

# The Book of Genesis: Contents Outline

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## Genesis 1-11: The Primeval History

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Cain and Abel: the first murder, the first city

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Tower of Babel

Migration of Haran from Ur to Haran

## Genesis 12-24: The Abraham/Sarah story/cycle

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First wife/sister story

Abram and Lot separate

War and rescue of Lot

Covenant between God and Abram

Sarah and Hagar

Circumcision and second covenant with Abraham

Promise of children

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Sarah, Hagar Ishmael and Isaac

Binding of Isaac

Death of Sarah; purchase of land from the Hittites

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Rebekah comes to Isaac

## Genesis 25-36: The Jacob/Rachel-Leah story/cycle

Wrestling in the womb

Jacob steals the birthright from Esau

Third wife sister story

Jacob gets the blessing from Isaac

Jacob escapes Esau's wrath by going to the old country; has a dream of a "ramp to heaven"

Jacob meets Rachel at the well

Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Leah

Jacob works for Laban for 20 years; the four women have twelve sons and a daughter

Jacob and his family escape from Laban and the old country

Jacob settles near Shechem

Jacob's daughter Dinah is raped by the prince of Shechem; two sons destroy the city and its inhabitants

Jacob

Jacob, fearing the vengeance of Esau, has a middle of the night wrestling match with a mysterious stranger

Jacob and Esau happy reunion

## Genesis 37-50: The story of Jacob's sons (aka "the Joseph story")

Joseph's brothers are jealous of his coat and their father's favor of him; Joseph has dreams of ruling

[interlude: Tamar tricks Judah into restoring her]

Joseph sold into slavery, ends up in Egypt

Joseph interprets dreams

Joseph is sexually compromised by "Mrs. Potiphar"

Joseph is restored to pharaoh's favor for interpreting dreams in imperial economic terms

Joseph messes with his brothers over the famine

Reunion of the family in Egypt

Joseph interprets it all as God's will

Jacob blesses his children