

GENESIS

THE METHOD



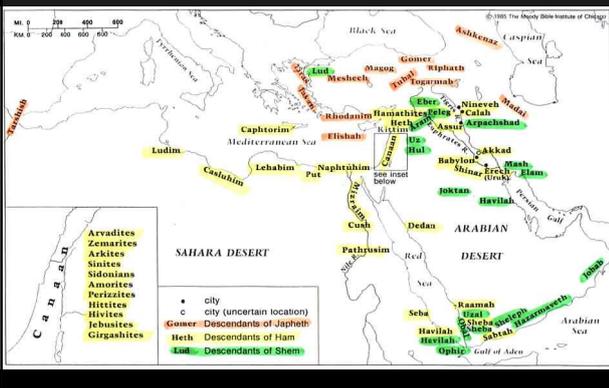
AUTHORSHIP

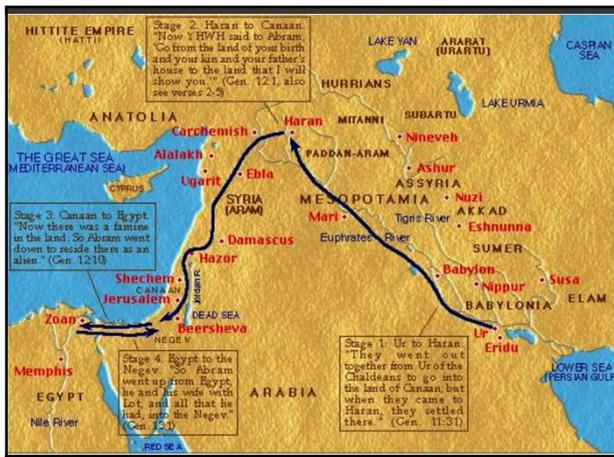
- Moses is generally accepted as the author of Genesis
- Genesis account for around 2300-2400 years of history and covers a period longer than remaining 65 books of the Bible put together
- It's thought that Moses wrote Genesis during the desert wanderings of the Israelites between 1446 and 1406BC

Moses was born in Egypt, around 900 miles away from the beginnings of Genesis, rather the place where Genesis ends. He is also born around 2,340 years after the biblical creation. Believing that Moses writes an account that covers this time-span, what thoughts or questions do these facts evoke in you as a believer and student of the Bible?

DISCUSS

SIGNIFICANT PLACES





ANCESTRY - SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE

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 - 9 generations to Noah, around 1000 years
 - Shem
 - Abraham, around 400 years between Noah and Abraham
 - Sarah
 - Hagar
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IS THERE A PERSON YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT AND WHY?

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SIGNIFICANT PROMISES

Genesis 9:8

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: **9** "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you **10** and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth.

11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

SIGNIFICANT PROMISES

Genesis 17:3-8

3 Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, 4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. 5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. 7 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. 8 The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

SIGNIFICANT PROMISES

Genesis 35:9-13

9 After Jacob returned from Paddan Aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him. 10 God said to him, "Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel." So he named him Israel. 11 And God said to him, "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants. 12 The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you." 13 Then God went up from him at the place where he had talked with him.

SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCES

Genesis 9:22-25

22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father's naked body. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father naked.

24 When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, 25 he said,

"Cursed be Canaan!

The lowest of slaves
will he be to his brothers."

SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCES

Genesis 16:12

11 The angel of the Lord also said to her: "You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery.

12 He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers."

SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCES

Genesis 25:29-34

29 Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. 30 And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.) 31 Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." 32 Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" 33 Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

FAITH

- Hebrews 11 accredits faith to a number of the Genesis figures
- Faith in the context of Genesis is a greater example than for they didn't have the bedrock of history on which to base it
- There was no law to command it
- No church to encourage it
- This was a faith which was truly based on things not yet seen

We have considered:

- Authorship
- Geography
- Ancestry
- Promises and Consequences
- Faith

Which, out these impacts you most and why?
