

BIBLE BLOCKS

Session 1 Timeline — Creation to the Patriarchs (Genesis 1 - 50) — Highlights

A working set of anchor points for this session — not the full timeline, the load-bearing events. Same dating framework as the full timeline: approximate and contested in the early material, increasingly fixed as the story moves toward the exile and beyond.

1. Primeval History

Genesis 1-11 — the world's foundations, told before any date can be fixed.

- Before 4000 BC — The Creation (Genesis 1)
- Before 4000 BC — The Garden of Eden (Genesis 2)
- Before 4000 BC — The Fall of Man (Genesis 3)
- Before 3000 BC — The Great Flood (Genesis 7)
- Before 3000 BC — Covenant of the Rainbow (Genesis 9)
- Before 2100 BC — The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

2. Abraham & Isaac

Genesis 12-26 — God's covenant begins with one family.

- 2091 BC — God Sends Abram to Egypt (Genesis 12)
- 2081 BC — God's Covenant with Abram (Genesis 15)
- 2066 BC — Isaac Born (Genesis 21)
- 2054 BC — The Offering of Isaac (Genesis 22)

3. Jacob & the Twelve Tribes

Genesis 27-36 — the covenant passes to a renamed man and his sons.

- 1928 BC — Jacob Flees to Laban (Genesis 28)
- 1928 BC — Jacob's vision of a ladder (Genesis 28:10)
- 1906 BC — Jacob Wrestles with God (Genesis 32)
- 1906 BC — Jacob Named Israel (Genesis 35:10)

4. Joseph in Egypt

Genesis 37-50 — betrayal becomes the hinge that gets Israel to Egypt.

- 1898 BC — Joseph's Dreams and Betrayal (Genesis 37)
- 1898 BC — Joseph Sold into Slavery (Genesis 37:25)
- 1886 BC — Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams (Genesis 41)
- 1875 BC — Joseph Reveals His Identity (Genesis 45)
- 1875 BC — Jacob and Family to Egypt (Genesis 46)
- 1806 BC — The Death of Joseph (Genesis 50:26)