

# 40 days of genesis

**Genesis** is a book of beginnings. It tells the beginnings of the earth, the first man, the first sin, the first murder, the first man God sets apart for Himself, and many other firsts. It is the story of God relating to the people He has created and making Himself known to them. It is important to pay attention to the names of God in this story to see what these people have come to know about God and what God has said about Himself. These names speak to God's character and what He is like. Some of the names are in the questions about the reading in which they occur. It might be helpful to memorize or meditate on those names.

**Day 1:** Genesis 1-2:3

**Day 2:** Genesis 2:4-3:24

**Day 3:** Genesis 4

**Day 4:** Genesis 5-6

**Day 5:** Genesis 7-8:12

**Day 6:** Genesis 8:13-9:29

**Day 7:** Genesis 10-11:9

**Day 8:** Genesis 11:10-12:20

**Day 9:** Genesis 13-14

**Day 10:** Genesis 15-16

**Day 11:** Genesis 17-18:15

**Day 12:** Genesis 18:16-19:29

**Day 13:** Genesis 19:30-21:7

**Day 14:** Genesis 21:8-34

**Day 15:** Genesis 22-23

**Day 16:** Genesis 24:1-61

**Day 17:** Genesis 24:62-25:34

**Day 18:** Genesis 26

**Day 19:** Genesis 27

**Day 20:** Genesis 28

**Day 21:** Genesis 29

**Day 22:** Genesis 30

**Day 23:** Genesis 31

**Day 24:** Genesis 32

**Day 25:** Genesis 33:1-17

**Day 26:** Genesis 33:18-35:8

**Day 27:** Genesis 35:9-36:43

**Day 28:** Genesis 37

**Day 29:** Genesis 38

**Day 30:** Genesis 39

**Day 31:** Genesis 40-41:45

**Day 32:** Genesis 41:46-42:25

**Day 33:** Genesis 42:26-43:15

**Day 34:** Genesis 43:16-44:13

**Day 35:** Genesis 44:14-45:15

**Day 36:** Genesis 45:16-46:27

**Day 37:** Genesis 46:28-47:19

**Day 38:** Genesis 47:20-48:22

**Day 39:** Genesis 49

**Day 40:** Genesis 50

**Day 1** Who created the heavens and the earth? Which of His creatures did God make in His image?

**Day 2** In chapter 1 God sees many things as “good”, in chapter 2 what is the one thing that is “not good”? In 3:6 Eve sees 3 characteristics about the tree. Compare these to the three things that are “in the world” in I John 2:16

**Day 3** What does the LORD say about Abel’s blood? (v.10) What happens at the very end of the chapter?

**Day 4** What happened to each of the men in chapter 5? What fault does the LORD find with man? (6:5,6,13) What is said about Noah? (6:8,9,22)

**Day 5** Who closes the ark? (7:16) Why was Noah chosen to go in the ark? (7:1)

**Day 6** What does God promise in 8:21-22? Read Genesis 5:29 and see how Noah’s name has been fulfilled. What does God allow to be eaten and under what condition? (9:3,4)

**Day 7** Why did people build the tower? (11:4) Contrast their concern about being scattered over the earth with God’s commands in Genesis 1:28 and 9:1.

**Day 8** What does the LORD command Abram in 12:1-2? What does He then promise?

**Day 9** When did God speak to Abram again? (13:14) Why didn’t Abram keep the plunder? (14:22-23)  
Names of God – **God Most High, Creator or Possessor of heaven and earth**

**Day 10** What did God tell Abraham about his offspring? (15:13-14) Genesis 15:6 is one of the most important verses

in the Bible. If you can take some extra time today to read Romans 4 and Galatians 3 to gain a New Testament understanding of this verse.

Names of God – **the God who sees**

**Day 11** Which son will God make a covenant with? (17:21) Take note of God’s question in 18:14 and remember it in your own life.

**Day 12** Why did God show Abraham what He was about to do? (18:19) Consider the activity of the people of Sodom in chapter 19 and also read to Ezekiel 16:49-50 to see why God judged them.

**Day 13** How did Abimelech avoid sinning in this story? (20:6) If Abimelech had touched Sarah would there be doubts about who Isaac’s father was?

**Day 14** Who will Abraham’s offspring be named through? (21:12) The significance of this event is discussed in Galatians 5:21-31.

**Day 15** When did the angel of the LORD call to Abraham? (22:10-11)  
Name of God – **The LORD will provide**

**Day 16** How did Abraham’s servant find a wife for Isaac? What was the response of her family? (24:50)

**Day 17** To whom did Abraham give all he had? (25:5) Where did he send the sons of his concubines? (25:6) Which brother did the LORD say would serve the other? (25:23)

**Day 18** What did God command and then promise to Isaac? (26:2-5) Take note of how God often makes promises that are bound to commands He makes

**Day 19** Did Isaac trust Jacob? Who received the blessing of the firstborn?

**Day 20** What did God promise Jacob? (28:13-15) What was Jacob's vow? (28:20-22)

**Day 21** Why was Jacob upset at Laban?

**Day 22** When did Jacob seek to return home? (30:25) How did Laban pay Jacob?

**Day 23** What did God command and promise Jacob? (31:3) In what ways did God protect Jacob? (31:7, 24, 42)

**Day 24** Why did Jacob pray and what did he pray for? (32:7-12)  
Israel – he who strives or wrestles with God

**Day 25** How was Jacob received? Go back and read Genesis 27:41-43 and see how he expected to be received.

**Day 26** Why did Jacob move? (34:30-35:1) What preparations did he tell his household to make? (35:2-3)

**Day 27** What did God tell Jacob? (35:10-12)

**Day 28** What did Joseph's dreams mean to his family and what ways did they respond? (37:9-11) Which brother wanted to rescue Joseph? Which brother's idea was it to sell him?

**Day 29** What happened to Er and Onan and why? (38:6-10)

**Day 30** Why was Joseph successful? (39:2-5, 21-23) When Joseph would not lie with Potiphar's wife, who did he say it would be a sin against? (39:9) How

did Joseph respond the final time Potiphar's wife approached him? (39:12)

**Day 31** Who did Joseph say interpretations belong to? (40:8) How long did the cupbearer forget Joseph? (40:23-41:1) Where is Joseph at the beginning of today's reading? Where is he at the end?

**Day 32** How old was Joseph? (41:46) Why did he name his sons as he did? (41:50-52) Why do you think Joseph wanted to see Benjamin?

**Day 33** Which two brothers vouched for Benjamin's safety?

**Day 34** How did Joseph react to seeing Benjamin? Do you think he expected him to be alive?

**Day 35** Who tried to take Benjamin's place? (44:18-34) What did Joseph tell his brothers not to do? (45:5) Who did Joseph say had really sent him to Egypt and why? (45:5-8)

**Day 36** What did God tell Jacob? (46:1-4)

**Day 37** How did Jacob reflect on his life? (47:9) In what type of area did they settle in Egypt? (47:11)

**Day 38** What blessing did Ephraim and Manasseh receive? (48:15, 16, 20) Which brother would be greater? (48:19)

**Day 39** Which tribe will be the greatest? (49:8) Where was Jacob buried? (49:30)

**Day 40** What did Joseph say to his brothers when he saw they feared him? (50:19-21) What did Joseph say before he died? (50:24-25) Read Hebrews 11:1-20 for a quick recap of the significance of the events in Genesis.