

Genesis

The Book Of Beginnings



Mount Ararat

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.” (Genesis 1:1-3)

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Part One: Primeval History (1:1–11:9)

I. The Creation (1:1–2:25)

A. Creation of the World (1:1–2:3)

1. How much time, if any, elapsed between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:3?
2. How long was the first “day” (1:5)?
3. What is the “firmament” (1:7)?
4. What are the “waters which were under the firmament” and “the waters which were above the firmament” (1:7)?
5. In what way was man made in the image of God (1:26)?
6. What did God do on the seventh day (2:2)? Why?

B. Creation of Man (2:4–25)

1. What is the significance of the fact that “a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground” (2:6)?

2. What are the two trees of special significance mentioned in Genesis 2:9? Please explain the purpose of these trees.

3. What does the word “die” mean in Genesis 2:17?

4. Why did God cause the animals of creation to pass by Adam (2:19–20)?

5. Why was the woman created (2:21–24)?

II. The Fall (3:1–5:32)

A. The Fall of Man (3:1–24)

1. What appeal did the serpent make to Eve (3:4–6)?

2. What did Adam and Eve do after they sinned (3:7)? Why?

3. What was Adam’s excuse for his sin (3:10)?

4. What did God say to the serpent (3:14–15)?

5. What did God say to Eve (3:16)?

6. What did God tell Adam (3:17–19)?

7. How did God block access to the garden of Eden (3:24)? Why?

B. After the Fall: Conflicting Family Lines (4:1–5:32)

1. What was the first sin that Cain committed (4:2–5)? What was his second sin? What was his third sin?

2. How did Abel offer his sacrifice “by faith” (cf. Heb 11:4)?

3. How did God punish Cain (4:11–13)? Why didn’t God take his life?

4. Where is the “land of Nod” (4:16)?

5. How did men began to “call on the name of the Lord” (4:26)?

6. The average life span of the men mentioned in Genesis five is extremely long. How do you account for this?

7. How did Enoch “walk with God” (5:24)?

III. The Judgment of the Flood (6:1–9:29)

A. Causes of the Flood (6:1–5)

1. Who are the “sons of God” in Genesis 6:2?

2. Who are the “giants” in Genesis 6:4?

B. Judgment of the Flood (6:6–22)

1. Why was the Lord “grieved” with mankind (6:5–6)?

2. Describe the ark which Noah was commanded to build (6:14–16).

3. Describe how Noah got the animals he needed for the ark (6:19–20; cf. 7:2–3, 8–9).

C. The Flood (7:1–8:19)

1. Where did all of the water for the Genesis flood come from (7:11)?

2. How was the door of the ark closed (7:16)?

3. How deep was the water at the time of the flood (7:20)? How long did the waters “prevail on the earth” (7:24)?

4. Where did the ark come to rest (8:4)?

5. How did Noah know when to come out of the ark (8:6–16)?

D. Results of the Flood (8:20–9:17)

1. What did Noah do when he left the ark (8:20)?

2. What promise did God make (8:21–22)?

3. What new command did God give in Genesis 9:3–4?

4. What command did God give in Genesis 9:6? What is the reason stated in this verse?

5. Describe the covenant God made in Genesis 9:8–17.

E. After the Flood: The Sin of the Godly Line (9:18–29)

1. What does the entire human race have in common (9:19)?

2. What sin did Noah commit (9:21)?

3. What sin did Ham commit (9:22, 24)?

4. Who was “cursed” in Genesis 9:25? How was this curse carried out?

IV. The Judgment on the Tower of Babel (10:1–11:9)

A. Family Lines After the Flood (10:1–32)

1. How were the people “separated into their lands” after the flood (10:5, 20, 31)?

2. Why did God give us the “table of nations” we find in Genesis 10? Of what benefit are these verses to anyone today?

B. Judgment on All the Family Lines (11:1–9)

1. What was the purpose of the tower of Babel (11:4)?

2. Why did God dislike the tower of Babel (11:6)?

3. Why did God “confuse” the language of the people (11:7–9)?

Part Two: Patriarchal History (11:10–50:26)

I. The Life of Abraham (11:10–25:18)

A. Introduction of Abram (11:10–32)

1. Is the genealogy of Abraham complete (11:10–26)?
2. Where is Ur of the Chaldeans (11:28)?
3. Where did Terah die (11:32)? Where is this today?

B. The Covenant of God with Abram (12:1–25:18)

1. List the three great promises God made to Abram (12:1–3).
2. What did God give Abram (12:7)? When did Abram take possession?
3. Why did Abram journey to Egypt (12:10)?
4. What happened to Abram and Sarai in Egypt (12:11–20)?
5. Why was there strife between the herdsmen of Abram and the herdsmen of Lot?
How was this problem resolved (13:3–7)?

6. How long were the descendants of Abram going to have the land (13:15)?

7. What happened to Lot after he separated from Abram (14:1–12)? What did Abram do (14:13–17)?

8. Who is Melchizedek (14:18)? Why did Abram pay tithes to him (14:19–20)?

9. What is the significance of the promise made in Genesis 15:5?

10. How long were the descendants of Abraham going to dwell “in a land that is not theirs” (15:13)?

11. What covenant did God make with Abram in Genesis 15:18–21?

12. How did Sarai try to “help” God (16:1–4)? What did she do after this?

13. What did Hagar do (16:6–16)?

14. How could God tell Abram that “I have made you a father of many nations” when Abram was still childless (17:5)?

15. Why did God change Abram's name to Abraham (17:5)?

16. What was the sign of the covenant God made with Abram (17:9–14)?

17. Why did God change Sarai's name to Sarah (17:15)?

18. What did Abraham propose to God (17:18)?

19. Who were the three men who visited Abraham (18:1–15)? For what purpose did they come? How did Sarah react to their message?

20. Why did Abraham intercede for Sodom (18:16–33)? Why did God agree to "negotiate" with him?

21. How did the men of Sodom react to the visitors in their midst (19:1–11). What offer did Lot make? What did the visitors do?

22. Do you see any unusual activity in Lot as he prepared to leave Sodom (19:12–22)?

23. What punishment was inflicted upon Lot's wife (19:26)? Why?

24. What sin did Lot commit (19:30–38)?
25. What sin did Abimelech commit (20:1–18)? What was Abraham’s part in this sin?
26. How did Hagar react to Isaac (21:8–9)? What did Abraham do to Hagar and Ishmael (21:11–14)? Was this in the plan of God?
27. What did Abimelech desire of Abraham (21:22–24)? What did Abram do?
28. How was the faith of Abraham tested (22:1–19). What did Abraham expect to happen? What did happen? Was this a type or shadow of something in the future?
29. Where was Sarah buried (23:1–20)? Why is this event recorded in such detail?
30. Why was Abraham so concerned about whom Isaac married (24:1–9)?
31. How was Rebekah selected to become the wife of Isaac (24:10–67)?
32. Who was the second wife of Abraham (25:1)?

33. What happened to Abraham after he died (25:7–11)?

II. The Life of Isaac (25:19–26:35)

A. The Family of Isaac (25:19–34)

1. What did God tell Rebekah about her children and their future (25:23)?
2. Describe the children of Rebekah (25:27–28).
3. What is a “birthright” (25:29–34)? How did Esau despise his birthright?
4. Jacob was deceptive regarding the birthright (25:29–34). Did this haunt him later?

B. The Failure of Isaac (26:1–33)

1. Why did God renew His covenant with Isaac (26:2–5)?
2. What did Isaac do that made Abimelech think “*deja vu* all over again” (26:7–11)?
3. What agreement did Isaac make with Abimelech (26:26–33)?

C. The Failure of Esau (26:34–35)

1. What action did Esau take in Genesis 26:34?

2. What caused grief to Isaac and Rebekah?

III. The Life of Jacob (27:1–36:43)

A. Jacob Gains Esau's Blessing (27:1–28:9)

1. Summarize how Jacob obtained the blessing intended for Esau (27:1–29).

2. How did Esau react when he found out that Jacob had been blessed (27:30–40)?

3. What did Jacob have to do to escape his brother's anger (27:41–46)?

4. Why couldn't Isaac take a wife from Canaan (28:1–10)?

B. Jacob's Life at Haran (28:10–32:32)

1. What happened at Bethel (28:10–22)?

2. How did Jacob meet Rachel (29:1–14)?

3. What is ironic about how Jacob is deceived by Laban (29:15–30)?

4. Name the children that Leah bore (29:31–35; 30:14–21).

5. Why did Jacob have children by Bilhah (30:1–8)? What were their names?

6. Name the children of Jacob by Zilpah (30:9–13).

7. Name the child that Rachel bore (30:22–24).

8. What agreement did Jacob make with Laban (30:25–43)?

9. How did Jacob depart from Laban (31:1–21)?

10. Why did Laban pursue Jacob (31:22–42)? Who deceived Laban?

11. What covenant did Laban make with Jacob (31:43–55)?

C. Jacob's Return (32:1–33:20)

1. After Jacob left Laban, what did he fear (32:1–21)? Why? What did he decide to do?
2. What is the significance of Jacob wrestling (32:22–32)? Who did he wrestle with? What was the result?
3. Describe the meeting between Jacob and Esau (33:1–11).
4. What did Jacob and Esau decide to do (33:12–17)?
5. Where did Jacob settle (33:18–20)? What did he do then?

D. Jacob's Residence in Canaan (34:1–36:43)

1. What happened to Dinah, the daughter of Leah (34:1–7)?
2. How was the issue resolved (34:8–31)?
3. Why did Jacob return to Bethel (35:1–15)? What happens at this location?
4. How did Rachel die (35:16–20)? Where was she buried?

5. How would you sum up the life of Isaac (35:22b–29)?

E. The History of Esau (36:1–43)

1. Where did Esau get his wives from (36:2)? What was so bad about this?

2. Why is the genealogy of Esau recorded for us (36:1–43)?

IV. The Life of Joseph (37:1–50:26)

A. The Corruption of Joseph's Family (37:1–38:30)

1. Why were the brothers of Joseph angry with him (37:1–11)?

2. What did the brothers of Joseph do to him (37:12–28)? How is their cruelty further shown (37:25)?

3. What is ironic about the manner in which Jacob was deceived by his sons (37:29–36)?

4. How was Judah deceived (38:1–30)? Who exhibited the greater honor?

B. The Exaltation of Joseph (39:1–41:57)

1. How did God bless Joseph in Egypt (39:5)?

2. How did Joseph exhibit moral character in Egypt (39:6–18)?

3. What happened to Joseph in prison (39:19–23)?

4. How did Joseph help the King's butler and baker while in prison (40:1–23)?

5. What dream did Pharaoh have (41:1–8)? What did he do about his dream?

6. How did Joseph interpret the dream of Pharaoh (41:9–36)?

7. How did Pharaoh reward Joseph (41:37–52)?

8. How extensive was the famine (41:53–57)?

C. The Salvation of Jacob's Family (42:1–50:26)

1. Describe the first meeting between Joseph and his brothers (42:1–17).

2. How did Joseph arrange for Benjamin to journey to Egypt (42:18–24)?

3. What did the brothers of Joseph discover after they left Egypt (42:25–38)?
4. Why did the brothers of Joseph return to Egypt (43:1–14)?
5. Describe the second meeting between Joseph of his brothers (43:15–34).
6. How and why was Benjamin made a “slave” (44:1–17)?
7. What offer does Judah make to Joseph (44:18–34)?
8. When Joseph reveals himself to his brothers he is extremely kind and forgiving. Why does he have such an attitude (45:1–15)?
9. What does Pharaoh propose to do for Joseph and his brothers (45:16–28)?
10. What comfort does Jacob receive on his journey (46:1–7)?
11. How many people from the house of Jacob go to Egypt (46:8–27)?

12. How does Joseph prepare the way for his brothers (46:28–34)?

13. Where did the brothers of Joseph settle in Egypt (47:1–12)?

14. What wise business dealings did Joseph make (47:13–26)?

15. What does Joseph vow to his father (47:27–31)?

16. What blessing does Jacob give to the sons of Joseph (48:1–22)?

17. Summarize the final words of Jacob to his sons...
 - a. Reuben (49:3).

 - b. Simeon and Levi (49:5–7).

 - c. Judah (49:8–12).

 - d. Zebulun (49:13).

 - e. Issachar (49:14–15).

f. Dan (49:16–18).

g. Gad (49:19).

h. Asher (49:20).

i. Naphtali (49:21).

j. Joseph (49:22–26).

k. Benjamin (49:27).

18. Where did Jacob want to be buried (49:29–33)? Why there?

19. Describe the manner in which Jacob was buried (50:1–14).

20. What were the brothers of Joseph afraid of (50:15–21)?

21. What evidence is there that Joseph “died in faith” (50:22–26; Heb 11:13)?

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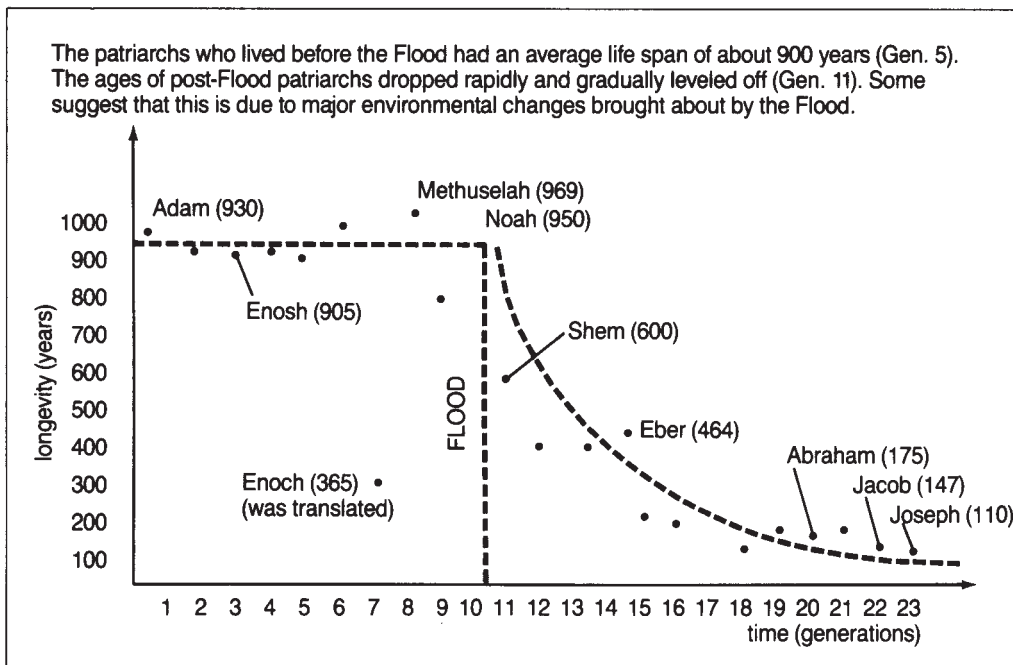
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The Garden Of Eden



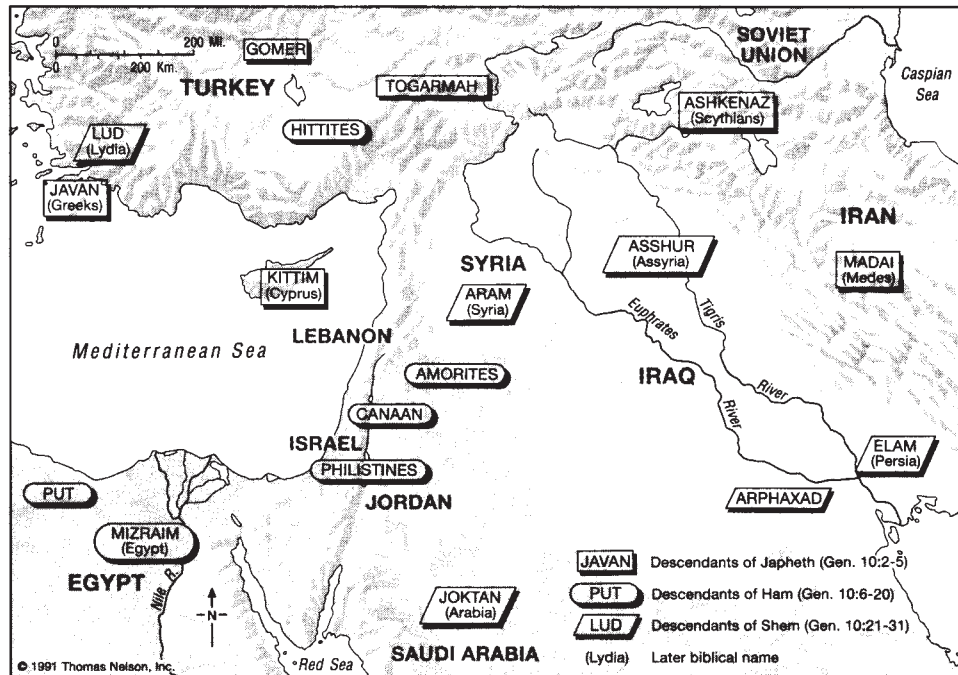
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The Table Of Nations

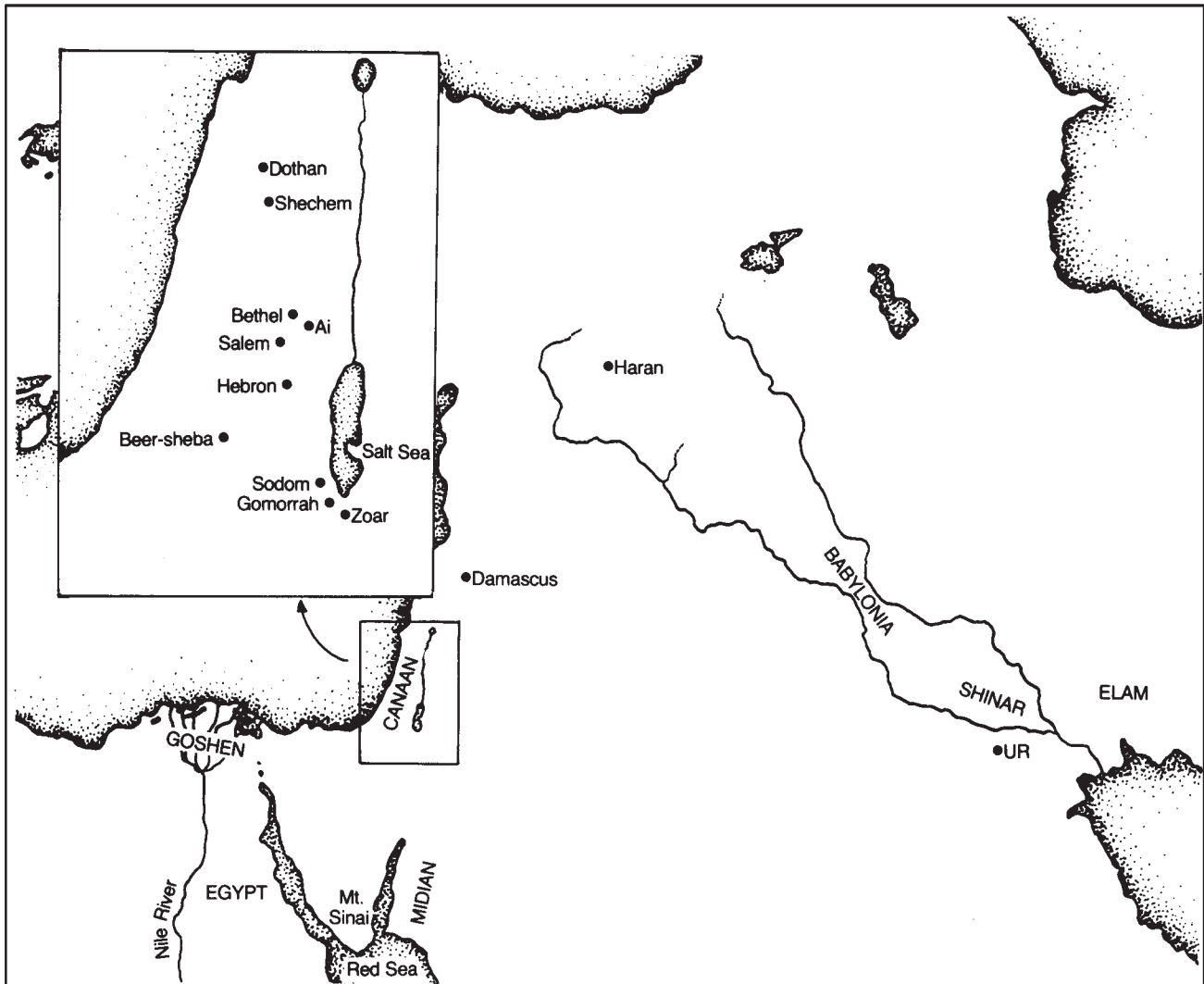


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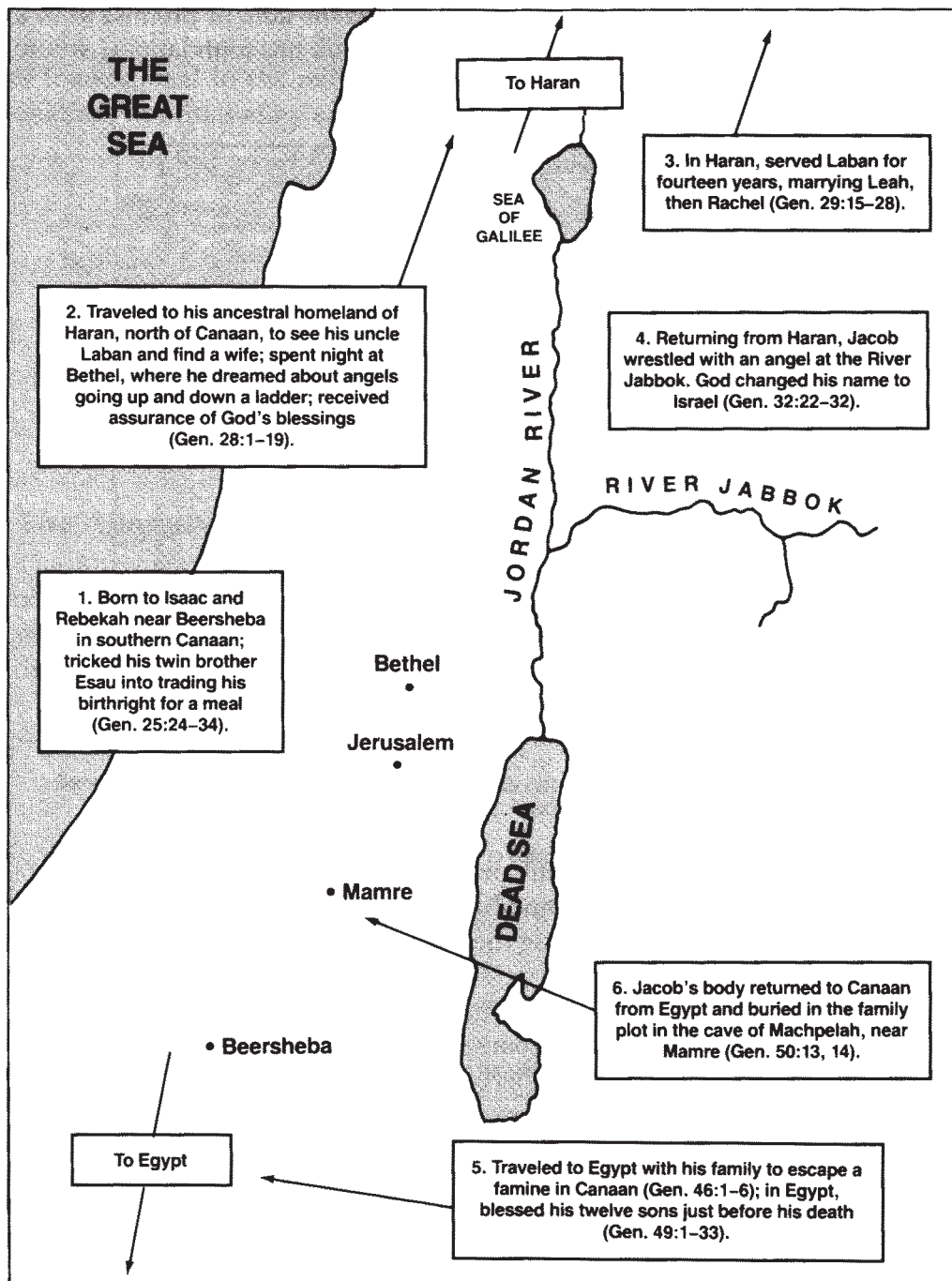
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The Land Of Abraham



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The Life Of Jacob



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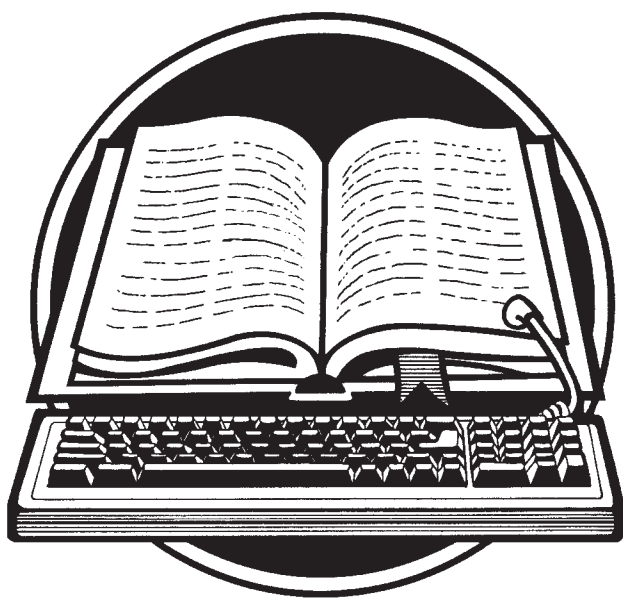
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