



Genesis

ANSWER KEY

International Alpha Bible Course
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Lesson One

1. List as many things as you can that had their beginning in the Book of Genesis.

Heavens, earth, light, vegetation, all living creatures, man, woman, sin, death, atonement, salvation, home, family, altar.

2. Write a paragraph fully explaining the meaning of "In the beginning."

In the beginning are the first four words of the Bible and are the most important words in the Bible. Here is when man must begin with his faith in and his knowledge of God. True faith begins with God and then develops to man.

3. Write a paragraph beginning with the sentence: The title *Elohim* is a plural word.

The title Elohim is a plural word. However, it should be noted that the verb created is in the singular. This is not a breach of grammar, for Elohim does not suggest a plurality of persons in the Godhead, but rather a fullness of powers and attributes.

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Lesson Two

1. What is the meaning of the statement: "And the earth was without form and void"?

The earth was unfurnished and empty. And the earth had become ruined and uninhabited. Something happened on earth and that it did not involve the rest of the universe.

2. List what was created on each day of creation:

First day: Light

Second day: Air

Third day: Land

Fourth day: Lights

Fifth day: Fowls/Fish

Sixth day: Man

3. Explain clearly the following Scriptures:

a. Genesis 2:7: The soul gives man self-consciousness, and the body gives man physical-consciousness. Man is a living soul.

b. Genesis 1:26: Creation did not take place in secret. The angelic hosts were spectators and God was addressing them when he made this statement. God did not create man in their images, but in His image.

c. Genesis 2:2: The day of rest signifies a completion, a perfection of a finished product. The job was completed God saw that it was good and was satisfied. The seventh day was set apart from the other six days. A principle was established here that man should set apart one day out of seven to rest and worship the Lord.

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Lesson Three

1. Why did God place the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden?

It was necessary to place before man a choice, the choice between the knowledge of good and evil and the state of remaining innocent. As for the "tree's nature" it was a tree which bore a fruit and that is all we know.

2. Explain the part that unbelief had in the first transgression.

The temptation mainly had to do with the planting of unbelief in the heart of Eve. There were five distinct steps in the planting of this unbelief and bringing about the deception: Satan questions the Word of God, Eve listened to the tempter and entered into a conversation with him, Eve added to the Word of God, Eve changed God's Word, now Satan gained the advantage and boldly denied God's Word.

3. "Actually the sin of Adam was greater than that of Eve."
Comment on this statement.

There was no deception as far as he was concerned. He had to make a decision between fellowship with God and fellowship with Eve. He deliberately chose Eve in preference to God and disobeyed.

4. How was God's plan of salvation brought out in Genesis 3?

God's plan of salvation brought out a substitution, the innocent dying for the guilty. It is stated the promise of the coming of the Savior. Jesus Christ is the only one who ever was born of the seed of the woman.

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Lesson Four

1. How was Abel's sacrifice more excellent than Cain's?

Abel recognized that blood had to be shed for the remission of sin. Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice because he did it "by faith."

2. Show how God gave Cain a second chance.

If Cain would present a proper sin offering, his sacrifice would be accepted and that he would still retain the right of the firstborn and rule over Abel. However, Cain would not accept reproof or correction. He still thought that his sacrifice was better than that of Abel.

3. Describe the punishment of Cain.

Everywhere Cain would go, the ground that held the blood of his brother would be against him. Memory and remorse would always follow him, and he would not be content in any one place very long. He would be a fugitive and a vagabond.

4. Write a character sketch of Enoch.

Enoch was a wonderful character. He is one of but two men who went to heaven without dying. Enoch walked with God, He pleased God, he preached and warned of coming judgment. He also named his son, Methuselah, and Enoch is a type of the church to be caught away when Jesus comes.

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Lesson Five

1. The ark:

a. What were the dimensions of the ark?

300 cubits in length, fifty cubits in breadth, and thirty cubits in height. The cubit was about eighteen inches.

b. What does the ark's one door represent?

All had to enter through the same door and it was God who shut the door. It was Jehovah who closed the door. The one door is a type of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the door."

c. What is the significance of the one window?

The window in the top of the ark caused Noah only to be able to look up. Noah and his family were not to look around them upon the scene of destruction and judgment, but up toward the living God.

2. Compare the conditions existing before the Flood with those of today.

Before the flood there was complete corruption and great spiritual darkness. Men turned from God to their own ways. The thoughts of their hearts were continually filled with sin. The rejection of God produces godlessness. The farther we get from the Garden of Eden I believe the more corrupt the world is getting. There is still blatant disobedience to God and his Commandments. Conditions are not too far off from back in Noah's day. Jesus compared the conditions existing before His second advent to those at the time of Noah. As we study the conditions in the world today, we can understand that judgment will come soon.

3. Explain how the ark was a type of salvation.

The ark was a type of salvation in that all had to enter through the same door and it was God who shut the door. The ark was a safe place that people could go so they wouldn't perish. The same is with Jesus Christ he is salvation that we can run to and be saved.

4. State fully the covenant God made with Noah.

God gave Noah a token in order to remember the covenant. This token was the rainbow in the sky. All the colors of the spectrum of the rainbow came from white light and speak to us of God Himself. As the rainbow is the joint product of storm and sunshine, so grace is the unmerited favor of God on the dark background of man's sin.

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Lesson Six

1. Name Noah's three sons:

a. Ham

b. Shem

c. Japheth

2. Why did the curse fall on Ham?

Ham's sin was his utter failure to honor his father. He was lacking filial love. For a child to expose and sneer at his parent's fall was wickedness of the worst kind. Ham sinned as a son and was punished.

3. Write briefly the history of Nimrod.

Nimrod was Ham's grandson; his father was Cush. Nimrod is a type of the Anti-Christ. Nimrod's rebellion was to lead a movement in revolt against God.

4. Compare Babel with Pentecost.

Babel was a confusion of tongues and Pentecost was a miracle that took place. At Babel there was judgment, confusion and a scattering. At Pentecost there was blessing, unity, harmony, and the gospel message was proclaimed.

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Lesson Seven

1. Fill in the blank with the correct word listed below:

Laban Terah Haran Ur
Abraham Sarai Milcah

- a. Abraham's father TERAH
- b. Lot's sister MICAH
- c. Rachel's father LABAN
- d. Abram's birthplace UR
- e. Where Terah died HARAN
- f. The friend of God ABRAHAM
- g. Abram's wife SARAI

2. How old was Abraham when he left Haran?

Seventy-five years old

3. Who rebuked Abram for doing wrong?

He was rebuked by Pharaoh.

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Lesson Eight

State whether the following statements are true or false.

1. T Sarah brought back an Egyptian maid from Egypt.
2. T Lot parted from Abraham because his uncle strove with him. **I AM UNCERTAIN OF THIS QUESTION>IT IS WRITTEN SUPER WEIRD.**
3. F Lot's wife was not affected by living in Sodom.
4. F Abraham armed 500 servants to rescue Lot.
5. T Abraham refused to accept even a shoelace from Sodom.
6. T Melchizedek was greater than Abraham.
7. F Abraham was eighty-six years old when Ishmael was born.
8. F The Lord promised to spare Sodom if there were five righteous there.
9. T Isaac was born when Abraham was 100 years old.
10. T Lot was saved through the prayers of his Uncle Abraham.

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Lesson Nine

Fill in the blanks with the correct word from those listed below.

Bethuel	Esau	forty	Gerar
eight	seventeen	Araunah	Mount Moriah
Rebekah	137		

1. Isaac was circumcised when he was EIGHT days old.
2. For a time Isaac dwelt in GERAR.
3. Abraham offered up Isaac on MOUNT MORIAH.
4. Rebekah was the daughter of BETHUEL.
5. Solomon's temple was built on the threshing floor of ARAUNAH.
6. REBEKAH said, "I will go."
7. Ishmael died at the age of 137 years.
8. Isaac was FORTY YEARS old when he married Rebekah.
9. ESAU and Jacob were twin brothers.
10. Ishmael was about SEVENTEEN years old when he mocked Isaac.

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Lesson Ten

1. Why did God love Jacob and hate Esau?

Esau did not know the value of spiritual and eternal blessings and lived wholly for the natural. Jacob knew the value of eternal blessings. Esau was carnally minded; Jacob was spiritually minded.

2. How did Jacob pay for the sin of deceiving his father?

He had deceived his father and he in turn was to be deceived and cheated by his uncle, Laban.

3. How did Rebekah pay for the sin of deceiving Isaac?

She had led her favorite son into sin and suggested that Jacob leave for Haran in order to escape Esau's anger. Little did she know that Jacob would be gone for twenty years and she would never see him again.

4. Explain clearly the meaning of Jacob's dream.

During the night the Lord appeared to Jacob and spoke to him through a dream. The ladder symbolized Jesus Christ in His dual nature, humanity and deity. The ladder was set up on earth and reached to Heaven.

5. Write one New Testament Scripture with reference which helps us to understand Jacob's dream.

And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man. (John 1:51)

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Lesson Eleven

1. Name Jacob's twelve sons:

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| a. Reuben | g. Gad |
| b. Simeon | h. Asher |
| c. Levi | i. Issachar |
| d. Judah | j. Zebulon |
| e. Dan | k. Joseph |
| f. Naphtali | l. Benjamin |

2. Show that Jacob needed still another experience with God even after Peniel.

Jacob met with Esau and reconciled their differences. Esau offered to escort Jacob on his way home. Jacob revealed his old nature of suspicion and distrust. While he promised Esau to follow, he planned otherwise. The dust of Esau's party had hardly settled over the horizon when he started traveling in the opposite direction. Instead of going southeast, he went directly opposite, northwest. This falsehood was absolutely inexcusable.

3, Trace Jacob's journey from Haran back to Bethel.

Because Jacob did not travel on to Bethel, he had to suffer some very bitter experiences. He followed the example of Lot, who pitched his tent towards Sodom for material gain, and as a result experienced trouble and heartache with his family. His only daughter, Dinah, was ruined. He thought only of his own reputation and safety. It was ten years since his experience with God at Peniel, but all this time Bethel was only thirty miles away. Here at Bethel they cleansed themselves from all the idols which they had gathered over the years. God renewed His covenant to Jacob.

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Lesson Twelve

1. What were the two dreams Joseph had while still at home?

The first dream was about tying up bundles of grain in the field and Joseph's bundle stood up straight and the other bundles gathered around and bowed down to it. The second dream was the sun and moon and stars bowing down to Joseph.

2. How were these dreams fulfilled?

During the famine Joseph's ten brethren came to him to buy corn. They bowed before him with their faces to the earth.

3. Why was it necessary for Joseph to be sent down to Egypt?

Joseph was sent to Egypt to save the lives of his family during famine. The contamination and spiritual pollution that was experienced by their association with the Canaanites had to be stopped. There was an absolute necessity of separation. Egypt was essential to the purity of the family of Jacob.

4. State three tests Joseph had to encounter while in Egypt.

1. Slavery
2. Temptation
3. Slander

5. How do we know the brethren of Joseph still had a guilty conscience after twenty years?

Genesis 42:21-23 is very significant. The recognition of their guilt showed that considerable change had taken place in these men.