



## OVERVIEW OF SEFER BEREISHIS

- 1) **BREISHIS**  
{Beginning}  
(0-1536)
  - A) Creation bespeaks Purpose
  - B) Adam & Eve in Gan Eden is the Purpose to earn ones connection to G-d (Free Will)
  - C) Sin of Adam & Eve – Effects Relationship between Man & G-d
  - D) Sin of Cain killing Abel – Effects Relationship between Man & Man
  - E) 10 Generations from Adam to Noach – **Generation of Enosh: IDOLATRY**
- 2) **NOACH**  
{New Beginning}  
(1536-2023)
  - A) **Generation of the Flood: IMMORALITY (Flood – 1656)**
  - B) 3 Sons of Noach: Shem, Cham, and Yefes
  - C) **Generation of the Tower of Bavel: MURDER (Dispersal into 70 nations – 1996)**
  - D) 10 Generations from Noach to Avraham (Avraham born – 1948)
    - A) First 6 Tests
  - B) **Covenant Between the Parts in 2018 – Prophecy of 400 years of Exile** to begin in 30 years
  - C) **Generation of Sodom : DISUNITY, LACK OF PEACE, LOSHON HORA**
  - D) Birth of Yishmael (Father of Arab World)
  - E) Avraham has circumcision at the age of 99
- 3) **LECH LECHA**  
{Go from Non-Jew to a Jew}  
(2023-2047)
  - A) Destruction of Sodom – Lot fathers Moav and Amon from his 2 daughters
  - B) **Birth of Yitzchok in 2048**
  - C) Tests 7-10
  - D) **Avraham develops the Attribute of Kindness (Chesed) to repair immorality**
  - E) Binding of Yitzchok – Yitzchok is 37
- 4) **VAYEIRA**  
{Avraham the Patriarch}  
(2047-2085)
  - A) Death of Sara at Age 127
  - B) Purchase of Patriarchal Tomb
  - C) Marriage of Yitzchok to Rivka
  - D) **Birth of Yaakov & Eisav in 2108 – Potential Partnership/ Sale of Birthright- Avraham dies**
  - E) **Yitzchok develops the Attribute of Discipline/strength (Gevura) to repair murder**
- 5) **CHAYAI SARA**  
{Successful Transition}  
(2085-2088)
  - A) Yaakov develops his personality of Chesed
  - B) Yaakov proves that he can be deceptive and is worthy to develop Eisav personality of Gevura
  - C) **Dream of the Ladder – 4 Personal/World Exiles**
  - D) Stays in the House of Lavan: marries 4 wives, has 11 sons and 1 daughter
  - E) **First personal Exile – House of Lavan – corresponding to Bavel exile – threat of Idolatry**
- 6) **TOLDOS**  
{Development of 2 Generations}  
(2088-2171)
  - A) Leah is suited for ‘Eisav’ personality trait in Yaakov
  - B) Rachel is suited for ‘Yaakov’ personality trait in Yaakov
  - C) **Second personal Exile–confrontation with Eisav–corresponding to Persia–threat of murder**
  - D) **Third personal Exile – Shechem & Dina – corresponding to Greece – threat of Immorality**
  - E) Yaakov becomes Yisroel – **Yaakov develops the Attribute of Tiferes (glory) to repair Idolatry**
- 7) **VAYEITZEI**  
{Yaakov goes out of his personality & develops Eisav’s}  
(2185-2205)
  - A) Birth of Binyamin / Death of Rachel - Reuven switches Yaakov’s bed
  - B) Sale of Yosef by the brothers – failure of developing Royalty
  - C) **Fourth personal Exile – Sale of Yosef – corresponding to Rome – Disunity/No peace/ L.H.**
  - D) Yehuda & Tamar – Yehuda develops Royalty necessary when living in Israel
  - E) Yosef in the House of Potifar
- 8) **VAYISHLACH**  
{Yaakov returns home}  
(2205-2207)
  - A) Yosef in Jail – Yosef develops Royalty that is necessary when living in Exile
  - B) Paroah’s Dreams – Yosef becomes Viceroy of Egypt
  - C) Yosef’s handling of the brothers in an attempt to get them to do Teshuva
  - D) **Yosef & Yehuda develop the Attribute of Shalom/ Malchus (Royalty) to repair Disunity**
- 9) **VAYEISHEV**  
{Yaakov living in Israel}  
(2207- 2227)
  - A) Yosef reveals his identity to brothers – peace returns – **Brothers fail to develop total Unity**
  - B) Yaakov and the 70 souls of his family descend to Egypt (210 years in Egypt begins)
  - C) Yaakov & Yosef take precautions to avoid assimilation
  - D) Yosef has total Egyptian and World control as host country for Jewish people
- 10) **MIKETZ**  
{The end of suffering}  
(2227-2238)
  - A) Yaakov takes precautions to ensure the return of his family to Israel
  - B) Yaakov blesses all the tribes of Israel – expresses their potential to work as a unit
  - C) Death of Yaakov & Eisav
  - D) Yosef lives to see great-grandchildren
  - E) Yosef dies – Glory days begin to fade away
- 11) **VAYIGASH**  
{Confrontation with Egyptian Society}  
(2238)
  - A) Yaakov & Yosef take precautions to avoid assimilation
  - B) Yosef has total Egyptian and World control as host country for Jewish people
- 12) **VAYECHI**  
{Yaakov thriving in Egypt}  
(2238-2309)
  - A) Yaakov & Yosef take precautions to avoid assimilation
  - B) Yosef has total Egyptian and World control as host country for Jewish people

Sefer Bereishis is also called “Sefer Hayitzira” – the book of creation. All the tools for the world’s purpose have been brought into existence. There is the need to restart and reacquire that ability to put man back into the Garden of Eden.

## Final Test on the Book of Bereishis:

*List the order of the twelve Parshiyos by number:*

- VaYeira \_\_\_\_\_
- Chayei Sarah \_\_\_\_\_
- VaYishlach \_\_\_\_\_
- Bereishis \_\_\_\_\_
- VaYigash \_\_\_\_\_
- Noach \_\_\_\_\_

- VaYeichi \_\_\_\_\_
- Toldos \_\_\_\_\_
- VaYeishev \_\_\_\_\_
- Lech Lecha \_\_\_\_\_
- Miketz \_\_\_\_\_
- VaYeitzei \_\_\_\_\_

*In which Parsha is the following person or event mentioned?*

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| 1. Kayin _____                                      | 41. Avraham purchases 'Mearas Hamachpaila' _____  |
| 2. Rachel Buried in Beis Lechem _____               | 42. Sarah abducted by Avimelech _____             |
| 3. Yaakov blesses his children _____                | 43. Yaakov in the house of Lavan _____            |
| 4. Yosef reveals his identity to his brothers _____ | 44. Snake Tree of Knowledge _____                 |
| 5. Yitzchak Institutes the Mincha Prayer _____      | 45. Yaakov's name added with Yisroel _____        |
| 6. Yosef appointed Viceroy of Egypt _____           | 46. Death of Yitzchok & Rivkah _____              |
| 7. Lot moves to Sodom _____                         | 47. Story of Raven & Dove _____                   |
| 8. Dreams of Yosef _____                            | 48. Garden of Eden _____                          |
| 9. Dream of the Ladder _____                        | 49. Coat of Many Colors _____                     |
| 10. Shem _____                                      | 50. Yitzchak Marries Rivkah _____                 |
| 11. Eisav sells his birthright to Yaakov _____      | 51. Nimrod _____                                  |
| 12. Death of Sarah _____                            | 52. Efron _____                                   |
| 13. Alliance of Avraham & Avimelech _____           | 53. Yaakov passes away _____                      |
| 14. Generation of the Flood _____                   | 54. Yaakov & family of 70 descend to Egypt _____  |
| 15. Akeidas [Binding of] Yitzchak _____             | 55. Hagar has a child _____                       |
| 16. Birth of Yishmael _____                         | 56. Tower of Bavel _____                          |
| 17. Avraham Remarries Hagar _____                   | 57. Eisav marries his three wives _____           |
| 18. Generation of Enosh _____                       | 58. Avram's name changes to Avraham _____         |
| 19. Shechem abducts Dinah _____                     | 59. Story of "Dudaim" _____                       |
| 20. 3 Visitors of Avraham _____                     | 60. Story of Yehuda & Tamar _____                 |
| 21. Yaakov blesses Ephraim & Menashe _____          | 61. Yitzchak digs seven wells _____               |
| 22. 6 days of Creation _____                        | 62. Birth of Menashe & Ephraim _____              |
| 23. Yefes _____                                     | 63. Death of Avraham _____                        |
| 24. Yosef sold by brothers _____                    | 64. Sarah abducted by Pharaoh _____               |
| 25. Yishmael & Hagar Driven Away _____              | 65. Dreams of butler & baker _____                |
| 26. Shabbos _____                                   | 66. Avraham Institutes the Shacharis Prayer _____ |
| 27. Avraham's Circumcision _____                    | 67. End of "Era of Roots" _____                   |
| 28. Destruction of Sodom _____                      | 68. Avram travels to Canaan _____                 |
| 29. Dreams of Pharaoh _____                         | 69. Death of Yishmael _____                       |
| 30. Yosef Passes away _____                         | 70. Goblet found in Binyamin's saddle bags _____  |
| 31. Birth of Binyamin _____                         | 71. Yaakov wrestles with Angel _____              |
| 32. Sheis _____                                     | 72. Hevel _____                                   |
| 33. Covenant Between the Parts _____                | 73. Yaakov marries 4 wives _____                  |
| 34. Cham _____                                      | 74. Yitzchak blesses his sons _____               |
| 35. Birth of eleven of Yaakov's sons _____          | 75. 10 tests of Avraham begin _____               |
| 36. Eliezer finds a wife for Yitzchak _____         | 76. Birth of Yitzchak _____                       |
| 37. Shimon & Levi decimate city of Shechem _____    | 77. Death of Eisav _____                          |
| 38. Yehuda establishes Yeshiva in Goshen _____      | 78. Wife of Potiphar _____                        |
| 39. Rainbow _____                                   | 79. 10 Generations from Adam to Noach _____       |
| 40. "WWI & WWII" _____                              | 80. Rivkah gives birth to Eisav & Yaakov _____    |