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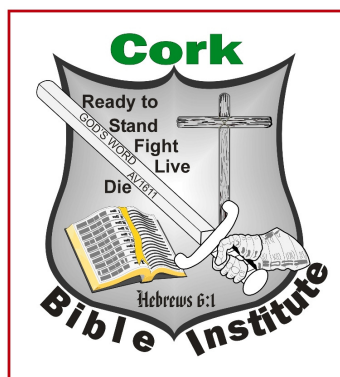
The Book of Genesis

Chapters 30-50

A Bible-Believing Study Guide

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Requirements for this Class

- A. This class is taught across three semesters.
1. Module 1 will cover Genesis Chapters 1-10
 2. Module 2 will cover Genesis Chapters 11- 29
 3. Module 3 will cover Genesis Chapters 30-50
- B. An outline of each chapter in Genesis (from chapter 30 through 50) – typed, and submitted to Pastor Craig on a weekly basis.
- C. Include a set of 10 questions for each chapter, along with their answers – typed, and submitted to Pastor Craig on a weekly basis. Both the outline and the 10 questions can be on the same sheet of paper.
- D. Completion of the fill-in notes of this class notebook
- E. At least 80% attendance during this semester.
- F. A final Test at the end of the course – consisting of the questions submitted

An Example of an Outline of a Chapter of Genesis (*make up your own outline*)

Name

Date

Genesis Module 1 Class

Outline of Genesis Chapter One The Creation

- A. Creation of the Universe (Gen 1:1-2)
- B. Creation of Light (Gen 1:3-6)
- C. Creation of the Atmosphere (Gen 1:7-8)
- D. Creation of Land (Gen 1:9-10)
- E. Creation of Trees, Grass and Herbs (Gen 1:11-13)
- F. Creation of the Sun, Moon, and Stars (Gen 1:14-19)
- G. Creation of Sea Life, and Birds (Gen 1:20-23)
- H. Creation of Land Life (Gen 1:24,25)
- I. Creation of Adam and Eve (Gen 1:26-28)
- J. The Dominion of Adam and Eve (Gen 1:29-30)
- K. God's Pleasure in His Creation (Gen 1:31)

Questions from Genesis Chapter 1

1. ...
2. Give a reason why each "day" as described in Genesis chapter 1 is 24 hours long.
3. What kind of animals were created at the same time as the fish?
4. Where is Eden?
5. ...
6. ...
7. ...
8. ...
9. ...
10. ...

Make sure you include well thought out ANSWERS to your questions

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Chapter Thirty

Jacob's Full Quiver

Lesson Verse: Ps 127:4,5

I. Lesson Introduction

- A. Marriage is a wonderful thing
- B. But most of the time, it becomes a nightmare for people – all because of one problem: the flesh (their old nature) – so, when TWO people who have their own fleshly natures, combine, they can explode. God designed them to combine like iron and carbon to make steel and thereby be stronger.
- C. With Jacob, it is far worse than even that
- D. Jacob ends up with four wives, 13 kids, and a brother in law that keeps Jacob hemmed in no matter what he does.
- E. All throughout this, watch as the Lord, behind the scenes, frustrates, and breaks Jacob!
- F. In spite of all the hassle, Jacob will end up with _____ of people that will shine as a symbol of God's mercy and grace throughout all time!

II. Lesson

A. Going from _____ to _____

1. Rachel's Scheme

- a. No children when Leah had four already – empty life in a marriage without kids. Barrenness is usually seen as a _____ of the person, just like ugliness, and dumbness – but it is God!
- b. _____ (Pr 27:4; Jam 3:14-16)
 - 1) Privately contrives and works the ruin of another
 - 2) Abel could not stand before the envy of Cain (1Jn 3:12); nor Joseph before the envy of his brethren; nor Christ before the envy of the Jews, his bitter enemies; and, where it is, there is confusion and every evil work, (Jas 3:14,16)
 - 3) An envious man is worse than an angry and wrathful man; his wrath and anger may be soon over, or there may be ways and means of appeasing him; but envy continues and abides, and works insensibly.
- c. Making Demands
 - 1) Rachel makes her children her goal
 - a) Not her walk with God – most important
 - b) Or her relationship with her husband – more important
 - 2) Makes Jacob her god – which is very dangerous and very stupid (Cf 29:31)
- d. Schemes – determines to use her servant, _____
 - 1) USING other people for your own ends is age-old!
 - 2) She is acting just like Sarah did (Gen 16:1-5)
 - 3) Hammurabi ordered that this method was acceptable when dealing with barrenness – what a joke!
 - 4) “Bearing on the knees” – Bilhah will deliver her child while leaning on my knees – I will be as close to delivering that baby as possible – as the midwife!

2. Jacob's Stupidity (30:4)

- a. He accepts this arrangement - Like a sheep to the slaughter
- b. He is very _____ – couldn't care less about right or wrong, especially when he can have more sex!

3. Rachael's Reaping

- a. Gets Dan – _____. The tribe of Dan never is right with God
- b. Naphtali – My _____. It is in the area of this tribe that Christ ministers (Mt 4:13)

- c. But she still is not a true mother – only a fraud. All of her children are “by _____”
4. Leah’s Jealousy (30:9-13) Gets into the act. She had her heart right, but gets lured into sinning again
- Two can play that game – competition gets stiff
 - Uses **Zilpah**
 - QUICK QUIZ: Name all four women “married” to Jacob now:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - Which one was Jacob’s rightful wife, in God’s eyes? _____
 - Jacob doesn’t have a problem with it at all – more sex
 - Gad – _____
 - Asher - _____
5. Manipulation
- If all that wasn’t enough, the two sisters fight on an almost daily basis
 - Mandrakes – _____ (Song 7:13) - any substance that increases sexual desire.
 - Rachael ends up giving up a night with Jacob (what a loss) so that they can use the Mandrakes for another night with Jacob that might be more favourable (superstitious, and not at rest).
 - God hearkens unto Leah
 - Leah is the better woman here
 - She is at least trusting the Lord a bit more
 - Rachel is scheming, and manipulating
 - Issachar – “_____”
 - Rachel still has no children
 - Leah gets pregnant again, and again
 - Zebulun – “_____”
 - Dinah – “_____” – this is God’s final stamp of approval on my life
 - Women today STILL fight to have children
 - By luring men into bed just so they can get pregnant
 - By getting their husbands to pay incredible prices to have special procedures (test-tube pregnancies, etc) so they can get pregnant
 - Pay incredible money to adopt children
 - Pay for another woman to get artificially inseminated

B. God Remembers _____ (30:22-24)

- At this point, there are now 10 boys, a girl, and four wives sitting at the dinner table. Rachel is mortified to put it mildly. All the other three women have produced babies. Her good looks are no consolation to her any more
- The Importance of Prayer – no scheming
 - Rachel had to learn that no amount of scheming will pay off
 - Rachel is forced to give up and ONLY pray – the beautiful one, has finally been humbled!
 - THEN and only then did God give her a child
 - And what a child he was!

3. The Importance of Joseph

- His name means, “_____”
- As if to say, this is God’s doing, adding to the home, and it isn’t all God will do!
- She prophesies that God will give her even another son besides Joseph. And He will

C. Laban’s New Contract (30:25-36)

- Jacob has had enough of Laban’s “hospitality” – wants to go home with his family

2. But Laban needs Jacob around (30:27)
3. Negotiates cattle for work – at first only gave Jacob his daughters – now his flocks
4. _____ and _____ cattle and sheep
 - a. All Jacob wants are the misfits of the flock – the peculiar sheep and goats
 - b. At the end of the next 7 years, Jacob just wants to be paid with all the non-plain (black or white) sheep or goats, or cows.
 - c. Any non-spotted cattle found in his herd would be considered stolen (30:33)
 - d. Laban separates the speckled from the herds, and leaves them to be cared for by Jacob’s sons. While Jacob continues to care for Laban’s herds

D. Jacob’s Revenge (30:37-43)

1. Green poplar rods
 - a. Branches of Poplar and Hazel trees
 - b. Peeled white streaks
 - c. Sets them up in the watering troughs
 - d. When the animals are in heat and conceiving, they will be facing the rods
 - e. This is a _____, yet Jacob gets results
2. Sets only the strongest animals in front of the rods
3. Puts the speckled and spotted back into the cattle for breeding amongst the plain cattle



III. Applications

- A. God blesses not because of our scheming, but because of His plans
- B. Manipulating your mate is a disaster, and God will force you to live with your “mistakes” (like living with two, and then four wives).

IV. Conclusion and Study Questions

- A. The marriage of two imperfect people should be like what _____ and what _____ combining to produce what _____?
- B. How many wives does Jacob end up with?
- C. Name all four of Jacob’s wives:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
- D. What were Mandrakes used for in those days?

- E. What finally made it possible for Rachel to get pregnant and have a child? _____
- F. What was the name of Rachel’s first child? _____
- G. What does his name mean? “_____”
- H. What kind of sheep and cattle did Jacob set apart for himself? _____ and _____