

## Genesis

Themes: **God's Spirit, Testing & Trees, Blessings and Curse, Exile**

1. **God's Spirit:** Genesis 1-11
    - a. Genesis 1-5 – Creation
      - Days 3 and 6
      - Days 2 and 5
      - Days 1 and 4
      - Stars rule heavens
      - Humans rule earth on day 6
        - Humans made in image of God
    - Eden
      - Tree of Life
      - Tree of Knowledge of good and bad
      - Fall
        - Serpent lies to humans
        - “Cool of the day”
    - Cain and Abel
      - God favors Abel over Cain-firstborn
  - b. Genesis 6-10 – Noah- can't live with humans but save a remnant
    - “Sons of God” - spiritual fall
    - Flood
      - Noah and his family
      - God makes covenant with Noah
  - c. Genesis 11
    - Babel
      - Languages
      - Start of theme of Babylon
2. Abraham - **Testing with Trees:** Genesis 12-23
  - a. New Adam
  - b. Trees**
    - i. Oaks of Moreh
    - ii. Mamre
    - iii. Mamre
  - c. Sodom and Gomorrah
    - God's judgment on rebellious nations
  - d. Testing**
    - i. Abraham listens to voice of wife- fail
    - ii. Test at the well- pass
    - iii. Sacrifice of Isaac- pass
  - e. Melchizedek
    - Priest-king
    - Messiah hyperlink

3. Isaac and Jacob- **Blessings and Curse:** Genesis 24-37
  - a. Jacob/Esau
    - i. Womb
    - ii. Birthright
    - iii. Inheritance/Blessing
      - Listened to voice of his mother
    - iv. Jacob blessed over firstborn
  - b. Jacob wrestles with God
  - c. Jacob meets Esau
4. Joseph- **Exile:** Genesis 38-50
  - a. Dreams
  - b. Exile- in the pit
  - c. Egypt- Rise-fall-rise again to power
  - d. Manasseh blessed over Ephraim

Joseph is like a New Adam, with God's blessings, who overcomes exile, giving Eden blessings in a foreign land.

Seeing and Taking theme in Genesis examples

- Genesis 3:6, Genesis 6, Genesis 12:14, Genesis 16:3, Genesis 22:13, Genesis 34:2, Genesis 34:2, Genesis 37:24-32

Exodus

Themes: God's Name, Testing, Temple

1. **God's Name:** Exodus 1-13:16
  - a. People in Exile/Moses Born- Exodus 1-2
  - b. Burning Bush- Exodus 3-6
    - i. YAHWEH means "I am/I will be"
    - ii. Moses called to deliver people
  - c. 10 Plagues- Exodus 7-13- Acts of de-creation
    - i. Blood, Frogs, Gnats
    - ii. Flies, Disease, Boils
    - iii. Hail, Locusts, Darkness
    - Death of firstborn

Passover

These are so Pharaoh knows God's name (Exodus 7:17)

2. **Testing:** Exodus 13:17-24
 

Part 1- Exodus 13:17- ch.18

- a. **Crossing of Red Sea**- Exodus 13-15
  - i. First test caught between water and army
  - ii. Song of the Sea

3 tests in wilderness

**b. Tree thrown in water**- Exodus 15

**c. Bread from heaven**- Exodus 16

**d. Israel tests Yahweh**- Exodus 17

e. Israel defeats Amalek and Jethro visits- Exodus 17-18

Part 2- Exodus 19-24

- a. Instructions for Mt. Sinai- Exodus 19
- b. Ten Commandments- Exodus 20
  - a. Exodus 20:1-17- Ten Commandments
  - b. Exodus 20:18-21- Flashback to ch.19
- c. 42 Laws- Exodus 21-23
- d. Covenant is made- Exodus 24

3. **Temple/Tabernacle**: Exodus 25-40

- a. **Blueprints for the Tabernacle** – Eden space- Exodus 25-31
  - i. 7 speeches from God
- b. **Rebellion**/Renewal of Covenant- Exodus 32-34
- c. Setting up Tabernacle- Exodus 35-40

Leviticus

Themes: Sacrifice/Atonement, Holiness, Sabbath

1. **Sacrifice/Atonement**: Leviticus 1-7

- a. Distinction between common and holy
- b. Dwelling with God in their midst- How were they to do it?**
- c. 5 Sacrifices
  - i. Ascension (Burnt)
  - ii. Gift
  - iii. Peace
  - iv. Purification
  - v. Guilt
- d. Atonement- means “at-one-ment” or unified. It means to repay a debt and to purify.

2. **Holiness**: Leviticus 8-16

- a. Inauguration of priesthood and tabernacle
- b. This section is the center of Leviticus and the Torah
- c. Consecration of the priests- Leviticus 8
  - i. **Rebellion of the priests**- Leviticus 10
- d. Holiness/commonness- Leviticus 11-15

- i. If something is holy it is brought to or dedicated to Yahweh
- e. Purity/Impurity- Leviticus 11-15
  - i. Jesus can make impure things or more so people pure
- f. Day of Atonement- Leviticus 16
  - i. One goat is sacrificed, one goat is sent into wilderness
  - ii. Jesus is both goats who was sacrificed and suffered outside Jerusalem just as the goat was sent outside the camp.

3. **Sabbath rest:** Leviticus 17-27

- a. Leviticus 17-20- Laws for honoring people
  - i. No eating blood- Leviticus 17
  - ii. Leviticus 18- 14 laws
  - iii. Leviticus 19- 21 laws
  - iv. Leviticus 20- 14 laws
- b. Priests' regulations- Leviticus 21-22
- c. Leviticus 23-27
  - i. Leviticus 23- Feast/Festival Days
  - ii. Leviticus 24:1-9- Menorah Lamp (God's light shines on Israel)
  - iii. Leviticus 24:10-23- Blasphemer
    - 1. Dishonor the name of Yahweh
  - iv. Leviticus 25- Year of Jubilee- liberation of people and animals (Eden)
  - v. Leviticus 26-27- Blessings and Curses

Numbers- In the Wilderness

Themes: Temple, Testing, New Adam and Eve

1. **Temple:** Numbers 1-12

- a. Census- Numbers 1-4
- b. Levites chosen as a Genesis theme of first born chosen
- c. Confess sins instead of blame- Numbers 5- Genesis 3 theme
  - i. 5:11-31 this compares to Genesis 6-8 of wickedness
- d. Nazarite Vow- Numbers 6
  - i. To be set apart like Noah in Genesis 8-9
  - ii. Numbers 6:22-8:4- Eden blessings
- e. Lights in the tabernacle- Numbers 8
  - i. Tabernacle mirrors Eden
- f. Listening to God's voice- Numbers 9-12

2. **Testing:** Numbers 13-25

- a. Numbers 13-15
  - i. Spies in the land echoes Genesis 3
  - ii. Fear of land compares to Exodus 32

b. Numbers 16 Rebellion of Korah

c. Numbers 20 Moses' Rebellion

d. Numbers 21-25 Blessings for Israel

i. Victory in War

ii. Balaam blessings

Despite 3 failed tests, God still intends to bless them

3. **New Adam & Eve:** Numbers 26-35

a. Numbers 26- Census which summarizes the rebellions

b. Numbers 27

i. Zelophehad's daughters

ii. Joshua as new Moses or New Adam

c. Numbers 28-30

i. Genesis 1-9 is replayed in review of feast days and vows

ii. Israel is a new Adam and Eve going into Eden

iii. Numbers 32- Outside the garden of Eden- 1 and ½ tribes stay on the other side of Jordan River

iv. Numbers 35- Cities of refuge and inheritance

Numbers ends with them outside Eden, on the other side of the river across from promised land.

Deuteronomy- "second law"

Themes: Love & Listening, Law, Blessings and Curse

1. **Listen & Love:** Deuteronomy 1-11

Sermons of Moses- Deuteronomy 1-11

a. Summary of Israel history -3 sections of speeches

b. Explanation or commentary of laws

c. Listen to God's voice and loving God

i. Listen occurs 91 times, love occurs 12

d. Entering Canaan land

i. Eden imagery- the people are outside Eden land (Canaan) waiting to enter

e. Giants- Deuteronomy 1:20- Genesis 6

2. **Law:** Deuteronomy 12-26

Deuteronomy 12-18- Relationship between Israel and Yahweh

a. Devotion to Yahweh

b. Year of Jubilee

Deuteronomy 19-25- Relationship between Israelites

- a. "Law"- terms of covenant with Yahweh
- b. These laws could be adapted, but they could not go outside covenant boundaries
- c. **Judgment/justice**- same word meaning "accountability within relationships"
- d. **Righteousness**- "right relationship"
- e. Warning against allegiance to other spiritual powers Torah is for gaining wisdom

3. **Blessing and Curse**- Deuteronomy 26:16-34

a. Deuteronomy 27- People on two mountains on either side. One would pronounce blessings, the other would pronounce curse.

-The mountains are near the Oaks of Moreh. Connects this with promise to Abraham and the garden of Eden.

b. **Blessing and Curses- Deuteronomy 28**

28:1-14- Blessings of abundance and multiplication

28:15-68- Curses resemble plagues and are consequences of choices

c. Deuteronomy 29- Predicts Israel's failure

d. Joshua takes over and rebellion predicted- Deuteronomy 31

e. **Moses- Song and blessing- Deuteronomy 32-33- Anyone who obeys the law are his children. This is Eden imagery for those who remain faithful.**

f. **Moses dies and we look for a new Adam in Joshua**

Genesis

Adam to Noah Genesis 1-11

- Chaos-Eden-Exile 1-5
- Flood Narrative 6-9
- Scattering the World 9-11

Abraham 11:27-25:18

- Abraham's Journey of Trust 11-19
- Testing 20-22
- Preparing Descendants 22-25

Isaac and Jacob 25:19-36

- Jacob's birth-Exile 25-28
- Jacob in Exile 29-31
- Return from exile 32-37