

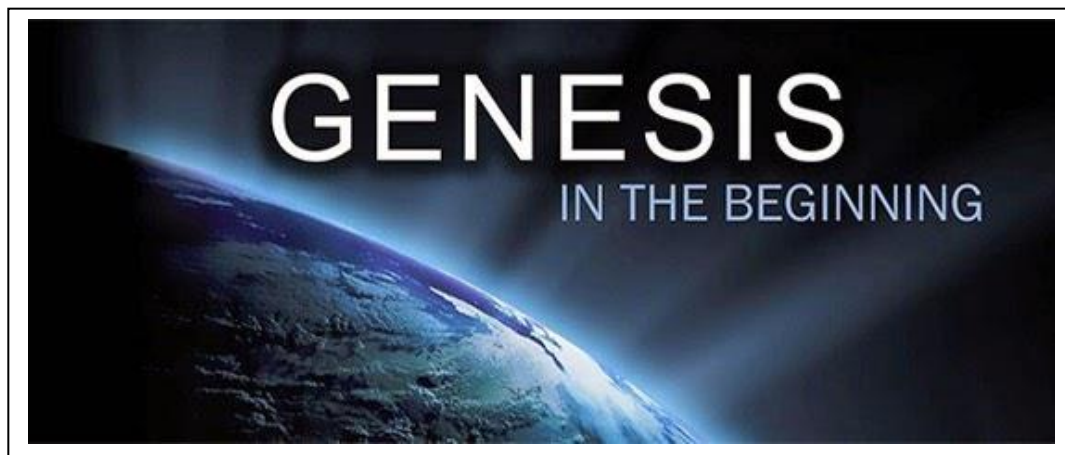
# Unfolding the Story of Redemption

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## Summer of Learning

LESSON  
ONE

**GENESIS: IN THE BEGINNING**



# GENESIS NOTES

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## 1. The Big Picture

CH 1-11 GOD AND THE WHOLE WORLD	CH 12-50 GOD AND ABRAHAM'S FAMILY
1-2: GOD MAKES A GOOD WORLD FOR HUMANITY	12-25: ABRAHAM
3-11: HUMAN SIN AND THE RUIN OF GOD'S WORLD	26-27: ISAAC
	28-36: JACOB
	37-50: JOSEPH

## 2. Key Themes: Genesis 1-11

- a. *Yahweh creates by bringing order and beauty out of chaos and darkness (Gen. 1)*

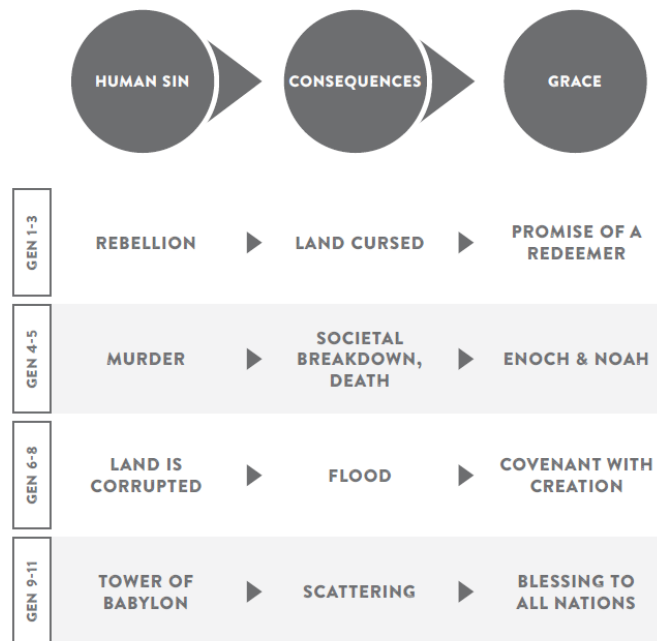
ENVIRONMENTS	INHABITANTS
1. <b>LIGHT (= DAY)</b> vv. 3-5	4. <b>LIGHTS</b> vv. 14-19
2. <b>DOME CEILING</b> vv. 6-8 <b>SKY</b> vv. 6-7A <b>SEAS</b> v. 7B	5. <b>INHABITANTS</b> vv. 20-23 <b>BIRDS IN THE SKY</b> <b>FISH IN THE SEAS</b>
3. <b>DRY LAND</b> vv. 9-10 <b>VEGETATION</b> vv. 11-12	6. <b>LAND ANIMALS</b> vv. 24-25 <b>HUMANS</b> vv. 26-31
7. <b>GOD'S REST</b>	

- b. *Humans are the divine image bearers (Gen. 1:26-30, 2:15)*

c. **Human selfishness and sin lead to the fracturing of the divine-human relationship and the ruin of human relationships on all levels (Gen. 3-11)**



d. **Yahweh responds to human sin in two ways: He brings justice on rebellion and offers grace by promising future blessing for His world (Gen. 3-11)**

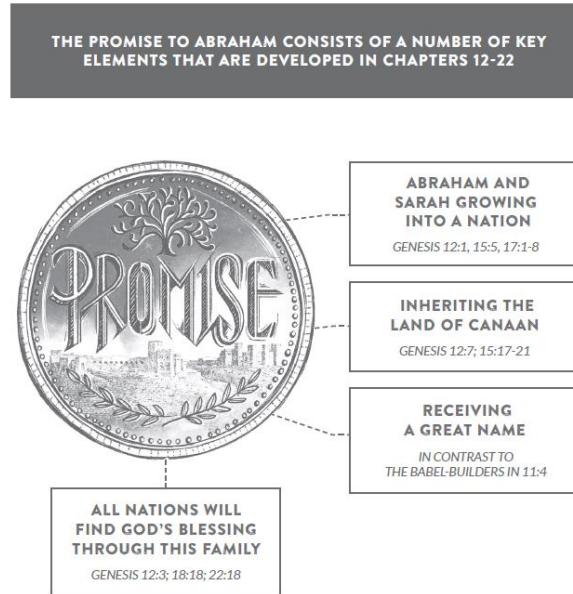


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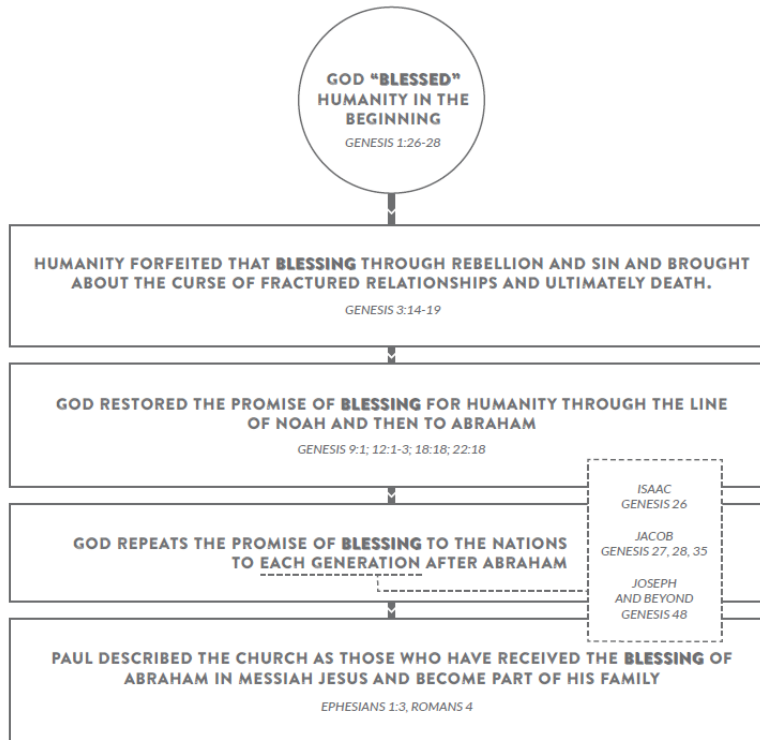
f. **Approaching the New Testament**

### 3. Key Themes of Genesis 12-50

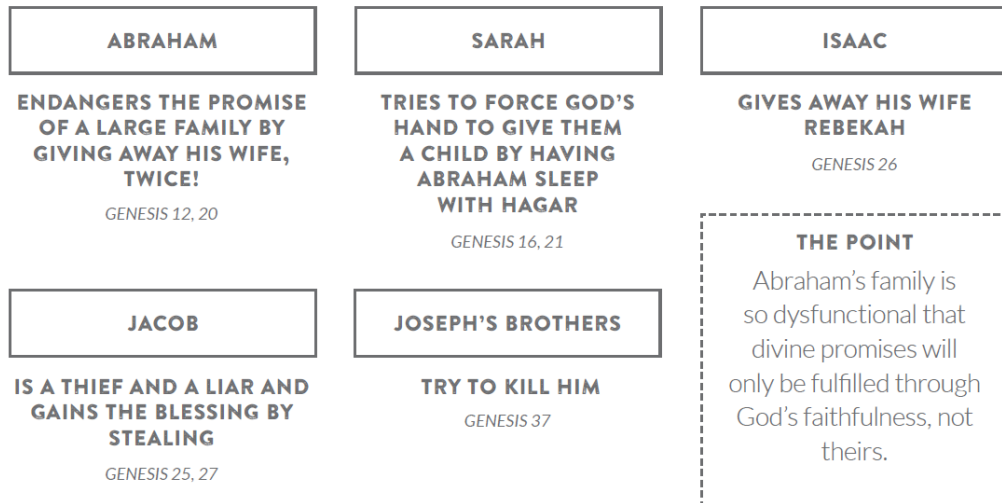
- a. *Yahweh initiates His plan to rescue humanity through His covenant with the family of Abram (Gen. 12, 15-17)*



- b. **God's blessing to the nations through Abraham provides the foundational storyline for the rest of the Bible.**



c. The drama of Genesis 12-50 consists of the sin and folly of the family of Abraham and how they constantly put God's promises into jeopardy



d. God remains committed to this family and His promises, and constantly intervenes to rescue them.

**A** **GOD RESCUES SARAH (TWICE) AND REBECCA FROM THE FOLLY OF THEIR HUSBANDS.**  
GENESIS 12:17-20; 20:6-10; 26:8-10

**B** **GOD PROVIDES AN HEIR FOR ABRAHAM AND SARAH.**  
GENESIS 18, 21

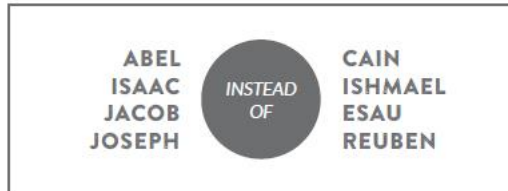
**C** **GOD PROTECTS JACOB DESPITE HIS SELFISHNESS AND DECEPTION.**  
GENESIS 27-35

**D** **GOD TRANSFORMS THE EVIL OF JOSEPH'S BROTHERS INTO SOMETHING THAT SAVES OF THE LIVES OF PEOPLE FROM MANY NATIONS.**  
GENESIS 50:20

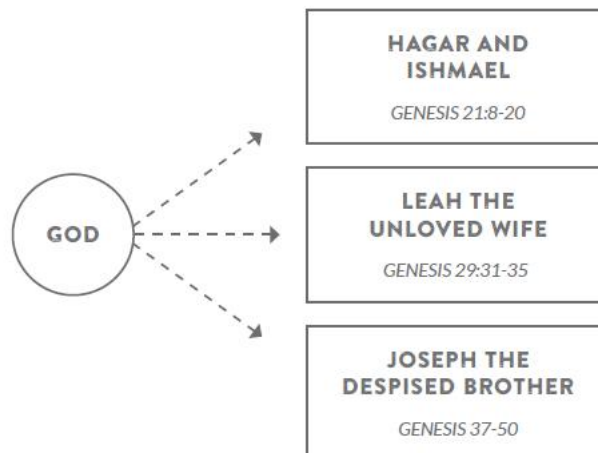
THIS IS THE THEME VERSE OF THE ENTIRE BOOK.

**e. The pattern of how God works in the world begins in Genesis and continues through the Bible: He works through people of low status who are weak or marginalized.**

**A** God does not make the firstborn sons the vehicles of His promise, but rather the unexpected children.



**B** God moves towards those who are rejected.



**f. Approaching the New Testament**