

Genesis Outline by J. Vernon McGee (1904-1988)

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I. Entrance of sin on earth, Chapters 1-11

A. CREATION, Chapters 1, 2

1. Heaven and Earth, Gen 1:1
 - ŪCreateŪ (bara) occurs only 3 times, vv. 1, 21, 27
2. Earth became waste and void, Gen 1:2
3. Re-creation, Gen 1:3-2:25
 - a. First Day - light, Gen 1:3-5
 - b. Second Day - air spaces (firmament), Gen 1:6-8
 - c. Third Day - dry land appears and plant life, Gen 1:9-13
 - d. Fourth Day - sun, moon, stars appear, Gen 1:14-19
 - e. Fifth Day - animal life (biology), Gen 1:20-23
 - f. Sixth Day - fertility of creation and creation of man, Gen 1:24-31
 - g. Seventh Day - sabbath, Gen 2:1-3
 - h. Recapitulation of the creation of man, Gen 2:4-25 (Law of recurrence)

B. FALL, Chapters 3, 4

1. Root of sin - doubting and disobeying God
2. Fruit of sin - ŪOut of the heart proceedŪ murdersŪ ū (Matthew 15:19)

C. FLOOD, Chapters 5-9

1. Book of generations of Adam - through Seth - beginning of manŪs history - obituary notices, Gen 5
2. Antediluvian Civilization - cause of flood and construction of ark, Gen 6
3. Judgment of flood, Gen 7
4. Postdiluvian civilization - after the flood, Gen 8
5. Postdiluvian life - new beginning, Gen 9

D. TOWER of BABEL and confusion of tongues, Chapters 10, 11

1. Ethnology - sons of Noah, Gen 10
2. Tower of Babel, Gen 11 (Contrast to Day of Pentecost)

II. Preparation for the coming of the Redeemer of all mankind, Chapters 12-50

A. ABRAHAM † *faith* - Chapters 12-23 *Development of faith by 7 appearances of God*

1. GodŪs call and promise to Abram - his response by lapse of faith, Gen 12
2. Abram returns to land from Egypt - separates from Lot -
God then appears the third time to Abram, Gen 13
3. First war - Abram delivers Lot; first priest - Abram blessed by Melchizedek, Gen 14
4. God reveals Himself more completely to Abram - reaffirms His promises, Gen 15
5. Unbelief of Sarai and Abram - birth of Ishmael, Gen 16
6. God makes covenant with Abraham (Abram becomes Abraham) -
confirms promise to Abraham about a son, Gen 17
7. God reveals coming destruction of Sodom to Abraham - Abraham
intercedes on behalf of inhabitants, Gen 18
8. Angels warn Lot - Lot leaves Sodom - God destroys cities of the plain, Gen 19
9. Abraham repeats sin at Gerar about relationship of Sarah, Gen 20
10. Birth of Isaac - Hagar and Ishmael cast out - Abraham at Beer-sheba, Gen 21
11. God commands Abraham to offer Isaac - restrains him - reconfirms
covenant with Abraham, Gen 22
12. Death of Sarah - Abraham purchases Machpelah cave for burial place, Gen 23

B. ISAAC - *the beloved son* - Chapters 24-26 *Choosing of a bride compares w Christ & church*

1. Abraham sends servant for bride for Isaac - Rebekah returns w him - becomes Isaac's bride, Gen 24
2. Death of Abraham - birth of Esau and Jacob (twins) to Isaac and Rebekah - Esau sells birthright to Jacob, Gen 25
3. God confirms covenant to Isaac - Isaac misrepresents relationship with Rebekah - Isaac digs well in Gerar, Gen 26

C. JACOB - *Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth* - Chapters 27-36

1. Jacob and Rebekah connive to get blessing intended for Esau, Gen 27
2. Jacob leaves home - at Bethel God appears to him - confirms Abrahamic covenant, Gen 28
3. Jacob arrives in Haran - meets Rachel and Uncle Laban - serves for Rachel - deceived into marrying Leah, Gen 29
4. Birth of sons of Jacob - Jacob prepares to leave Laban - Jacob's bargain pays off, Gen 30
5. Jacob flees from Haran - Laban overtakes him - Jacob and Laban make Mizpah covenant, Gen 31
6. Crisis w Jacob: at Peniel a Man wrestles with him - Jacob's name changed to Israel, Gen 32
7. Jacob meets Esau - Jacob journeys to Shalem, Gen 33
8. Scandal in Jacob's family: Dinah defiled - brothers avenge by slaying men of Hamor, Gen 34
9. Jacob returns to Bethel - Rachel dies at Bethlehem - Isaac dies at Hebron, Gen 35
10. Family of Esau which becomes nation of Edom, Gen 36

D. JOSEPH - *suffering and glory* - Chapters 37-50

1. Jacob dwells in Canaan - Joseph sold into slavery, Gen 37
2. Sin and shame of Judah, Gen 38
3. Humiliation in Egypt, Gen 39, 40
 - a. Overseer in house of Potiphar † tempted, framed by wife of Potiphar - imprisoned, Gen 39
 - b. Joseph in prison interprets dreams of baker and butler, Gen 40
4. Exaltation in Egypt, Gen 41-48
 - a. Joseph interprets dreams of Pharaoh - made overseer of Egypt - marries Asenath - birth of Manasseh and Ephraim, Gen 41
 - b. Jacob sends 10 sons to Egypt for corn - audience with Joseph - leave Simeon as hostage - return home with corn and refunded money, Gen 42
 - c. Jacob sends sons (Benjamin included) again to Egypt - entertained in Joseph's home (does not reveal his identity), Gen 43
 - d. Joseph sends brothers home - arrested by steward - cup found in Benjamin's sack, - Judah pleads for Benjamin, Gen 44
 - e. Joseph reveals identity - tender reunion w brothers - invites Jacob & family to Egypt, Gen 45
 - f. Jacob with family (70) move to Egypt - Jacob and Joseph reunited, Gen 46
 - g. Jacob and brothers dwell in Goshen - presented to Pharaoh - famine forces Egyptians to sell land to Joseph for Pharaoh - Joseph swears he will bury Jacob in Canaan, Gen 47
 - h. Jacob on deathbed blesses Joseph's sons, Gen 48
5. Death and burial of Jacob and Joseph, Gen 49, 50
 - a. Jacob gives deathbed blessing and prophecy for 12 sons, Gen 49
 - b. Death and burial of Jacob in Canaan - death and burial of Joseph in Egypt, Gen 50

