

**BIBLE STUDY ALL
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GENESIS

- **BIBLE PROJECT**

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- **BIBLE PROJECT – GENESIS**

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- **Genesis: The Story Begins**

- **Opens with “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”**
- **Genesis reads like a semi-tragic saga of a world that just keeps going wrong, despite its Creator’s intentions.**

GENESIS-Important characters

- **God (Yahweh)**

- **The creator of heaven and earth & Adam and Eve. God makes all things “very good,” but when both humans and divine beings rebel against God, the world slips into chaos.**
- **The humans rebel against God, bringing a curse on the world and growing so violent that God destroys everyone but Noah and his family.**
- **God is still at work to bring the world back to “very good” status again—and chooses to begin this work through a man God names Abraham.**

GENESIS-Important characters

- **Abraham (formerly Abram)**
 - **Mesopotamian whom God chooses as the patriarch of a special nation.**
 - **Abraham journeys through the land of Canaan, which God promises to give to Abraham's descendants**
 - **God makes a covenant (a special binding agreement) with Abraham— which is where Israel's story as a nation truly begins.**

GENESIS-Important characters

- **Jacob/Israel**

- **Abraham's grandson**

- **Jacob tricks his father and brother, finagling his way into receiving a special blessing**

- **He has twelve sons, which the twelve tribes of Israel trace their lineage back to**

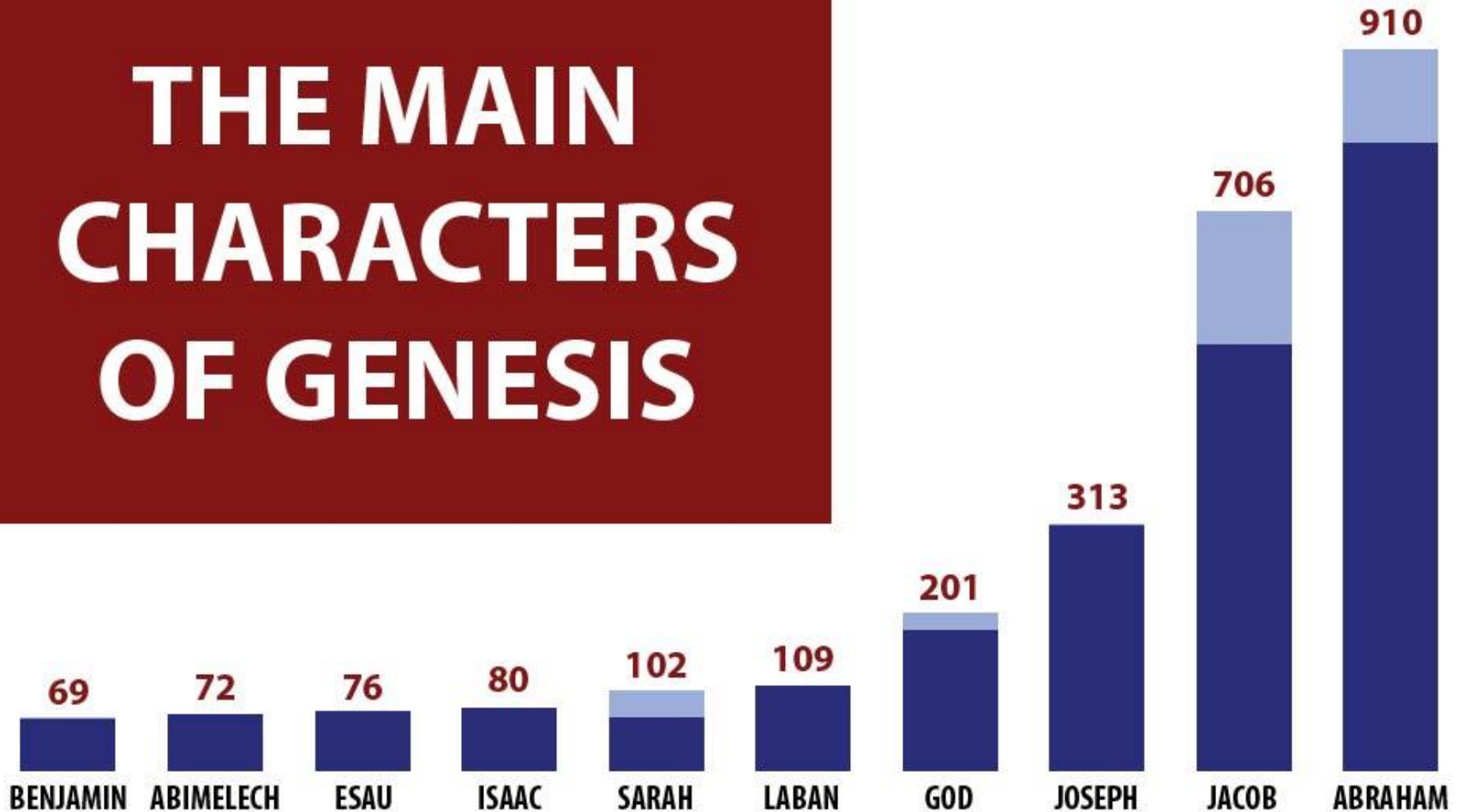
GENESIS-Important characters

- **Joseph**

- **Jacob's favorite son, who has prophetic dreams of greatness.**
- **He is also able to interpret other people's dreams.**
- **His brothers sell him into slavery, but through his God-given wisdom, he ascends to the position of second-in-command over all Egypt.**

Main Characters of Genesis

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GENESIS-Key Themes

- **Full of Great Sunday Stories**
 - **However, Genesis is really all about setting the stage for the rest of the Pentateuch: it's the long, long prologue to Israel's beginnings as a nation.**
 - **Specifically, it's the story of the promises God made to humans—promises that God begins to carry out through the rest of the Bible.**

GENESIS-Key Themes

- **Main thrust of Genesis possibly in one verse, God said to Abraham:**
- **I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. (Gen 17:7, NIV)**

GENESIS-Key Themes

- **Covenant**

- **A covenant is a solemn, binding agreement that makes two or more parties one**
- **Covenants usually involve promises, conditions, blessings for keeping the covenant, and curses for breaking it. Genesis has a lot of covenants, including God's covenant with the post-flood world (Gen 9:1 – 17) and with Abraham (Gen 15, 17).**

GENESIS-Key Themes

- **Covenant**

- **God promises the childless Abraham that he will be the father of nations, that his descendants will have a land, and that the world will be blessed through them**
- **38 of Genesis' 50 chapters, the story follows Abraham's family as God begins fulfilling the first part of that promise**

GENESIS-Key Themes

- **Blessing**

- **12th chapter, God promises to bless Abraham, bless his allies, curse his enemies, and eventually, bless the world through him (12:1 –3).**
- **God has a special relationship with Abraham and his family.**
- **The rest of Genesis watches this promise unfold—and it involves a lot of people getting blessed.**

GENESIS-Key Themes

• **Blessing**

- **Blessings is important halfway through the book, when Jacob “inherits” (i.e., tricks his dad into giving him) the blessing that God had given to Abraham and Isaac.**
- **This blessing was originally intended for Jacob’s older brother Esau. But before another Cain and Abel situation takes place, Jacob escapes to a distant land, where he starts a new life.**
- **When Jacob returns, he wrestles with God—who blesses him.**

GENESIS-Key Themes

- **Records and Genealogies –**
 - **A key repeated phrase in Genesis is, “this is the account of ...,” or “these are the records of...,” followed by either a bunch of names or a bunch of stories.**
 - **The second chapter opens with the account of the “heavens and the earth,” (2:4).**

GENESIS-Key Themes

- **Records and Genealogies –**
- **Then the book of Genesis swings us through a long series of sub-accounts:**
- **Adam's family line (5: 1)**
- **Noah's family line (6:9)**
- **The nations that stemmed from Noah's sons (10: 1)**
- **Abraham's family (11 :27)**
- **Ishmael's family (25: 12)**
- **Isaac's family (25: 19)**
- **Esau's family (36: 1)**
- **Jacob's family (37:2)**

GENESIS-Key Themes

- **Promised Land – The land of Canaan.**
 - **God promises that Abraham's descendants will possess that land in chapter 15, but this promise is not fulfilled until the book of Joshua.**
 - **Abraham wanders through Canaan, Isaac settles there, and Jacob settles here**
 - **However, at the end of the book, the budding nation of Israel is dwelling as guests in Egypt.**
 - **The next four books of the Torah tell us how they make their way back to Canaan.**

GENESIS-in Context

- **Genesis told the ancient Israelites that God had befriended their ancestors, promised them a land, and had a plan to bless the world through them. But the story of Genesis is really just the grand prologue to Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Together, these five books tell the story of how Israel became God's special nation.**