



DETAILED BIBLE STUDIES

GROUP # 1 - LESSONS 1-3

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LESSON #1 GENESIS CHAPTERS 1-11

*And God remembered Noah, and every living thing,
and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and
God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged.*

Genesis 8:1 G n sis Gen se       

#PandemicBibleSTUDIESTM and #PostPandemicBibleSTUDIESTM MOTTO --

PREPARE EACH LESSON, WITH ETERNITY IN VIEW !

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LESSON # 1 TITLE -- HOW DID WE MESS UP SO BADLY, SO QUICKLY ?

How familiar are you with Genesis Chapters 1-11 ? Please begin by reading those chapters, out loud, and non-stop, if at all possible. Then tackle as many of the questions as your time permits, during your first week of study. If you do not complete all of them, do come back from time to time as you continue to study through the remainder of the Bible.

If you participate in a group study, please use a different color pen or marker to notate answers or responses gleaned from those discussions.

1) Study Genesis Chapter 1.

Were the six days of creation 24-hour days, or longer periods of time ?

Prepare an online research of the various theories. Summarize the Bible support for those theories.

What is your own determination, and why ?

2) Were there any "climate change" concerns in the new earth ? Why or why not ?

- 3) How does Genesis 2:1-3 give us a preview to Isaiah 66:22-23 ? Isaiás Ésaie 以赛亚书
Locate similar cross references.

How and why does God give us a “second chance” every seven days ?

- 4) Did Adam have a gym membership ? Why or why not ?

- 5) Did Eve use cosmetics ?

What was her preferred brand of laundry detergent ?

- 6) How did Adam and Eve spend the seventh-day Sabbath ?

Why was that day so care-free for them ?

What do we have to look forward to in eternity ?

NOTE: The numbers 7 and 70 have significance throughout the Bible. Take note each time you encounter references to “seven”, “seventh”, and “seventy”.

Preview Genesis 41:17-30, 36, 48, 46:27, and Exodus 1:5 Éxodo Exode 出埃及记

- 7) How long did Adam and Eve remain sin-free **BEFORE** Satan deceived them ?

Just a “coincidence” ? Satan and Santa share the same English letters. Hmmm.

- 8) Describe the uninvited visitor to Adam’s and Eve’s blissful residence. Study Genesis 3:1

Outline his character traits and pre-Eden activities.

Preview Isaiah 14:12-19 and relevant cross references. Isaiás Ésaie 以赛亚书

9) How many ways did Eve mess up, and why? Study Genesis 3:2-6

Was Eve the founder of the Women's Liberation Movement?

How did Eve demonstrate her independent spirit?

10) Study Genesis 3:1-6.

What are the components and consequences of Eve's transgressions?

11) Study Genesis 3:6.

What were the options for how Adam could have responded when Eve offered him the forbidden fruit?

How and when did Eve become Adam's idol?

Preview Exodus 20:3. Éxodo Exode 出埃及记

12) Study Genesis 3:7-9.

Did Adam and Eve have a chance to repent to God and be forgiven?

How might God have responded if Adam and Eve had confessed and asked for His forgiveness?

How did Adam and Eve sell us into slavery? Describe 21st century evidence and consequences.

What lessons might we learn and apply whenever we displease/disobey God?

13) Study Genesis 3:6

Why were the sewn together fig leaves insufficient as coverings to Adam's and Eve's nakedness?

Preview Leviticus 17:11 and other relevant cross references. Levítico 利未记

14) How did God reveal that He is “*The God of Second Chances*”?

Read Genesis 3:15 in several Bible versions for illumination. Search for relevant cross references.

15) Did God give Cain a “second chance” to do right? Study Genesis 4:1-7 in several Bible versions.

Also review online Bible commentaries and analytical articles referring to Cain’s sin and the components of God’s judgment.

A SPECIAL NOTE

References to “The Begats” are repeated throughout the Bible. We are often tempted to skim them, or even to skip over them entirely. We might consider them “BORING”.

Be not deceived - “ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God...”, including “The Begats” !!!
2 Timothy 3:16 2 Timoteo 2 Timothée 提摩太后

Please, please, please do not jump past any “Begats”, starting with Genesis 4:16-24, and all of Genesis Chapter 5. Please.

Hint: You will uncover many hidden gems of truth camouflaged within “The Begats”.

Write out your personal pledge to study “The Begats” whenever you encounter them.

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16) What does the name Seth mean ?

What was Eve’s expectation in Genesis 4:25 ?

17) Study Genesis 5:21-24.

What was so special about Enoch ?

What eternal preview, hope and expectation does his life offer to us ?

- 18) The Bible reveals that God’s love, grace, and mercy towards us are evident from **BEFORE** the creation of the world ! Hebrews 9:26 Hebreos Hébreux 希伯来书
Therefore, it took a lot of men’s transgressions for God to reach the point of Genesis 6:6-7, and 11-13.

Study Genesis 6:1-5 in different version of the Bible, in order to better understand what went so very wrong.

- 19) What comfort and assurance can sinful men draw from Genesis 6:8-9 ?

- 20) **REVIEW LESSON #13 ACTIVITY -**

DIG-DEEPER: God is a God of precision. That will be clearly evident from His instructions to Kings David and Solomon, regarding the building of the temple. But God’s insistence on specificity is first demonstrated by the detailed outline in His directions to Noah.

Study Genesis 6:14 through 7:9. Summarize those verses.

What clues do we have regarding how God expects us to adhere to all of His commands and directives ?

Preview Matthew Chapters 5, 6, and 7. Do those scriptures contain mere “suggestions” ???
Mateo Matthieu 马太福音

A SPECIAL NOTE

As you spread the gospel message, from time to time you will encounter people who question whether the Bible is an accurate history book, etc. Such topics may arise in Barber shops, and similar settings. Details of “The Worldwide Catastrophic Flood” of Noah’s day, are among the favorite “trick” questions. Be delighted ! Treat such inquiries as doors of opportunity to pivot to witnessing about Jesus. Be sure to master how to locate relevant information on your electronic devices. Whether the flood is at issue, or dozens of other GOTCHA queries, please write out, memorize, and be guided by God’s Holy Spirit’s leading through the scriptural concepts below --

Acts 17:11 Hechos Actes 使徒行传

Colossians 4:6 Colosenses Colossiens 歌罗西书

1 Peter 3:15 1 Pedro 1 Pierre 彼得前书

21) Summarize the time line of the flood's duration, starting with Genesis 7:11 through 8:14.

22) Why can we draw so much assurance from "And God remembered Noah..." Genesis 8:1 ?

23) What excellent example did Noah establish for us in Genesis 8:20?

24) Compare Genesis 9:1 and 7, with Genesis 1:28.

Explain the implications.

25) Study Genesis 9:2-6 to answer the following questions:

When did the relationship between men and animals change ?

How did that change affect our diet choices ?

What restrictions were placed upon men's conduct ?

26) Outline the components of God's promises and covenant with Noah, as found in Genesis 8:21-22 and Genesis 9:8-17.

27) Compare and contrast Ham's indiscretion in Genesis 9:20-24, with Cain's murder of Abel in Genesis 4:8-15.

28) What are the controversies surrounding Genesis 9:25-27 ?

29) Study Genesis 10:5, 20, and 31. Reconcile those verses with Genesis 11:1.

30) What does Genesis 11:4 tell us about the mindset of the general population ?

What was God's response, and why, in Genesis 11:5-9 ?

Review God's displeasure in Genesis 6:6-7.

Compare the situation and outcome in Genesis 11:5-9 with a preview of Genesis 18:20-21.

31) What crucial information in Genesis 11:31-32 warns us about failing to complete tasks ?

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LESSON # 2 GENESIS CHAPTERS 12-24

And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

Genesis 22:12 Génésis Genèse 创世记

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LESSON # 2 TITLE -- OUR FAITH MENTORS - WHAT WORKS, AND WHAT DOES NOT WORK SO WELL

Abraham is known as the “Father Of The Faithful”. And even though he demonstrated incredible instances of faith, such as his willingness to sacrifice Isaac, he also resorted to cowardly acts of faithlessness. Most of us, if not all of us, can relate to that conundrum. Use this lesson study as a time to fortify your faith so that you are better prepared to face future tests.

The Faith Mentors Chart is the last page of this lesson. Fill in this chart as you continue your study of the entire Bible.

- 1) Compare/contrast God’s “*Get thee out*” command in Genesis 12:1, with the command of the two angels to Lot, in Genesis 19:16.

- 2) Outline the details of God’s promises and covenant with Abram, in Genesis 12:1-3, 7.

- 3) Compare Genesis 12:7-8 with Genesis 8:20.

- 4) **REVIEW LESSON #13 ACTIVITY -**

DIG-DEEPER: Begin a timeline of Abraham’s life, starting with Genesis 12:4. Continue to update this timeline with key events, as you continue your detailed studies.

5) Famines appear throughout the Old Testament, starting with Genesis 12:10. Whenever you encounter a famine, add to these notes.

6) How did the stress of the famine lead Abram to behave out-of-character ?
Study Genesis 12:10-13

7) Study Genesis 14-20.

How does God extend His protection over Abram and Sarah, even after their deception ?

8) Why do we want to stay “out of Egypt” ?

Study Genesis 13:1 and Exodus 20:2 Éxodo Exode 出埃及记

What does “Egypt” represent ?

9) Study Genesis 13:2.

Why was wealth no obstacle for Abram ?

Explain Jesus’ warning to rich people, in light of-

Matthew 19:23-25 Mateo Matthieu 马太福音

Mark 10:23-25 Marcos Marc 马可福音

Luke 18:24-25 Lucas Luc 路加福音

10) Why was wealth an obstacle for Lot ? Study Genesis 13:5-7.

Compare Lot with the rich man in Luke 12:16-21 Lucas Luc 路加福音

Note the reference to “land of Egypt” in Genesis 13:10. Why was this a motivation for Lot ?

11) Compare/contrast Genesis 13:14-17 with Genesis 12:1-3, 7.

12) It is tempting to skip or skim through passages as Genesis 14:1-9. Resist the urge ! Review Genesis Chapter 10. These nations will become the source of troubles for Israel throughout its history. See an example in Genesis 10:5.

13) What option, or 2nd chanc, did Lot have at Genesis 14:16 ?

How many times and ways has God provided options for us, at forks-in-the-roads of our lives ?

14) What is the connection, if any, between Genesis 14:17 and Genesis 14:18 ?

15) The tithe is introduced in Genesis 14:20. Perform a Bible concordance search of tithe, tithes, and tithing. Make notations of any similarities or differences in the various occurrences.

16) What does Genesis 14:23-24 reveal about Abram’s mindset ?

Compare Abram to Elisha in 2 Kings 5:15-16 2 Reyes 2 Rois 列王纪下

Preview Psalms 24 and 121 Salmos Psaumes 诗篇 .

Identify the “echo” in Genesis 14:19.

17) Repetition reinforces ! Compare/contrast Genesis 15:5-7, 18-21, with Genesis 12:1-3, 7.

18) Genesis 15:1 contains a *“Fear Not”* command of God. Locate/note similar references, and meditate on them to build up your faith walk.

19) Locate portions of the Bible that fulfill the prophecies in Genesis 15:13-16.

20) Compare the “advice” of Sarai in Genesis 16:2 with the behavior of Eve in Genesis 3:6. What were their “justifications” ? Review Genesis 3:13.

21) **BRAIN TEASER:** Why did Abram fail to “protest” in Genesis 16:2 ?

Why did he do what he did ?

22) Did Hagar have any options in Genesis 16:3-4 ?

Compare a similar situation in 2 Samuel 11:3-4 撒母耳记下

23) “Proceed in haste, repent in leisure”. How is that expression illustrated in Genesis 16:5-6 ?

24) A submissive and humble spirit is a component of salvation.

Describe God’s command to Hagar, along with His promise and prophecy in Genesis 16:9-12.

25) What does “perfect” mean in Genesis 17:1 ?

Compare with Job 1:1 约伯记

26) God’s covenants and commands to Abram are proclaimed in many layers.

Compare/contrast Genesis 17:4-21 with Genesis 12:1-3, 7 and Genesis 15:5-7, 18-21.

27) The rite of circumcision occurs throughout the Bible, starting with Genesis 17:10-14, 23.

Preview Acts 15:1-29 Hechos Actes 使徒行传 and

Galatians Chapter 2 Gálatas Galates 加拉太书

How and why did circumcision create such a great uproar within the New Testament church ?

28) Did Abraham own a pair of spiritual eye glasses in Genesis 18:1-5 ?

Cite other examples of godly hospitality throughout the Bible.

29) In Genesis 18:12-15 Sarah laughed at the possibility of her becoming a mother.

How is her laugh any different than Abram’s laugh in Genesis 17:17 ?

30) God is sovereign, and can choose to hide information from Abraham, or from any of us.

Compare/contrast Genesis 18:17 with 1 Corinthians 13:12

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Deuteronomy 29:29 Deuteronomio 申命记

31) God blessed Abraham beyond measure.

What does Genesis 18:19 reveal about why God put so much trust in Abraham ?

32) Study Genesis 18:21.

God is all knowing. So why did God find it preferable to “go down now, and see”?

33) Compare the intercession of Abraham in Genesis 18:22-32 with that of Job’s in Job 1:5. 约伯记

34) Did Lot own a pair of spiritual eyeglasses in Genesis 19:1-3 ?

35) Describe Lot’s compromised character, exhibited in Genesis 19:8.

36) Describe Lot’s mistaken and misguided perception of how he thought he had fully assimilated into the fabric of Sodom society. Study Genesis 19:9. What lessons should we learn and apply ?

Compare/contrast Lot with the Apostle Peter in:

Matthew 26:57-58, 69-75 Mateo Matthieu 马太福音

Mark 14:53-54, 66-72 Marcos Marc 马可福音

Luke 22:54-62 Luc 路加福音

John 18:15-18, 25-27 Juan Jean 约翰福音

37) **REVIEW LESSON #13 ACTIVITY -**

DIG-DEEPER: The Lord, and angels of the Lord, appear a number of times throughout the Bible. Starting with Genesis 18 and 19, locate and note those other passages.

38) How does Genesis 19:17-20, 30 demonstrate that Lot still had not learned the right lesson ?

39) Study Genesis 19:26, and think outside the box.

What factors led Lot's wife to look back as they departed Sodom ?

40) Be encouraged as you reflect on "*God remembered Abraham*" in Genesis 19:29.

41) The environment of our upbringing has a significant influence on our character.

How does Genesis 19:31-35 demonstrate that reality ?

42) Here we go again ! Compare/contrast Genesis Chapter 20 with Genesis 12:9-20.

Explain the distinctions in Genesis 20:16.

43) "*As He had said*" and "*As He had spoken*". What comfort and assurance should we derive from those phrases in Genesis 21:1-2 and in similar expressions throughout the Bible ?

44) Research Genesis 21:3.

What does the name Isaac mean ?

45) How did Abraham obey God's command regarding circumcision in Genesis 21:4 ?

Review Genesis 17:10-14, 23-27.

46) What hindsight does Sarah display in Genesis 21:6-7 ?

Review Genesis 18:12-15.

47) Hostility and regrets merge in Genesis 21:9-11.

How does God console Abraham in Genesis 21:12-13 ?

48) Compare/contrast Genesis 21:14-21 with Genesis 16:5-13.

Describe the parallels with 1 Kings 17:9-16 1 Reyes 17:9-16 列王纪上 and

2 Kings 4:1-7. 2 Reyes 4:1-7 列王纪下

49) How do the actions of Abraham and Abimelech in Genesis 21:22-34 illustrate Romans 12:18 Romanos Romanos 罗马书

50) Locate Genesis 22:1 in several versions of the Bible.

In the King James Version, what does the word "*tempt*" mean ?

51) Did Abraham share with Sarah God's Genesis 22:2 command and mission ? If not, why not ?

Support your answer.

52) How does Genesis 22:5 demonstrate the development and strength of Abraham's faith ?

Compare his faith walk as revealed in Genesis 12:13, 17:17, and 20:11.

53) Study Genesis 22:6-10.

Isaac, a strong, young man, permitted his elderly father Abraham to fasten him to an altar.

What does that reveal about Isaac's faith in God ?

54) Compare/contrast Genesis 22:11-14 with Matthew 27:46 Mateo Matthieu 马太福音
and Mark 15:34 Marcos Marc 马可福音

55) Study Genesis 22:17-18. Locate parallel passages with similar promises of God.

56) Please don't skip "The Begats" in Genesis 22:20-24 ! Preview Genesis 24:15.

57) How does Genesis Chapter 23 demonstrate that Abraham was a good neighbor ?

Review Genesis 19:9.

Compare Abraham's stature with that of Lot's among the inhabitants of Sodom.

58) Study Genesis 24:1-8 and Genesis 19:14.

Compare Abraham's plan to select a marriage partner for Isaac, with Lot's decisions regarding his eldest daughters. (Lot's concerns, if any, proved too little, too late.)

Focus on the faith Abraham proclaimed in Genesis 24:7.

How did Abraham's demonstration of faith transfer to his servant's faith in Genesis 24:9-27 ?

59) **REVIEW LESSON #13 ACTIVITY -**

DIG-DEEPER: Place a bookmark in Genesis 27:28-60. Revisit this portion of scripture as you study Genesis Chapters 29-31. Ponder on whether leopards can change their spots !

60) Preview Genesis 27:5-17, 42-46.

Isaac and Rebekah's romance and marriage began like a Hollywood movie script, in Genesis 24:64-67. Unfortunately, what can go wrong, went far too wrong.

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THE FAITH MENTORS

CHARACTER(S)	WHAT WORKS (Include Bible references.)	WHAT DOES NOT WORK SO WELL (Include Bible references.)
Joshua	Joshua and Caleb were the 2 spies who brought back a good report, and urged Israel to enter Canaan. Numbers Chapters 13 and 14 Números 民数记	Joshua and his princes made peace with Israel's enemies, the Gibeonites, without consulting God. Joshua Chapter 9 Josué Josué 约书亚记

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LESSON # 3 GENESIS CHAPTERS 25-34

It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

Genesis 31:29 Génesis Genèse 创世记

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LESSON # 3 TITLE - HEADS OVER HEEL TRAUMA

When we are truly honest with “the man in the mirror”, we will admit, that like Jacob, too many of our troubles and tribulations are of our own making. And when we accept that harsh reality, we can and will praise God all the more for His love, grace, mercy, patience, and forgiveness towards our multitude of willful sins and transgressions. Try to identify with Jacob each time he takes a short-cut. Pray daily, all the harder, that God’s Holy Spirit will re-directs you whenever you are faced with tough choices.

- 1) Please don’t skip “The Begats” in Genesis 25:1-4, and 25:12-16 !

Abraham produced 3 lines of descendants - Ishmael, Issac, and the children by his second wife, Keturah. One familiar descendant is Midian, the father of the Midianites, a recurring enemy of Israel. Bear this in mind each time you encounter the Midianites. (Genesis 25:4)

Some theologians speculate that Keturah may have been another name for Hagar.

How does Genesis 25:1, 6 and 1 Chronicles 1:32 support that theory ?

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Preview Genesis 28:8-9 to “confirm” that scrutiny of “The Begats” is crucial to a clear understanding of significant Bible events.

- 2) Study Genesis 25:20-26.

What did Rebekah and Sarah have in common ?

Compare/contrast how this dilemma was overcome in each instance. Make note of the scripture references.

3) The prophecy in Genesis 25:23 remains the source of debate and dispute.

Research various interpretations as you form your own conclusion regarding Malachi 1:1-3
Malaquías Malachie 玛拉基书 and Romans 9:13 Romanos Romains 罗马书

4) What parental NO-NO is demonstrated in Genesis 25:28 ?

How was this family strife resolved many years later ? Preview Genesis 33:1-16.

5) What does Genesis 25:29-34 reveal about Jacob's and Esau's character traits ?

6) What does it mean to "despise birthright" ?

Why is that a slap to God's face ?

7) Genesis 26:1-11 is a flashback to Genesis 12:10-20. Compare/contrast.

What does this parallel demonstrate about parental example ?

What encouragement can we draw from Genesis 12:12-16 ?

What caution are we given in Genesis 26:14, 19-21 ?

8) What generational blessing appears in Genesis 26:24 ?

9) How does the favor of the Lord, and the fear of the Lord overlap in Genesis 25:26-33 ?

- 10) Compare Genesis 26:34 with Genesis 25:20.

The number 40 has great significance throughout the Bible.

- 11) What might Isaac and Rebekah have done differently to avoid the grief they experienced in Genesis 26:35 ? Review Genesis 24:1-9.

- 12) God has a sense of humor. Compare Genesis 27:1-4 with what really happened in Genesis 35:27-29.

- 13) Study Genesis 27:5-27.

Describe how Rebekah and Jacob skinned to develop “the perfect crime” of deceptions and brazen lies.

- 14) Study Genesis 27:30-41.

Describe the agony of Isaac and anger of Esau because of Jacob’s deception.

- 15) Study Genesis 27:42-46.

Rebekah’s and Jacob’s scheming and treachery was not yet complete. Describe Part-2 of their plot.

- 16) Study Genesis 28:3-5.

Rebekah still had sufficient influence over Isaac that her plausible” cover story” persuaded Isaac to allow Jacob to escape the wrath of Esau.

What additional blessing and pardon did Isaac bestow upon Jacob ?

NOTE: Rebekah and Isaac never saw each other again. Sin has consequences.

17) Study Genesis 28:6-9.

What mature decision did Esau then make ?

18) Study Genesis 28:10-17.

Describe how God's blessing through Abraham followed Jacob, despite Jacob's sins.

19) Study Genesis 28:18-22.

How did Jacob demonstrate his humility and gratitude ?

20) Compare Genesis 29:3 to Genesis 29:10.

What was the source of Jacob's strength ?

Preview Judges 14:5-6. Jueces Juges 士师记

21) Were the local shepherds selfish or pragmatic in Genesis 29:6-8 ?

Preview Matthew 25:6-9. Mateo Matthieu 马太福音

22) Where is the first mention of Laban in the Bible ?

How were Laban and Jacob related ?

But how did Laban describe Jacob in Genesis 29:15 ?

Keep that information in mind whenever you encounter "The Begats".

- 23) Jacob came to Laban hat-in-hand, with only the clothes on his back. Thus Jacob began their relationship in a servant's role when he watered Rachel's sheep.

Compare/contrast Genesis 29:14-20 with the proposal for Rebekah in Genesis 24:22-30.

- 24) Review Genesis 29:48-60. Describe how Laban's negotiation posture has "upgraded".

Study Genesis 29:14-15.

How long did it take for Laban to develop his strategy towards Jacob ?

BRAIN TEASER: What might have happened in Genesis 29:18 had Jacob proposed 3 or 5 years ?

- 25) Study Genesis 29:23-27.

On his wedding night why did Jacob fail to discern that his bride was not Rachel ?

- 26) Jacob had no bargaining chips, except for his work ethic. Laban recognized that when he tricked Jacob, all that Jacob could do was to become angry. Fourteen prosperous years of "free" labor ! That was an exceptionally great deal for Laban.

Study Genesis 29:23, 30-35. Preview Genesis 30:9-21.

How did Leah feel about her Catch-22 situation ? What was her bargaining chip ?

- 27) Study Genesis 30:3-8, and compare with Genesis 16:2.

Describe Rachel's attitude in Genesis 30:1 and 8. What was Rachel's bargaining chip ?

Study Genesis 30:22-23. Revisit Genesis 21:1-7.

Compare/contrast Rachel with Sarah.

28) Study Genesis 30:26.

How did Jacob finally flex his muscles ?

Study Genesis 30:27-28.

Laban knew that the clock was ticking fast, but he was unwilling to release his “free labor” without a counter-proposal. Describe Laban’s new proposition/rationale/ploy.

29) Study Genesis 30:29-43.

Now Jacob had a negotiation advantage. What was Jacob’s ploy and how did that work out ?

30) Jacob’s success did not go unnoticed. Compare/contrast the perspective of Laban’s sons (Rachel and Leah’s brothers), with a preview of Exodus 1:8-14. Éxodo Exode 出埃及记

How does the 10th Commandment relate to both scenarios ?

Study Exodus 20:17. Éxodo Exode 出埃及记

31) Study Genesis 31:2, and revisit Genesis 27:41.

Now Jacob’s back is against the wall, and he is between a rock and a hard place.

What is Jacob’s 2-fold dilemma ?

32) Study Genesis 31:3-13.

Summarize Jacob’s command from God, and Jacob’s conversation with his wives in

What practical concern led Jacob to call Leah and Rachel “into the field” for this exchange?
See Genesis 31:4.

Study Genesis 31:14-16.

What conclusion had Leah and Rachel already drawn ?

- 33) Study Genesis 31:17-21 along with a review of Genesis 28:5.

Compare/contrast Jacob's departure from Isaac, with his departure from Laban.

- 34) **BRAIN TEASER:** What does Genesis 31:19, 34-35 reveal about Rachel's upbringing, her observation of practiced deception, and her spiritual mindset ?

NOTE: Even Jacob was unaware of Rachel's thief and deception. See Genesis 31:32.

- 35) Study Genesis 31:24, 29 and 36-42.

What a miracle that the conniving con artist, Laban, would fear God ! But even bowing to his fear of God, Laban could not bring himself to drop his charade.

Laban was unwilling or unable to concede defeat, and fully surrender to his fate, even when clearly Jacob had outmaneuvered him. Summarize Genesis 31:43-55.

- 36) Jacob received "good news" in Genesis 32:1. And then he got some "bad news" in Genesis 32:6. In between those two bookends Jacob remained reliant on scheming, rather than relying on faith in God's protection. The outcome is that Jacob became "greatly afraid" in Genesis 32:7.

Make notes on how fear cripples faith, throughout the Bible.

Compare/contrast Genesis 32:3-5 with a preview of Genesis 50:15-18.

- 37) Summarize how Jacob doubles-down on scheming in Genesis 32:7-23.

- 38) How did Jacob receive a name change in Genesis 32:24-32 ?

39) Even an encounter with God, and receiving a new name did not inspire Jacob to abandon shameful scheming in Genesis 33:1-3. Explain whether Jacob was a coward, or very shrewd.

40) Compare the actions of Esau in Genesis 33:4-16 with a preview of Luke 15:20-24
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41) Describe Jacob's detour in Genesis 33:17-20.

42) **BRAIN TEASER:** If Jacob had journeyed with Esau to Seir, would the tragedy of Genesis 34:1-4 have been avoided ?

Preview 2 Samuel Chapter 13 撒母耳记下

Compare/contrast Dinah's tragedy with that of Absalom's sister Tamar.

43) Study Genesis 34:8-12. Describe whether and how the scheming and desperation of Hamor and Shechem left them vulnerable to the anger and scheming of Jacob's sons in Genesis 34:5-7, 13-17.

BRAIN TEASER: Was the deceptive character trait in Rebekah, Jacob, and Laban passed on to the descendants of Jacob ?

44) Was Shechem both honorable and naïve, compared to his cunning and greedy kinsmen in Genesis 34:18-24 ? Focus on Genesis 34:23. Compare/contrast this scenario with Genesis 11:31.

45) How did Jacob's decision to keep distance between himself and Esau, put him and his family in real harm's way ? Study Genesis 34:30.

Explain how Jacob's sons were both right and wrong, both righteous and foolhardy, in Genesis 34:31.