



WEEK ONE

Jan. 4th—9th

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# Bible Reading Journey

## Key Study Points:

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**Historical Context:** Includes foundational events of history -- creation (~4000 to 5000 BC), fall, flood & Babel. These are some of the most important chapters of the Bible and you may want to take extra time.

**Law & Gospel Themes:** The LORD perfectly created this world and all relationships. Marriage of one man and one woman for life is foundational. The Fall into sin brought death to man & all of creation. The only hope for salvation is in the promised Messiah (SEE Gn3:15). Men continued to reject the LORD until He caused the world-

wide Flood. Noah and his family were spared by faith in the LORD's promises. Men again rejected the LORD and trusted in their power, so He confused their language and scattered them at Babel. Peace and unity comes only through faith in the Messiah whom we now know as Jesus.

**Life Application Starters:** What temptations most threaten your walk with the LORD? How have you fallen from Him in your life? ...today? Adam & Eve were to support each other against temptation. Whom do you rely on for support? The Flood & preparations for it tested

Noah for a long time. What long-term trials test your faith? ...how? How did Noah endure? ...you? How are you, like the sinners of Babel, trusting in your own might? How is the curse of Babel still dividing mankind today? How can we (the LORD) overcome this division?

**Prayer Starters:** For awareness of what tempts you to fall. For trust in the Messiah & all the LORD's promises. For fellow Christians to walk with you in mutual accountability and support. For the strength of Christian families and society as designed by the LORD.

## Daily Readings and notes:

Monday: Genesis 1:1—2:25

Tuesday: Genesis 3:1—24

Wednesday: Genesis 4:1—6:8

Thursday: Genesis 6:9—8:22

Friday: Genesis 9:1—10:32

Saturday: Genesis 11:1—12:9



## January's Memory Verses:

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**Side Note:** Genesis through Deuteronomy are called "The Books of Moses" or "The Pentateuch"

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Jan. 11th—16th 2021



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**Historical Context:** We focus this entire week on Abram/Abraham, the LORD's chosen ancestor of the Messiah (Jesus), in a period from 2091-2046 BC, as he moves from Ur of the Chaldeans, to Egypt for a time and ends in Canaan, the "promised land," later known as Israel.

**Law & Gospel Themes:** Men continue to reject the LORD, but He graciously chooses and preserves a faithful line from Adam to Noah to Abram. Abraham acted in fear and doubt, but the LORD forgave and blessed him...many times. Look for this pattern. The LORD mercifully answers

Abraham's faith-filled prayer for Sodom, but judgment must fall on the impenitent. The LORD always keeps His covenant promises, regularly sealed by the shedding of life-blood. A prime example...a substitute ram for Abraham's sacrifice in the place of Isaac, pointing clearly to Jesus.

**Life Application Starters:** Are you willing to GO when and where the LORD calls? How has doubt kept you from following God's call? How has God worked good from evil in you and the world, sometimes in ways that seem miraculous? How does

(and must) sacrificial blood still impact our lives today? What reasons and power sources do you have to trust the LORD and His ways? What comfort do you gain as you ponder the life of Abraham? What help and hope is there for your imperfect family?

**Prayer Starters:** For ears to hear and courage to go when and where the LORD leads. Thanksgiving for the LORD's mercy and grace in your life. For wisdom and courage to intercede and care for a sinful world. For faithful reliance on the blood of Jesus, still shed for us today.

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Monday: Genesis 12:10—13:18

Tuesday: Genesis 14:1—15:21

Wednesday: Genesis 16:1—17:27

Thursday: Genesis 18:1—19:38

Friday: Genesis 20:1—21:34

Saturday: Genesis 22:1—24



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**Historical Context:** We conclude the story of Abraham (2030-1991 BC) and move on to the accounts of his son Isaac and twin grandsons, Jacob and Esau (up to ~1900 BC).

**Law & Gospel Themes:** Abraham shows his faith in the LORD's sure promises as he buys a plot of ground in the Promised Land to bury Sarah. The LORD clearly provided Rebekah as a wife for Isaac and blessed their marriage, especially with twin sons Jacob and Esau. Jacob was deceitful and Esau was disrespectful and hateful. By grace the LORD richly blessed Jacob even though he was undeserving.

In spite of displacement, betrayal and fear for his life, Jacob was blessed with wives, wealth and 12 sons. The LORD renamed Jacob as Israel, which means "He strives with God," and his 12 sons became heads of the 12 chosen tribes of Israel.

**Life Application Starters:** How does your faith in God's promises impact your decisions? When have you, like Isaac, Esau, Jacob and his sons, acted in sin to get what you want when you want it? How have you, like each of these, been the recipient of mercy and grace from the LORD in spite of your

sin? How has your example been misleading to your offspring? What are the most important things you can leave to your offspring?

**Prayer Starters:** For trust in the LORD's timing, mercy and grace. For resistance against sin and the desire to do things our own way. For wisdom in faithfully raising up the next generations to follow the LORD. In thanksgiving for Jesus, who adopts us as children of Abraham.

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Monday: Genesis 23:1—24:67

Tuesday: Genesis 25:1—26:35

Wednesday: Genesis 27:1—28:22

Thursday: Genesis 29:1—30:43

Friday: Genesis 31:1—33:20

Saturday: Genesis 34:1—35:29



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**Historical Context:** After a brief account of Esau's descendants, we move on to the important account of Jacob's 11th son, Joseph, his family conflict, slavery in Egypt, imprisonment and rise to power over Egypt. (~1900-1876 BC)

### Law & Gospel Themes:

Joseph is graciously chosen by the LORD as the instrument He would use to preserve His chosen people, Israel. Joseph succumbs to pride and his brothers to envy. Sexual sin has a destructive role as well. The LORD gives miraculous power to Joseph to interpret dreams and govern wisely. Joseph's brothers are

plagued by their past sins and fear the expected retribution. Israel clings to his own control, but must finally succumb to the LORD's incredible plan.

The LORD continues to reveal the most incredible plan of deliverance that will come through Israel's greatest descendant, Jesus.

### Life Application Starters:

How has the LORD used you for good that you would not have expected? How has pride tainted the good He has done through you? What regrets and fears keep you from moving ahead? Whom do you most closely relate to

in the readings this week? What warning and comfort do you receive from their stories? Where do you see Jesus in the story of Joseph?

**Prayer Starters:** In thanks for the LORD graciously using you for good. For humility as you are used by the LORD. For mercy and grace toward those who harm and hate you. For patience as the LORD is slow to reveal His perfect plans. In thanksgiving that we have seen the fulfillment of the LORD's salvation plan in Jesus.

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Monday: Genesis 36:1—37:36

Tuesday: Genesis 38:1—39:23

Wednesday: Genesis 40:1—23

Thursday: Genesis 41:1—40

Friday: Genesis 41:41—57

Saturday: Genesis 42:1—44:34



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