

Week 2

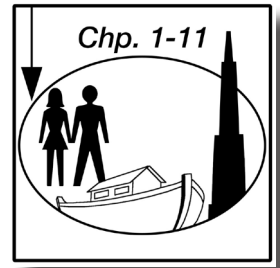
PART I

WHAT GOD IS DOING!

PROLOGUE



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Suggested Reading: Genesis 1-11



Introductory thesis: There is an introduction to the Bible!

Prologue =

Genesis, Chapter:

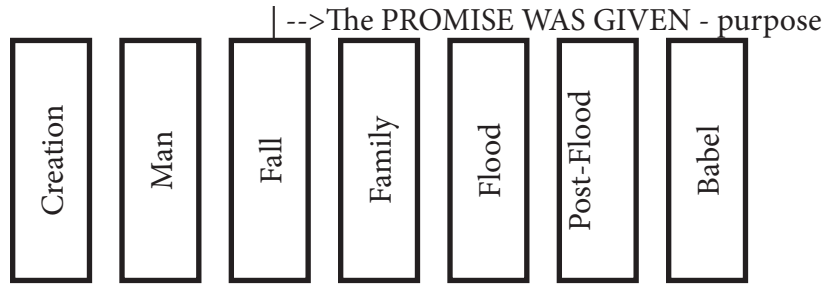
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Analysis of the Prologue

Ten Steps:

Step	Chapter In Gen	Key Word(s)	Notes
1	_____	Creation	_____
2	_____	Man	_____
3	_____	Fall	_____
4	_____	Family	_____
5	_____	Genealogy	_____
6	_____	Race/Flood	_____
7	_____	Post-Flood	_____
8	_____	Genealogy	_____
9	_____	Babel	_____
10	_____	Genealogy	_____

Review of key scenes in the prologue



Question: Is Genesis 1-11 primarily “doing” or “saying”?

- Doing
- Saying

What is the purpose of the genealogies?

“Fast Forward”----->



The literary genealogies are to give _____, and also to move us _____ to different scenes.

What is the predominate theme of the Prologue?

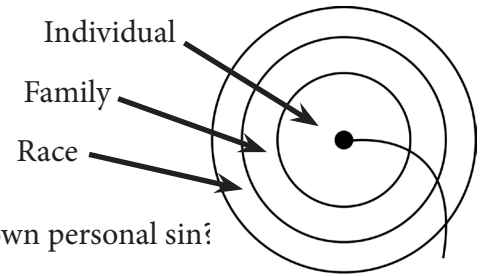
- Creation
- Man
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- Fall
- Family (Cain & Abel)
- Genealogy
- Flood
- Post-Flood
- Genealogy
- Babel
- Genealogy

What Characterizes Steps, 3, 4, 6, 7, & 9

_____ a 3 letter word!

Sin in the Prologue:

We see the effects of sin...



****Do you agree? in light of this, how should we view our own personal sin?

The human predicament (sin) is that human beings are not capable of living in harmony with:

****Give examples of where you have seen this in your life or our culture.

God's Response

What God did NOT do:

He did not abandon them, and he did not send the Redeemer right away.

What God DID:

Plan to restore man

****What does this say to you about the nature of our God?

Preview of Coming Attractions

Genesis 1:1, 27, 28

“In the beginning God created... God created man... Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth.”

Number 14:21

“As surely as I live, saith the Lord, all the earth will be filled with the glory of God”

Romans 3:23

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

Ephesians 1:3-14

“God has blessed us.... He chose us.... He predestined us... to the praise of the glory of his grace... we have redemption... forgiveness... to the end that we should be to the praise of his glory... God’s own possession, to the praise of his glory”

Genesis 11:27-32

Terah, Abram, Sarai ???

Curtain Up!

God is about to say something and do something about the problem situation described in the Prologue!

Review Questions and Vocabulary: Prologue

What are the ten content steps in the prologue?

Identify and describe the “dominant theme of Genesis 1-11”

What is meant by, “the literary purpose of the genealogies”?

Why do we view 1-11 as a “prologue”? Explain.

What is meant by an “ever widening circle”?

What is meant by the “human predicament”?

Sketch out and identify the specifics of a graphic illustration of the content of Genesis 1-11. As an example, consider the “logo” for this session.

Prologue Vocabulary/Concepts

Prologue

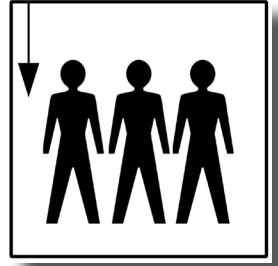
Creation, Flood & babel

Genealogy

Fence-post method of teaching

Ten steps of the Prologue

STEP 1: THE PATRIARCHS
Suggested Reading: Genesis 12-27



I: **ACT 1** Begins: Genesis 12

Major Themes:

1. Out of you I am going to make a _____
2. And you shall be a _____: in you all the families of the earth shall be _____

The story of the Old Testament is the story of a _____

God also says that all the peoples of the earth will be blessed through this nation.

Question: What kind of blessing do people most need?

Answer: _____

The two fold theme is actually a legal promise (“I will”). we will use four words for this, the most important promise ever made:

PROMISE * COVENANT * CONTRACT * TESTAMENT
(Genesis 12: 2-3)

In **ACT I, Scene One** we will watch God build a great nation in twelve steps:

From a seed: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 = comes a Great Nation!

Twelve Historical (Doing!) Steps

II. **Step 1: The Patriarchs**

Four Biographies (Genesis 12-50)
Abraham -> Issac -> Jacob -> Joseph

Abraham (13 1/2 Chapters)

1 Mini-Biography

He _____ the _____.

He _____ to the land.

He _____ a _____.

He _____.

2. To build a great nation, we need lots (lots!) of _____!!

But: "Now Sarai was barren"! (Genesis 11:30)



Various ideas for solving the problem:

1) Abraham's idea: Eliezer (Genesis 15:2)

God's Reaction: _____!!

2) Sarai's idea: Hagar (Genesis 16:2-3)

God's Reaction: _____!!

3) God's Idea: Isaac (Genesis 17:19, 18:10)

Sarai's reaction: _____!!

3. God's Solution:

a. Abraham + Sarah = _____

b. Great! We are making *progress* now!

4. But: Is this solution going to work?



IS THIS PROGRESS???

Isaac (8 Chapters)

Mini-Biography

He _____.

He _____ (with a _____!)

He has a _____ or two.

He _____.

2. The Covenant is Renewed!

PROMISE * COVENANT * CONTRACT * TESTAMENT
(Genesis 26:3)

3. It's a good thing God renewed the covenant, because we have another problem:

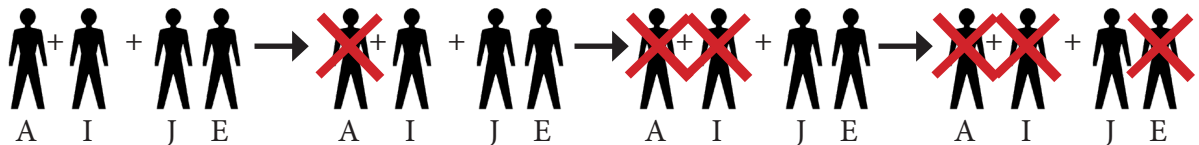
“Now Rebekah was.... barren! (Genesis 25:21)



4. God's Solution:

Isaac + Rebekah = _____ and _____

Great! We are making progress now.... or are we?



This is progress??

5. The Covenant is renewed again!

PROMISE * COVENANT * CONTRACT * TESTAMENT
(Genesis 28: 13-14)

6. A basic principle of Scripture: God is _____ in a _____!

He _____ things!

Jacob/Israel (10 Chapters)

He...

Summary of Step 1:

Question: What did Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob achieve in life?

Answer: A+I+J = The Fathers, or “The _____”

“I am the God of, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob” (50+ X’s)

Review Questions and Vocabulary: Step 1, the Patriarchs

Describe and explain the nature and extent of the problem that necessitated the promise/covenant/contract/testament that God Gave to Abraham.

2. Explain, in terms of Genesis 12ff, the idea that God works through men and women.
3. Why and how is Genesis 12-50 “preoccupied with babies”?
4. In terms of the promise, what was the significance of God asking Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac?

Step One (Patriarchs) Vocabulary/Concepts

Covenant, Promise, Contract, Testament

Genesis 12:1-3

ACT I, Scene One

“I Will”

Barren Women, and Babies!

Patriarchs

Genesis 23:4

“ I am an alien and a stranger among you. Sell me some property...”

Genesis 36:7

“For their property had become too great for them to live together, and the land where they sojourned could not sustain them because of their livestock.”

Genesis 33:19

“And he bought the piece of land where he had pitched his tent from the hand of the sons of Hamor, Shechem’s father...” {See also Hebrews 11:9}

Genesis 34:30

“Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, “You have brought trouble on me, by making odious among the inhabitants of the land... and my men being few in number, they will gather together against me and attack me and I shall be destroyed, I and my household.”

Genesis 38 (... the sordid story of Judah and Tamar)

--- Too _____ to take the land;

too _____ to remain on the land.

Review Questions and Vocabulary: Step 2, the 12 Tribes

What principle is illustrated by the slow progress toward a nation? Explain. (32)

Rachael and Leah “built the house of Israel.” Explain (32)

Sketch out and identify the specifics of a graphic illustration for the Prologues through Step 2.

Step Two (12 Tribes/Clans) Vocabulary/Concepts

1. Ruth 4:11

3. Too many; too few

2. 12 or 13 Tribes?