

Genesis - Ruth

Genesis: Origin of the House of Israel as Heir of the Abrahamic Covenant

- Adam-Noah Cycle: Origin of mankind and genealogy from Adam to Abraham (1-11b)
- Abraham Cycle: Origin of God's special covenant with Abraham (11c-25a)
- Jacob Cycle: Descent of the Abrahamic Covenant to Isaac and Jacob individually (25b-35)
- Joseph Cycle: Descent of the Abrahamic Covenant to all of Jacob's descendants collectively (36-50)

Exodus: Israel Delivered from Bondage and Established as God's Covenant People [Yr 1, Mos 1-12]

- Israel in bondage to Egypt and unable to be delivered by man (1-7a) [*many years of back story*]
- Ten plagues, God delivers Israel on Passover and at Red Sea (7b-15a) [*months to Yr 1, Mo 1*]
- Rebellions from the Red Sea to Mount Sinai (15b-18) [*Yr 1, Mos 1-2*]

a. Ten Commandments: Sinai Covenant revealed and ratified (19-24a) [*Yr 1, Mos 3+*]

b. Tabernacle and priesthood rituals revealed (24b-31) [*Yr 1*]

a. Golden Calf: Sinai Covenant broken and renewed (32-34) [*Yr 1*]

b. Tabernacle and priests implemented and accepted (35-40) [*Yr 1 to Yr 2, Day 1*]

Leviticus: Being Clean and Holy [Yr 2, Mo 1]

- a. Laws governing offerings (1-7)
- b. Consecration of the priests (holy people) (8-10)
 - c. Laws mostly regarding temporary uncleanness (11-15)
 - d. Day of Atonement (holy congregation on holiest day of the year) [*>16:16-19: scapegoat*] (16)
 - c. Laws mostly regarding extended or capital defilement or unholiness (17-22)
- b. Laws regarding sabbaths and feasts (holy time) (23-26)
- a. Laws regarding vows and devotions (27)

Numbers: Rebellious Generation 1 Replaced by Faithful Generation 2 [Yr 2, Mo 1 - Yr 40, Mo 10]

- Generation 1 is prepared to possess Canaan (1-10a) [*1-6: Yr 2, Mo 2; 7-10a: Yr 2, Mo 1*]
- Generation 1 rebels for tenth time and is cursed to wander for 40 years (10b-25) [*10b-14: Yr 2, Mos 3+; 15-19: Yrs 3-39;*
- Generation 2 is prepared to possess Canaan (26-36) [*Yr 40, to Mo 10*] *20-25: Yr 40, Mos 1-5+*

Deuteronomy: Renewal of the Sinai Covenant with Generation 2 [Yr 40, Mos 11-12]

- a. Speech 1: Whereas: Account of God's dealings in Yrs 1-40, and exhortation to obey God's Law (1-4a)
- b. Speech 2: Whereas: Reasons based on experiences over Yrs 1-40 to obey God's Law, and exhortation to do so (4b-11)
- c. Speech 2: Now therefore: Specific requirements of the Law spelled out (12-26a)
- d. Speech 2: Renewal of the Covenant with Generation 2 and consequences of compliance or default (26b-28)
- e. Speech 3: Renewal of the Covenant with Generation 2 and consequences of compliance or default (29-30)
- Steps to perpetuate the covenant in future generations (31-34)

Joshua: Faithful Generation 2 Receives the Covenant Blessing of Complete Possession of Canaan [Yrs 41-47]

- a. Instruction to enter and conquer the land (1) [*Yr 41, Mo 1*]
- b. Conquering the land: Israelite obedience and Canaanite opposition [*>8:30-35: altar on Mount Ebal*] (2-12) [*Yrs 41-47*]
- b. Distributing the land [*>18:1: Tabernacle at Shiloh*] (13-21) [*Yr 47*]
- a. Instructions for retaining possession of the land (22-24) [*Yr 47*]

Judges: Rebellious Generation 3 Forfeits the Covenant Blessing of Complete Possession of Canaan [Yrs 48-376 (329 Yrs)]

- Introduction: Generation 3 forfeits complete possession for idolatry, foreign alliances, intermarriage with foreigners (1-2)
- Development: Israel descends into increasing apostasy and weakness over hundreds of years (3-16)
- Conclusion: Generation 3 abandons land and God, breaks all Ten Commandments, self-destructs, because no king (17-21)

- **Ruth:** Caveat: Individuals (even non-Israelites) can live faithfully and be blessed (many parallels with Judges 17-21)