

Through the Bible

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1. Law (Gen-Deut)

Genesis

• 1-11 God creates the world

• 1-2 Creation

- 1 God creates the heavens, the earth, and all living things in six days, and rests on the seventh day.
- 2 God creates Adam and Eve, places them in the Garden of Eden, and gives them instructions for life.

• 3-6a The spread of evil

- 3 Adam and Eve disobey God by eating the forbidden fruit, resulting in the Fall and the introduction of sin and death into the world.
- 4-6a Cain kills his brother Abel, a genealogy from Adam to Noah, humanity and sin both spread.

• 6b-9 The Flood

- 6b God decides to destroy the corrupt world with a flood but instructs Noah to build an ark to save his family and the animals (like Adam's charge over the animals).
- 7-9a The flood comes and goes, Noah's family and animals survive, God's rainbow promise.

• 9b-11 The spread of evil

- 9b-10 Noah's sons fall to sin, their descendants spread out over the earth, forming the nations.
- 11 Humanity's pride leads to the construction of the Tower of Babel, and God confuses their language, scattering them across the earth.

• 12-50 God chooses a people

• 12-25a God calls Abraham

- 12-15 God calls Abram to leave his homeland and promises to make him a great nation of land, seed, blessing, to bless the whole earth through him.
- 16-18 Sarai gives her servant Hagar to Abram to bear Ishmael, God changes Abram's name to Abraham, institutes circumcision as the sign of the covenant, and promises a son through Sarah.
- 19-20 God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah due to their wickedness, Abraham deceives Abimelech about Sarah being his sister.
- 21-25b Isaac is born, Abraham's faith is tested when God commands him to sacrifice Isaac, Abraham's servant finds Rebekah to be Isaac's wife.

• 25b-36 God calls Issac & Jacob

- 25b-27 Isaac repeats his father's deception with Abimelech and his wife, has fighting twin sons Esau and Jacob, and Esau sells his birthright to Jacob, Jacob deceives Isaac into giving him Esau's blessing.
- 28-29 Jacob dreams of a ladder to heaven and receives God's promise of blessing, Jacob works for Laban to marry Rachel but is deceived into marrying Leah first, then marries Rachel as well.
- 30-33 Jacob has 12 children through wives and maidservants, and he becomes wealthy through selective breeding of Laban's flocks, he wrestles with God, is renamed Israel, and reconciles with Esau.
- 34-36 Jacob's daughter is violated by Shechem, her brothers killing the men of the city, Jacob returns to Bethel, Rachel dies giving birth to Benjamin, Esau's descendants become Edom.

• 37-50 God calls Jacob's sons

- 38 Tamar tricked Judah to sleeping with her after he refused to let her marry his 3rd son, this leads to the birth of twins Perez and Zerah, continuing the lineage of the Messiah through Perez.

- 37, 39-41 Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers and taken to Egypt, Joseph prospers in Potiphar's house, is falsely accused by Potiphar's wife, and is imprisoned until he interprets Pharaoh's dreams.
- 42-47 Joseph prepared Egypt for the famine, Joseph's brothers go to Egypt to buy grain, not recognizing him, and Joseph tests them, forgives them, and provides for them.
- 48-50 Jacob blesses his 12 sons and Joseph's sons, Joseph forgives his brothers again.
- **The Lesson of Genesis:**
 - Sovereignty - God creates and redeems the world
 - God gives humanity blessing
 - Humanity rejects that blessing
 - Humanity is broken by their own sin
 - God makes a plan to save humanity

Exodus

- **1-18 Exodus from Egypt**
 - 1-4 Pharaoh enslaves Israel
 - 1-2 The Israelites multiply for 400 years in Egypt, a new Pharaoh enslaves and kills them, Moses is born, saved by Pharaoh's daughter, and flees to Midian after killing an Egyptian.
 - 3-4 God speaks to Moses from a burning bush, commissioning him to deliver the Israelites from Egypt, God empowers Moses with signs, and Moses returns to Egypt to confront Pharaoh.
 - 5-15 God confronts Pharaoh
 - 5-12 Pharaoh refuses to let the Israelites go, God confronts Pharaoh with 10 plagues, Pharaoh's heart remains hardened from letting Israel go, Passover is instituted with the 10th plague: death of firstborn.
 - 13-14 Pharaoh let's the Israelites leave Egypt, being led by a pillar of cloud and fire, Pharaoh changes his mind, but God drowns Pharaoh's army in the Red Sea.
 - 15-18 God provides in the wilderness
 - 15-16 God provides water, manna, and quail in the wilderness to teach them to rely on Him daily.
 - 17-18 Israelites defeat the Amalekites with Moses' raised hands, Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, advises him to appoint judges to help govern the people, easing Moses' burden.
- **19-40 Covenant with Israel**
 - 19-24 God's covenant with Israel
 - 19-20 God meets with Moses on Mount Sinai, calls Israel to be holy, makes a covenant, gives the 10 commandments.
 - 21-24 God provides laws concerning servants, violence, restitution, property rights, social responsibility, justice for the vulnerable, mercy, Sabbath, festivals, and sacrifices.
 - 25-31 Items for worship
 - 25-27 Instructions for building the Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, the table, the lampstand, curtains, frames, coverings, the altar, the courtyard, and the lamp stand oil.
 - 28-31 God details the priestly garments, the ephod, breastplate, vestments, consecration ceremony for priests, sacrifices, offerings, altar of incense, the census tax, the bronze basin, the anointing oil, incense.
 - 32-34 Israel breaks the covenant
 - 32-33 The Israelites create and worship a golden calf, leading to God's anger and Moses' intercession on their behalf, Moses asks to see God's glory, which God reveals to him.
 - 34 God renews the covenant with Israel, giving Moses new tablets and restating His commands and promises.
 - 35-40 Moses builds the tabernacle
 - 35-36 The Israelites are commanded to keep the Sabbath and contribute materials for the construction of the Tabernacle, they provide more than enough resources and effort.
 - 37-40 All the items for worship are constructed, the Tabernacle is set up, God's glory fills it, and the Israelites are led by the cloud by day and fire by night throughout their journeys.

- **The Lesson of Exodus:**

- Salvation - God claims His people by His covenant
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Leviticus

- ***1-7 Ritual sacrifices**

- Instructions for burnt offerings, offering a bull, sheep, or goat; grain offerings, flour, oil, frankincense; peace offerings, from herd or flock; sin offerings, community, leaders, individuals; guilt offerings, sins committed unknowingly or through oaths; trespass offering, peace offering, and the offering for the priests.

- ****8-10 Priests ordained**

- Moses consecrates Aaron and his sons as priests, following God's instructions for their ordination, they begin their priestly duties, but some offer unauthorized fire before the Lord and are consumed by fire as a result.

- *****11-15 Ritual purity**

- Dietary laws, clean and unclean animals to eat; Purification rites for women for childbirth and purification; diagnosing and dealing with skin diseases and mildew; purification of those healed from skin diseases and mildew; bodily discharges and their impact on ritual cleanliness.

- ******16-17 Day of Atonement**

- The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), rituals of scapegoat and sin offerings for atonement; proper handling of sacrificial blood and prohibitions on eating blood.

- *****18-20 Moral purity**

- Laws on sexual morality; laws covering ethical behavior, social justice, and religious observances, including the command to love one's neighbor; penalties for various sins, including idolatry, sexual immorality, and disobedience..

- ****21-22 Qualifications for priests**

- Conduct and physical condition of priests, qualifications, restrictions; rules for offerings brought to the priests and the requirements for acceptable sacrifices.

- ***23-27 Ritual feasts**

- Established annual feasts and holy days, Sabbath, Passover, Feast of Weeks; care of the lampstand, the showbread, the punishment for blasphemy; Year of Jubilee, land restitution, treatment of the poor and indentured servants; warnings for obedience and disobedience, including blessings for faithfulness and curses for rebellion; guidelines for vows and dedicating property or people to the Lord.

- **The Lesson of Leviticus:**

- Redemption - God brings His people into in His presence
 - God is perfect and holy
 - Sin cannot be in His presence
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Numbers

- ***1-9a Mt. Sinai**

- 1-4 Israel numbered and organized

- Israelite census for men able for war, arrangement of the Israelite camps around the Tabernacle, Levite dedicated to serve the Tabernacle, duties assigned to Levi's 3 son's tribes.

- 5-9a Laws about purity

- Purity laws, dealing with sin, jealousy, unfaithfulness; the Nazarite vow, dedication of the altar, consecration of the Levites, instructions for Passover.

- ****9b-12 Complaints**
 - 9b-10 Plan for travel
 - Follow the cloud by day and fire by night, Israelites set out from Sinai with the blowing of trumpets
 - 11-12 People complain
 - The Israelites complain about their hardships, leading God to provide quail and a plague as punishment; Miriam and Aaron criticize Moses, and Miriam is struck with leprosy, but Moses intercedes for her healing.
- ***13-17 Wilderness of Paran**
 - 13-14 Spies explore the promised land
 - Israel's spies report a land of giants, milk, and honey; Israel rebels against God out of fear, their punished by wondering for 40 years.
 - 15-17 Rebellion and obedience
 - Laws are given for offerings, breaking the Sabbath, and garments; some men rebel against God and are swallowed by the earth, Aaron's staff buds and produces almonds confirming him as high priest.
- ****18-21 Complaints**
 - 18-19 Rules for Levites
 - Duties and privileges of the priests and Levites, their share of the offering, their role in the temple; purification ritual, ashes of a red heifer to cleanse from defilement.
 - 20-21 People complain
 - The Israelites complain about a lack of water, Moses strikes a rock to provide water, God punishes him by not letting him in the promise land, people complain again, God sends fiery serpents, they are saved by looking at a bronze serpent from the Lord.
- ***22-36 Plains of Moab**
 - 22-25 Pagans try to curse Israel
 - The king of Moab asked the pagan fortuneteller Balaam to curse Israel, but his donkey talks to him and he can only bless Israel not curse them; Israel worships Baal, bringing plague.
 - 26-36 Preparing to enter the promise land
 - An updated census for distribution of promise land; Joshua appointed as Moses's successor; daily, Sabbath, monthly, feast offerings; laws for vows; military victory; 2 tribes decide not to go into the promise land; instructions for conquering the promise land, cities of refuge for accidental manslaughter, tribal inheritance issues resolved.
- **The Lesson of Numbers:**
 - Obedience - God judges sin and shows mercy
 - God shows His people the way
 - God's people go their own way
 - God punishes disobedience
 - God still provides for His people

Deuteronomy

- ***1-11 Moses's opening speech**
 - 1-3 How we got here
 - Moses reviews the journey from Egypt to the promise land, appointed leaders, and military victories along the way.
 - 4-6 Call to obedience
 - Moses urges Israel to obey God's commands, 10 Commandments, warning against idolatry, love God with everything, teach children about God, don't forget about God in prosperity.
 - 7-11 Warning of idolatry
 - Destroy the Canaanites completely, don't intermarry or be influenced, God alone provides, learn from past idolatry, love and obey God, blessings for obedience and the curses for disobedience.

- ****12-26 Moses's warnings**
 - 12-13 Upholding worship
 - Destroy Canaanite worship, build centralized place to worship God; warning against false prophets leading to idolatry
 - 14-18 Upholding Leadership
 - Laws for clean/unclean animals, tithing, caring for the poor; Year of Jubilee, release of debts, freeing and treatment of slaves; major festivals, Passover, Feast of Weeks, Feast of Tabernacles; upholding justice, appointing judges, appointing kings, priestly duties, no divination or false prophets.
 - 19-26 Upholding justice
 - Laws for cities of refuge, witnesses, manslaughter; warfare, peace offers, attacking cities, treatment of the conquered; unsolved murders, rebellious children, treatment of captives, inheritance issues; social justice, family relations, moral conduct, lost property, sexual morality; entering the assembly; divorce, treatment of workers, justice for the vulnerable, proper conduct in daily life; punishment, treatment of enemies, rights of widows and family; offerings of firstfruits, tithes, declaration of faithfulness to God.
- ***27-34 Moses's final speech**
 - 27-30 Israel's future choice
 - Moses commands large stones with the law written for blessings and curses on mountains; blessings for obedience and the curses for disobedience; reminders of God's faithfulness and consequences of turning away from Him; choose life by loving and obeying God; God will restore them if they return to Him.
 - 31-34 Moses's final words
 - Moses prepares for his departure, commissions Joshua as his successor, and recites a song that summarizes Israel's history and future, prophecy and warning, blessing; and death in view of the promise land.
- **The Lesson of Deuteronomy:**
 - Commitment - God calls for a renewed love
 - God calls His people to love Him with everything
 - Loving God is obeying His commands
 - Be cautious of idolatry and deception
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