

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 only 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 uncleanness (11-15)
 - d. Day of Atonement (holy congregation on the holiest day of the year) [*>16:16-19: scapegoat*] (16)
 - c. Laws mostly regarding 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. Preamble and Setting (1a)
- b. Whereas: Review of God's dealings with Israel during Yrs 1-40 including Sinai Covenant with Generation 1 (1b-4a)
- c. Therefore: Covenant terms stated (4b-26a)
- d. Provisions for Compliance and Default: Covenant blessings and covenant cursings (26b-28)
- e. Ratification: Renewal of the Sinai Covenant with Generation 2 (29-30)
- Steps taken 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. Conquest of the land [*>8:30-35: altar on Mount Ebal*] (2-12) [*Yrs 41-47*]
- b. Distribution of 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 Ten Commandments, self-destructs, because no king (17-21)

- **Ruth:** Caveat: Individuals can nevertheless live faithfully and be blessed (many parallels when read with Judges 17-21)