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THREE PHASES OF MOSES' 120 YEAR LIFE								
LIFE PHASE	SCRIPTURE	YEARS	AGE	ACTIVITY				
Natural Training	Acts 7:23	1526-1486 B.C.	1-40	Egyptian Education				
Spiritual Training	Exod. 7:7	1486-1446 B.C.	40-80	Midian Shepherding				
Ministry	Deut. 31:2; 34:7; Acts 7:36	1446-1406 B.C.	80-120	Exodus, Law, Wilderness Preservation, Pentateuch Authorship				

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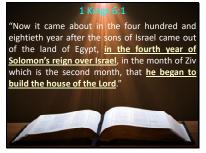
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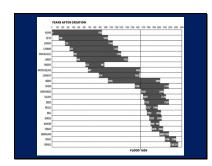
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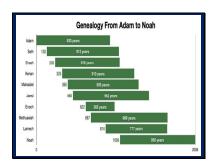
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Matthew 19:4-6 "3 Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" ⁴ And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be...



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Patriarchal Dates Abraham: 2166–1991 B.C. Isaac: 2066–1886 B.C. Jacob: 2006–1859 B.C. Joseph: 1916–1806 B.C.

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Message

Israel's role of mediating redemptive blessings to the fallen world is explained through:

- a description of the world's fallen condition (1-11),
- Israel's birth through the Abrahamic Covenant (12–36),
- and the preservation of Israel in furtherance of the covenant (37–50)



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- A nation that does not know where it has been does not know where it is going
- 2. To explain that Israel has a right to the land (Gen. 15:18-21) and that the Canaanites are under a curse (Gen. 9:25; 15:16)
- 3. Obedience leads to blessings (Gen. 22:18)

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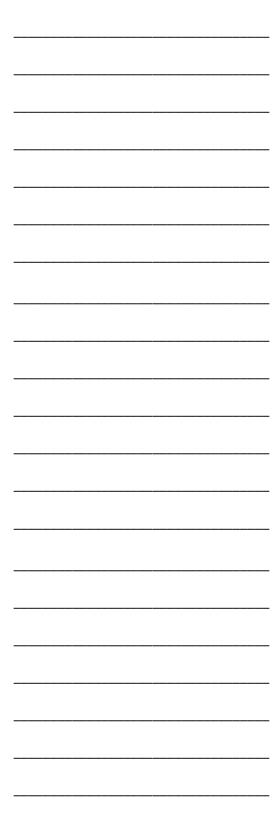
At the time of the Exodus, God reveals to Israel her divinely ordained role to mediate His redemptive purposes to a fallen world. This exalted position is communicated through the revelation of Israel's unconditional covenant and God's miraculous preservation of the nation in furtherance of this covenant. Moses reveals this information so that Israel would press into her intended design during the conquest and beyond.

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Unique Characteristics

- Election and preservation of Israel
- Covenantal faithfulness
- Book of beginnings
- Scope (4000 1806 B.C.)
- Seed plot of the Bible



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Genesis as the Seed-Plot of the Bible

"...Genesis gives us a synoptic preface to the entire Bible. It is the seed-plot of the Bible. The germ or beginning of all truth is within this wonderful book. Genesis is the foundation upon which the entire revelation rests; the root out of which the rest grows. Truths found here are developed in successive ages."

Herbert Lockyer, *The Gospel in the Pentateuch* (Chicago: The Bible Institute Colportage Association, 1939), 25.

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Beginning Themes Universe Religion Life Salvation Man Language Marriage Government ■ Evil Nations Clothing Israel

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Themes of Genesis 1-11

- Perfect creation and man as the pinnacle of
- How this perfect creation was lost leading to the terrible progress of sin necessitating divine redemption through the Jewish messianic line
- Tracing of the messianic line that would bring about this redemption (Gen 3:15 to Abraham)

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John 5:39, 46 "39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me...46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me."

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Luke 24:44 "27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures...44 Now He said to them, 'These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

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Acts 17:1-3

"Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a <u>synagogue of the Jews</u>. ² And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the <u>Scriptures</u>, ³ explaining and giving evidence that the <u>Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead</u>, and saying, 'This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ."

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Beginning in Genesis

- Proto-evangelium (3:15, 21)
- Seth (4:25)
- Noah (Gen 5:29)
- Shem (9:26)
- Abraham (12:3)
- Isaac (21:12)
- Jacob (25:23)
- Judah (49:10)

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Christ in Genesis (Luke 24:27, 44)

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The Two Most Influential Men in World History						
	Adam	Jesus				
Single action	Disobedience	Obedience				
Tree	Knowledge	Cross				
Universal impact	Curse	Blessing				
Birth	Physical	Spiritual				
Adam	First	Last				

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	 Humble and unspoiled by wealth (Gen. 45:7-8; John 13:12) 		
	8. Taught by God (Gen. 41:16; John 5:19)		
	9. Loved people freely (Gen. 45:15; John 13:34)		
	10.Gained the confidence of others quickly (Gen. 39:3; Matt.		
	8:8)		
	 Gave bread to hungry people who came to him (Gen. 41:57; Mark 6:41) 		
	12.Resisted the most difficult temptations. Gen. 39:8-9; Heb.		
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	13. Given visions of the future (Gen. 37:6; Matt. 24:3)		
	 Tested people to reveal their true nature (Gen. 42:25; Mark 11:30) 		
	15. Hated for their teachings (Gen. 37:8 John 7:7)		
	16. Sold for the price of a slave (Gen. 37:28 Matt. 26:15)		
	17. Falsely accused (Gen. 39:14; Mark 14)		
	18. Silent before their accusers (Gen. 39:20; Mark 15:4)		
	 Condemned between two prisoners (Gen. 40:2-3; Luke 23:32) 		
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	20. Arose into a new life (Gen. 41:41 Mark 16:6)		
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Revelation 4:11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

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John 3:12

"If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

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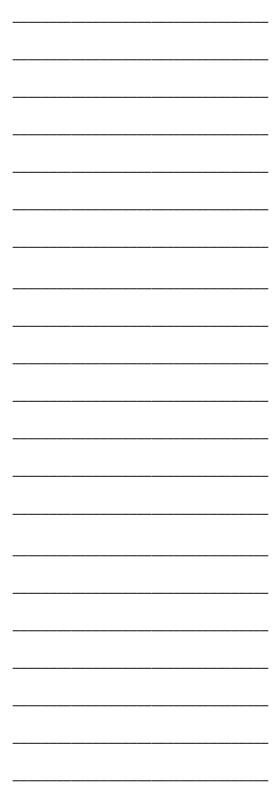
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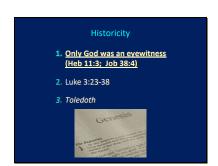
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Slide 88 "3 "Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me! 4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding, 5 Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? 6 "On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, . . .

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Job 38.3-10
.... ⁷ When the morning stars sang together And all thesons of God shouted for joy?
⁸ "Or who enclosed the sea with doors When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;
⁹ When I made a cloud its garment And thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ And I placed boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors..."

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"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (NIV)

Gen. 2:4-This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.

Gen. 5:1-This is the book of the **generations** of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

Gen. 36:31-Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the sons of Israel.

Num. 33:1-2-These are the journeys of the sons of Israel, by which they came out from the land of Egypt by their armies, under the leadership of Moses and Aaron. ² Moses recorded their starting places according to their journeys by the command of the LORD, and these are their journeys according to their starting places.

Exod. 15:27-Then they came to Elim where there *were* twelve springs of water and seventy date palms, and they camped there beside the waters.

Gen. 13:10-Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere—*this was* before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar.

Acts 7:22-Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds.

Gen. 2:4-This is **the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created**, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.

- Gen. 5:1-This is the book of **the generations** of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.
- Luke 1:1-4- Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³ it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write *it* out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; ⁴ so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.
- Gen. 2:4-<u>This is the account of the heavens and the earth</u> when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.
- Gen. 5:1-<u>This is the book of the generations of Adam</u>. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

Num. 6:24-26- The LORD bless you, and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.'