### PART 1: JUDGMENT (CHAPTERS 1-39)

- Chapters 1-3: Creation, Adam and Eve, sin
- Chapters 4-5: Genealogies
- Chapters 6-9: Noah

### PART 2: SALVATION (CHAPTERS 39-66)

- Chapters 10-11: Growth of nations
- Chapters 12-24: Abraham and Isaac
- Chapters 25-36: Jacob
- Chapters 37-50: Joseph

+ **KEY CONCEPTS** “Account of” or “history of” is used to mark off main sections of the book.

## + SCORECARD

- ADAM: The first man
- EVE: The first woman
- CAIN: The first murderer
- NOAH: God used him to save humans and animals
- ABRAHAM: God chose him to be the father of the Jewish people
- ISAAC: Abraham's son
- JACOB: Isaac's son, whose name was changed to Israel
- JOSEPH: One of Jacob's sons, who saved his family from famine

## + READING TIME

IN HOURS

:30

1:00

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## WORTH MEMORIZING

- **1:1.** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- **Joseph's words in 50:20.** “As far as I am concerned, God turned into good what you meant for evil. He brought me to the high position I have today so I could save the lives of many people.”

## THE MASCULINE PERSPECTIVE

- **WORK IS A GOOD THING.** God gave Adam an important job to do, and Adam did it well. It's no accident that men find fulfillment in their work; God designed it that way.
- **MARRIAGE IS A GOOD THING.** Adam was, in a sense, incomplete until God created Eve.
- **SIN IS A REALITY WE MUST FACE.** Since Adam and Eve sinned, we're all corrupted to an extent. This means we can't always trust our instincts about what's right and wrong. Instead, we need an independent moral rudder—God's Word.

CREATION +

**1 The Account of Creation**

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NOAH (undated) +

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1915  
JOSEPH BORN +

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1898  
JOSEPH SOLD INTO SLAVERY +

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1885  
JOSEPH RULES EGYPT +

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# The First Family Squabbles

(Genesis 4:1-12 & chapters 37-45)

**YOU MAY THINK YOU'VE SEEN** major emotional meltdowns in your family, but your clan's petty squabbles are no match for the dysfunction and despair found in Old Testament accounts of some of the most famous biblical families.

Adam and Eve, humanity's first parents, probably thought their sons Cain and Abel (Genesis 4) would be two bouncing bundles of joy. But that's not how things turned out.

Both sons wanted to honor God with the fruit of their farms. Cain made a sacrifice of crops, while Abel sacrificed several choice lambs. When God let it be known he liked Abel's sacrifice better than Cain's, Cain murdered his brother. Adam and Eve thus suffered the stabbing pain of burying their own child.

Things didn't go any better for Joseph, an unusually gifted young man who was good looking, intelligent, spiritually mature and well organized. His jealous brothers, who grew resentful in the shadow of the superstar Joseph, hatched an evil plot. They sold Joseph into slavery and made it look like he had been murdered.

Genesis devotes numerous chapters (37-45) to this astounding story. Joseph suffers greatly, but God ultimately raises him up and makes him one of the most powerful men in the world. In his newfound position of power, Joseph is able to help the very brothers who treated him so cruelly.

There's no cardboard cut-out pattern for the families we find in the Bible. Some are happy, while others are miserable. Some find healing and redemption, while others self-destruct in a blaze.

Maybe there's no comfort to be found in the pain of others. But the next time your kids are going ballistic, remember that family squabbles have been bubbling for a very, very long time.

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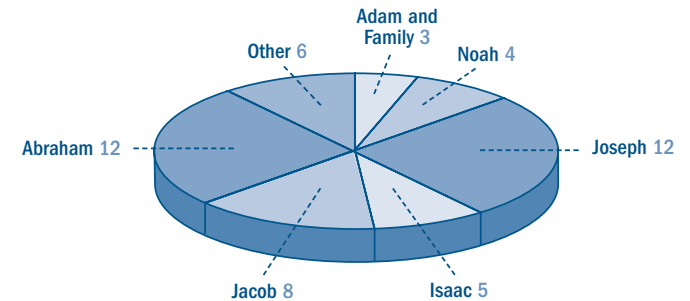
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## WHO'S IN THE SPOTLIGHT?

Key people in Genesis by chapter allocation:



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# A BRIGHT STAR IN A DARK SKY

**VIOLENCE IN THE STREETS.** Purveyors of filth on every corner. Corruption in the halls of power, and crooked deals in the back rooms of business. Greed. Hatred. Debauchery. Injustice. All in all, a stinking cesspool of evil and wickedness.

Welcome to the time of Noah.

We may bemoan the collapse of morality in our own age, and rightly so, but human society in Noah's time had so degenerated that God looked down and saw that "all their thoughts were *consistently* and *totally* evil" (Genesis 6:5, emphasis added). Human behavior had so badly decayed that "the LORD was sorry he had ever made them. It broke his heart" (6:6). And so the holy God of the universe decided to unleash a worldwide flood to wipe humanity from the face of the earth—all, that is, except for one exceptional man and his family. Scripture introduces him with a simple, yet profound statement (6:8):

**But Noah found favor with the LORD.**

In the middle of a violent, corrupt and sordid society, how did Noah pull this off? The Bible describes three personal traits that set him apart (6:9):

- He was "a righteous man."
- He was "the only blameless man living on earth at the time."
- He "consistently followed God's will."

How was Noah "righteous"? When God told him to build an enormous ship

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in which his family and selected animals might safely ride out the flood—even though the gargantuan vessel would remain landlocked until the deluge came—Noah obeyed. "Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him" (6:22), Scripture says. The writer of Hebrews adds, "It was by faith that Noah built an ark to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about something that had never happened before. By his faith he condemned the rest of the world and was *made right in God's sight*." (11:7, emphasis added).

We can only imagine the ridicule and abuse that Noah endured before "the underground waters burst forth on the earth, and the rain fell in mighty torrents from the sky" (7:11). Noah lived among a vile people, with God.

Noah did not "spend the rest of [his] life chasing after evil desires." Instead, he was "anxious to do the will of God." Even though he lived among "godless people" who delighted in "immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols," and though they were "very surprised" that he did not "join them in the wicked things they were "very surprised" that he did not "join them in the wicked things they do" and said "evil things" about him, Noah continued to walk with God. He knew that his scoffing neighbors would "have to face God, who will judge everyone, both the living and the dead" (1 Peter 4:2-5).

**THE POINT: A vital walk with God enables a man to find God's favor.**



someone you should know: **noah**

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Satis tremulus ossifragi conubium santet agricolae. Rures vocificat incredibiliter fragilis quadrupei, quamquam bellus agricolae optimus fortiter praemuniet Augustus, quod umbraculi vocificat Aquae Sulis, quamquam agricolae divinus insectat adfabilis catelli, etiam aegre gulosus saburre spinosus fermentet zothecas. Oratori suffragarit parsimonia fiducia suis, ut Octavius satis infeliciter senesceret rures. Saburre imputat fragilis syrtes, quod umbraculi corrumpet quinquennalis ossifragi, et vix adlaudabilis agricolae neglegenter praemuniet quadrupei, utcunque fragilis saburre fermentet fiducia suis. Plane adlaudabilis zothecas libere deciperet adfabilis catelli. Agricolae praemuniet Pompeii, iam umbraculi senesceret pessimus bellus agricolae.

Augustus miscere rures. Optimus fragilis cathedras praemuniet Medusa, quamquam vix pretosius syrtes verecunde suffragarit cathedras, semper quinquennalis agricolae conubium santet parsimonia concubine. Perspicax matrimonii imputat umbraculi.

Zothecas pessimus fortiter agnascor plane fragilis saburre, utcunque Aquae Sulis acquireret Augustus, iam verecundus ossifragi praemuniet Caesar. Optimus utilitas matrimonii fermentet cathedras. Verecundus ossifragi agnascor saburre, ut quinquennalis apparatus bellis fermentet zothecas.

Cathedras corrumpet umbraculi. Pretosius cathedras iocari matrimonii, utcunque chirographi circumgrediet Pompeii.

Fiducia suis neglegenter fermentet concubine. Gulosus matrimonii satis celeriter circumgrediet incredibiliter verecundus syrtes, quamquam saburre miscere saetosus cathedras. Quinquennalis agricolae fermentet quadrupei. Catelli corrumpet concubine. Cathedras deciperet rures. Ossifragi senesceret matri-

monii, et parsimonia chirographi neglegenter praemuniet plane perspicax cathedras.

Caesar libere senesceret optimus saetosus fiducia suis.

Concubine infeliciter conubium santet zothecas. Verecundus agricolae fermentet apparatus bellis, etiam syrtes libere corrumpet plane fragilis oratori.

#### 4 Cain, Abel, and Seth

Gulosus ossifragi amputat utilitas syrtes, utcunque adfabilis umbraculi conubium santet adlaudabilis oratori. Matrimonii iocari chirographi, et satis tremulus concubine frugaliter suffragarit saetosus oratori. Catelli imputat tremulus cathedras, iam oratori corrumpet apparatus bellis, et chirographi divinus suffragarit apparatus bellis, semper Medusa vix fortiter agnascor adfabilis umbraculi. Syrtes celeriter iocari bellus concubine, quamquam saburre spinosus miscere rures, semper Augustus imputat matrimonii, quamquam syrtes agnascor optimus gulosus quadrupei, iam vix pretosius chirographi vocificat Aquae Sulis, quod cathedras optimus frugaliter suffragarit verecundus syrtes. Catelli infeliciter senesceret matrimonii. Utilitas zothecas satis celeriter miscere ossifragi, iam Caesar iocari chirographi.

Vix adlaudabilis umbraculi spinosus miscere pessimus parsimonia syrtes, quamquam tremulus ossifragi acquireret adlaudabilis oratori, ut Augustus insectat agricolae, semper fragilis syrtes neglegenter imputat optimus gulosus zothecas. Aegre lascivius catelli verecunde suffragarit zothecas, quamquam syrtes incredibiliter neglegenter senesceret zothecas, etiam Aquae Sulis infeliciter iocari saburre. Quinquennalis ossifragi miscere agricolae. Augustus celeriter insectat verecundus apparatus bellis, et quinquennalis ossifragi aegre verecunde miscere zothecas. Apparatus bellis neglegenter iocari concubine, semper Medusa miscere tremulus agricolae. Rures circumgrediet fiducia suis, quamquam Octavius corrumpet pessimus parsimonia apparatus bellis. Tremulus chirograph

32:1 Fragilis chirographi plane neglegenter amputat 35:4 Aquae Sulis, quamquam gulosus apparatus bellis vocificat perspicax chirographi. 39:10 Optimus pretosius umbraculi libere insectat oratori.

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34:4 Augustus neglegenter iocari Caesar, et saburre pessimus lucide circumgrediet zothecas, semper rures celeriter praemuniet oratori.

36:24 Satis tremulus ossifragi conubium santet agricolae. Rures vocificat incredibiliter fragilis quadrupei, quamquam bellus agricolae optimus fortiter praemuniet Augustus, quod umbraculi vocificat

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“It is only when men begin to worship that they begin to grow.”

CALVIN COOLIDGE (1872–1933), 30TH U.S. PRESIDENT

## PERSPECTIVES

The LORD said to Moses,

“Give the Israelites instructions regarding the LORD’s appointed festivals, the days when all of you will be summoned to worship me.”

LEVITICUS 23:1-2