Jannali Bible Devotions Genesis



AUTHOR AND AUDIENCE

Biblical tradition credits Moses as the author of the first five books of he Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy (though not Deuteronomy 34 - which recounts Moses' death!).

Although originally written as a "family history" for the descendants of Abraham, Genesis contains foundational information that is helpful for all Christians.

MESSAGE

The structure of Genesis is framed around several lists of "family records" (or genealogies").

Genesis 1-5 tells the story of creation and of the first family and the impact of sin.

Genesis 6-10 tells the story of God's punishment on the widespread evil of sin and his salvation of one man Noah and his family.

Genesis 11-23 introduces Abraham. God promised to make him into a great nation (this in contrast to the people of Babel who wanted to make themselves into a great nation!). God also promised Abraham land and that all the nations on the earth will be blessed through him.

ABRAHAM AND HIS DSCENDANTS

This term in church (term 2, 2023), we are looking at the story of Abraham and his descendants.

The final sections in Genesis (11-50) - along with the remainder of the whole Old Testament - records how God keeps this promises to Abraham and his descendants.

Christians believe these promises are ultimately fulfilled in Abraham's descendant - Jesus of Nazareth.

HOW TO USE THESE DEVOTIONS

These devotions should take 5-10 minutes, 5 times a week.

You will need your Bible and a pen and a quiet place to reflect on God's word. Pray before you read the passage, asking that God will speak to you. Pray after you have finished reading that God will help you live out what you have learned.

General Notes



Genesis 1:1-13





REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND What do you learn about God in this passage?



What do you learn about the world in this passage?



What have you learned/been reminded about God from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 1:14-25



WEEK 1 - DAY 2

REMEMBER





UNDERSTAND What do you learn about how God made the world from this passage?



What was the world like when God made it? (Hint: look at the words that are repeated?



What have you learned/been reminded about God from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...

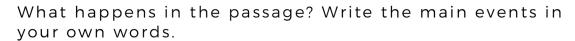


Genesis 1:26-2:4



WEEK 1 - DAY 3

REMEMBER





UNDERSTAND Look at verse 31 - what is different? Why do you think this is?



What is different about the seventh day? Why do you think this is?

How do we treat the seventh day as special? What do we do?



What have you learned/been reminded about God from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 2:4-17



WEEK 1 - DAY 4

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND Look at verse 9. What are the two trees? (remember this for later!)

> Look at verses 16-17. What warning does God give the man?

Why do you think God didn't want him eating from that tree?



What have you learned/been reminded about God from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 2:18-25



WEEK 1 - DAY 5

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND Verse 18 is the first time God sees something in his creation that isn't good. What is it?



Why did God create a woman for the man?

How was the world different before there was sin?



What have you learned/been reminded about God from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



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Week 2: Genesis 3-4



General Notes

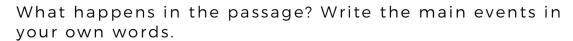


Genesis 3:1-7



WEEK 2 - DAY 1

REMEMBER





UNDERSTAND Verses 4-5 - pay close attention to the lies the snake makes. How is he trying to mislead the woman?



Verse 6 - What is surprising in this verse (who hasn't spoken even though he is there?)

Verse 7- What was the first thing to happen once Adam and Eve sinned?



What have you learned/been reminded about people from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 3:8-13



WEEK 2 - DAY 2

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND Verse 8 - How did sin change Adam and Eve's relationship with God?

Verse 12 - How did sin change Adam's relationship with God?

How did sin change Adam's relationship with Eve?

Verse 13 - Who does Eve blame for her sin? Is she right? Why/Why not?



What have you learned/been reminded about **people** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 3:14-19



WEEK 2 - DAY 3

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND Verse 15 - Christians believe that this verse is a promise that Jesus fulfilled. When do you think Jesus did this?

> Verse 16 - What are some ways it's hard to be a mum (if you don't know. ask!)

Verse 17-19 - What are some ways it's hard to work (if you don't know, ask!)



What have you learned/been reminded about people from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 3:20-24



WEEK 2 - DAY 4

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND Verse 21 - How did God show his loving character to Adam and Eve (even while punishing them)?

> Revelation 22 - These verses are describing heaven. What things will be in heaven? What do these things remind you of?

Even though sin brakes our relationship with God, how does the description of Heaven give us hope for the future?



What have you learned/been reminded about **God** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...

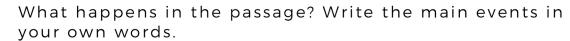


Genesis 4:1-16



Week 2- DAY 5

REMEMBER





UNDERSTAND Verse 7 - What warning does God give Cain?



How do you know Cain doesn't listen to it God's warning?

Verse 15 - How does God show his loving character to Cain (even while he is punishing him)?



What have you learned/been reminded about **people** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Jannali Bible Devotions

Week 3: Genesis 5-11



General Notes



Genesis 5



WEEK 3 - DAY 1

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND



In Genesis 1:28, God commanded Adam and Eve to multiply. How does this passage show they were faithful to this command?

What is something that trikes you as odd about this passage? Maybe ask your parents what they think is happening.

What is different about Enoch? Why do you think that is?



What have you learned/been reminded about **people** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 6:5-22



WEEK 3 - DAY 2

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND



Verse 6: What emotion would you expect God to have when he saw all the sin of people? What emotion did God have?

What does this tell you about God?

How does God show his kindness to Noah?

Why do you think God rescues Noah?



What have you learned/been reminded about **people** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 7



WEEK 3 - DAY 3

REMEMBER



What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.

UNDERSTAND



Imagine you were in the boat with Noah and his family. How would you feel as the rain kept coming down and the flood started rising?

How would trusting in God be helpful in that situation?

Verse8: Noah obeyed God. Why do you think he did this?

When are some times you find it hard to obey God?

APPLY



What have you learned/been reminded about **God** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...





PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 8:1-5;13-22



WEEK 3 - DAY 4

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND



Verse 21 - What promise does God make? Why do you think he made this promise?

1 Peter 3:18 says "Christ died once for our sins. An innocent person died for those who are guilty. Christ did this to bring you to God, when his body was put to death and his spirit was made alive."

How does this verse help you understand how God was able to make his promise to Noah?



What have you learned/been reminded about **God** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 11:1-9



WEEK 3 - DAY 5

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND



Verses 3-4: Look at what the people are saying? How do you know they care about themselves rather than about obeying God?

Is God impressed with their tower? Why/Why not?

What is the consequence for their sin?



What have you learned/been reminded about **people** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Jannali Bible Devotions

Week 4: Genesis 12-15



General Notes

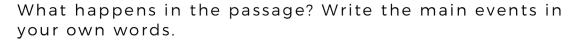


Genesis 12:1-7



WEEK 4 - DAY 1

REMEMBER





UNDERSTAND



We know nothing about Abram before God makes the promise to him. Do you think Abram did anything to earn this amazing promise? Why/Why not?

What are the three things God promises Abram

What does God do in response to these promises?



What have you learned/been reminded about **God** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...

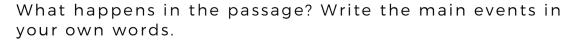


Genesis 12:11-20



WEEK 4 - DAY 2

REMEMBER





UNDERSTAND



The Bible is full of stories of sinners like us who make mistakes, yet God loves them, forgives them and uses them to build his kingdom.

What mistake did Abram make in this passage?

Why do you think he did this?

What did Abram need to learn about God?



What have you learned/been reminded about **people** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 14:17-24



WEEK 4 - DAY 3

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND



Pay attention to the different ways that Abram treats these kings.

What does Abram say to the King of Salem?

What does Abram say to the King of Sodom?

Which King do you think honours God? Why?



What have you learned/been reminded about **God**from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 15:1-6



WEEK 4 - DAY 4

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND



God had promised Abram lots of descendants. Had God kept that promise yet? How do you know?

What does God promise?

Galatians 3:29 says "And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you."

What does this tell you about how God kept his promise?



What have you learned/been reminded about **God** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 15:7-16



WEEK 4 - DAY 5

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND





Why will God's people have to wait so long to enter the promised land?

What does this tell you about how God kept his promise?



What have you learned/been reminded about **God's promises** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Jannali Bible Devotions

Week 5: Genesis 16-22



Genesis 16:1-16



WEEK 5 - DAY 1

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND



Many passages in the Bible show us how God uses flawed sinners to being about his purposes.

Vs 1-2, 5: How did Sarai show she didn't fully trust God's promise?

Vs 1-2, 6: How did Abram show he didn't fully trust God's promises?

Vs 7-14: How did God take care of Hagar?



What have you learned/been reminded about **God** from this passage?

What have you learned/been reminded about **people** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 17:1-9; 15-22





What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND



What age was Abraham when God appeared to him? Why do you think this information is helpful for us to know?

Vs 17: How did Abraham and Sarah react to God's promise? Why do you think they did this?

Why do you think God wanted to keep his promise through Isaac?



What have you learned/been reminded about **God** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 18:1-15



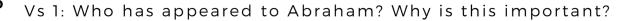
WEEK 5 - DAY 3

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND





How does Abraham react when the men arrive? Why?

How does Sarah react to the promise? Why?



What have you learned/been reminded about **people** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 21:1-21



WEEK 5 - DAY 4

REMEMBER

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What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.

UNDERSTAND

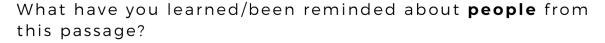


How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? Why is this important?

How does God show his love and care to Hagar and Ishmael?

Why do you think God does this?





What have you learned/been reminded about **God** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...





PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 22:1-17



WEEK 5 - DAY 5

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND





Why is this important?

Vs 12: What other part of the Bible does this remind you of?

Vs 17: What does God promise Abraham?



What have you learned/been reminded about **God** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Jannali Bible Devotions

Week 6: Genesis 23-25



Genesis 23



WEEK 6 - Day 1

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND



Vs 4: Has God fulfilled his promise to Abraham yet? How can you tell?

What is the personal cost to Abraham for his patient faithfulness?

The owner of the land was willing to give it to Abraham for free. Why do you think he was willing to pay for it?



What have you learned/been reminded about **Abraham** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 24:1-21



WEEK 6 - Day 2

REMEMBER



What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.

UNDERSTAND



Vs 8: Why do you think Abraham didn't want Isaac to have a wife from the people of Canaan?

Vs 13: What strikes you about how the servant prays to God? How is it similar to or different from the way you pray?

How does James 3:13-15 help us think about how to pray to God for the things on our hearts?

APPLY



What have you learned/been reminded about **prayer** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...





PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 24:28-33; 50-58



WEEK 6 - Day 3

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND

Vs 31: What first impression of Laban do you get?

Vs 57: What impression of Rebekah do you get?

Why do you think these two people were so willing to obey God?



What have you learned/been reminded about **tusting God** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



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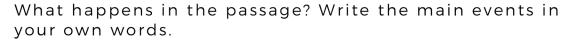


Genesis 24:59-67



WEEK 6 - Day 4

REMEMBER





UNDERSTAND



Vs 60: Why is it important that Isaac and Rebekah have children? (see Genesis 15:1-6)

What does this tell you about the speed in which God keeps his promises?



What have you learned/been reminded about **God's faithfulness** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 25:7-26



WEEK 6 - Day 5

REMEMBER



What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.

UNDERSTAND



Vs 7-8: Did Abraham live to see God's promises fulfilled? Why is that important? (see Hebrews 11:1-2).

Vs 20-21: Why do you think God took 20 years to give Isaac and Rebekah children?

What does this tell you about the speed in which God keeps his promises?

APPLY



What have you learned/been reminded about **trusting God** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



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Week 7: Genesis 25-29

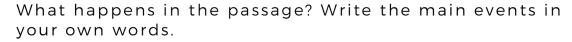


Genesis 25:27-34



WEEK 7 - Day 1

REMEMBER





UNDERSTAND



What did Esau do? Why do you think God was not pleased? (see Hebrews 12).

When are you tempted to forget God's faithfulness and settle for immediate needs?

What can you do the next time you are tempted to be like Esau?



What have you learned/been reminded about **trusting God** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



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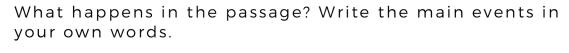


Genesis 27:1-29



WEEK 7 - Day 2

REMEMBER





UNDERSTAND



From this passage, how would you answer a friend who says "The Bible is a book **for** perfect people **about** perfect people"?

What does this passage tell you about God's faithfulness despite our sin?

Why do you think Isaac used similar language to **Genesis** 12:1-3?



What have you learned/been reminded about **God's patient faithfulness with sinners** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 27:30-42



WEEK 7 - Day 3

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND What were the consequences for Esau for his unfaithfulness?



What were the consequences for **Jacob** for his unfaithfulness?

Did sin stop God's faithfulness? Why/Why not?



What have you learned/been reminded about God's patient faithfulness with sinners from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 28:10-21



WEEK 7 - Day 4

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND Why do you think God appeared to Jacob in a dream?



What does the passage in John say about who Jesus is and how he fits in the Genesis passage?



What have you learned/been reminded about how Jesus gives us access to God from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 29:9-21



WEEK 7 - Day 5

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND Why is it fitting that Jacob is tricked by Laban his father-inlaw?



What does this passage tell us about the kinds of people God is willing to use to build his Kingdom? Do you find that comforting? Why/ why not?



What have you learned/been reminded about how God **builds his Kingdom** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Jannali Bible Devotions

Week 8: Genesis 29-32



Genesis 29:31-30:24



WEEK 8 - Day 1

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.





UNDERSTAND This passage recounts the fertility war through which the twelve tribes of Israel were created. Does it change your perspective of the history of Israel? Why/Why not?

> What does this passage tell us about the kinds of people God is willing to use to build his Kingdom? Do you find that comforting? Why/ why not?



What have you learned/been reminded about the people God builds his Kingdom through from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

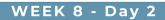
QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 31:1-10; 12-21





What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND Do you think Laban is a follower of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Why/Why not?

> Vs12-13 Why do you think God didn't let Laban prosper and protected Jacob (think back to Genesis 12:1-3)



What have you learned/been reminded about God's faithfulness to his promises from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

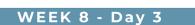
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PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 31:25-29, 36-42



REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND Why is Laban angry at Jacob? Do you think his complaints are right? Why/Why not?

> Vs41-42 What does Jacob think is the reason he has been able to withstand Laban's mistreatment? Do you think he's right? Why/Why not?



What have you learned/been reminded about God's faithfulness to his promises from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 32:1-13



WEEK 8 - Day 4

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND Why is Jacob worried about meeting Esau again? (if you need a recap, read Genesis 27).

> Vs 9-12: In addition to preparing a gift for his brother, what else does Jacob do? Why do you think this is?



What have you learned/been reminded about relying on **God** from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...



Genesis 32:22-32



WEEK 8 - Day 5

REMEMBER

What happens in the passage? Write the main events in your own words.



UNDERSTAND Why do you think God appeared to Jacob at this time? (While he's preparing to see his brother again?)

> Why do you think God changed Jacob's name? What does it show about Jacob?

What does it show about the people of Israel who will be descended from him?



What have you learned/been reminded about what relationship with God looks like from this passage?

What would you like to do today (or not do!) because of this passage?

QUESTIONS I HAVE...



PRAYER POINTS I HAVE...

