

VIA EMMAUS:

A CHRIST-CENTERED WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

Genesis, Four Families Under the Faithfulness of God (3)

“I will bless those who bless you, [Abram], and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. (Genesis 12:3)

Review

4 Events	(1) Creation (1-2)	(2) Fall (3-5)	(3) Flood (6-9)	(4) Tower of Babel (10-11)
4 Families	(1) Abraham (12-23)	(2) Isaac (24-26)	(3) Jacob-Israel (27-36)	(4) Joseph-12 brothers (37-50)
4 Themes	(1) God’s People	(2) God’s Place	(3) God’s Rule	(4) Blessing / Curse

Pattern of Redemption in Genesis 1-11¹

	Adam & Eve	Cain & Abel	Noah & The Flood	Tower of Babel
Command	Do not eat of the tree	Do right	Conscience / Walk	Scatter
Rebellion	Eat	Killed brother	Total Evil	Self-preservation by building a tower
Judgment	Death	Nomad with the fear of death	Flood	Language / Nations
Mitigation	Seed of Promise	Protective mark	Ark	Abraham elected to bless nations
	Proto-Evangel	Common Grace	Salvation thru Judgment	Land / Seed / Blessing

Genesis 1-11

Creation: Genesis 1:1 - 6:8

A Creation out of chaotic water with divine blessing (1:1-2:3)

B Sin involving nakedness, seeing/covering nakedness; curse (2:4-3:24)

C Division of humanity into the people of God and the enemies of God (3:15-4:16)

D No descendents of sinful of murdered younger, righteous Abel (4:8)

E Descendents of sinful Cain: builds a city (4:17-24)

F Descendents of chosen son Seth: ten generations to Noah (5:1-32)

G Downfall: unlawful unions – men & women / marriage (6:1-4)

H Brief introduction to a faithful savior: Noah (6:5-8)

Re-Creation: Genesis 6:9-11:32

A’ Creation out of chaotic water with divine blessing (6:9-9:19)

B’ Sin involving nakedness, seeing/covering nakedness; curse (9:20-23)

C’ Division of humanity into the people of God and the enemies of God (9:24-27)

D’ Descendents of younger, righteous Japheth (10:1-5)

E’ Descendents of sinful son Ham: builds multiple cities (10:6-20)

F’ Descendents of chosen son Shem: ten generations to Terah (10:21-32)

G’ Downfall: unlawful union – men / government (11:1-9)

H’ Brief introduction to a faithful savior, Abram (11:27-32)²

¹Chart adapted from Bruce Waltke, *An Old Testament Theology*, 308.

²Outline from Bruce Waltke, *An Old Testament Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2007), 307-08.

Abraham

A Genealogy of Terah (11:27-32)

B Promise of a nation and start of Abraham's spiritual odyssey (12:1-9)

C *I AM* protects and enriches deceitful Abraham and Sarah in Egypt (12:10-20)

D Abraham chooses land by faith; Lot chooses Sodom by sight (13:1-8)

E Abraham intercedes for Sodom and Lot in war (14:1-24)

F *Land covenant w/ Abraham and announcement of Ishmael* (15:1-16:16)

F' *Seed covenant with Abraham and annunciation of Isaac* (17:1-18:15)

E' Abraham intercedes for Sodom and Lot in prayer (18:16-33)

D' Lot flees doomed Sodom and settles in Moab (19:1-38)

C' God protects and enriches deceitful Abraham and Sarah in Philistia (20:1-18)

B' Birth of Isaac and climax of Abraham's spiritual odyssey (21:1-22:19)

A' Genealogy of Nahor (22:20-24)³

The Abrahamic Covenant

- God's Promise	Genesis 12:1-3	Land / People / Blessing
- God's Covenant	Genesis 15	Covenant ceremony with emphasis on the Land
- God's Covenant	Genesis 17	Covenant sign with emphasis on the Seed
- God's Solemn Oath	Genesis 22	Covenant renewed and ratified with an Oath
(Other land & seed verses: 12:7; 13:15; 15:5, 13-16; 17:7-9, 12, 19; 22:15-18; 24:7; 26:4; 28:13-14)		

Isaac

- In History	The Heir of Promise	Gen 21:1-7
- In the Bible (Typology)	The Beloved Son	Gen 22:1-14 cf. Rom 8:32; Heb 11:19
- According to the Covenant	Inheritor of a Great Reward	Gen 26:1-5; cf. Heb 11:9

Jacob

- In History	Father of Israel	Gen 25:19-28
- In the Bible (Typology)	Model Convert	Gen 28:10-22; 32:22-32 cf. Rom 9:6-18;
- According to the Covenant	Inheritor of a Great Reward	Gen 35:9-15; 49; 50:1-14

Joseph

- In History	Preserver of Israel	Gen 37-50; cf Psalm 105:16-24
- In the Bible (Typology)	Ruler who brings Blessing <i>A type of David & Christ</i>	Gen 28:10-22; 32:22-32 cf. Acts 7:9-16
- According to the Covenant	Inheritor of a Great Reward	Gen 49:22-26 ; 50:25; cf. Heb 11:22

Lessons from the Patriarchs

1. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob	The Name of God (cf. Exodus 3:6) The faithfulness of God (Acts 7)
2. Abraham	Model of Faith (Romans 4)
3. Jacob	Model of Conversion (Romans 9)
4. Joseph	Goodness of God in the Midst of Suffering (Gen. 50:20)

³There is also a cycle in the Jacob and 12 Brothers narratives.