

# *The Old Testament*

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This is about as rough a draft as I will make – and give to anybody to look at. A request of the reader who advances past this page:

*There are lots of things wrong here. There are lots of things missing, too! If you see something, let me know!*

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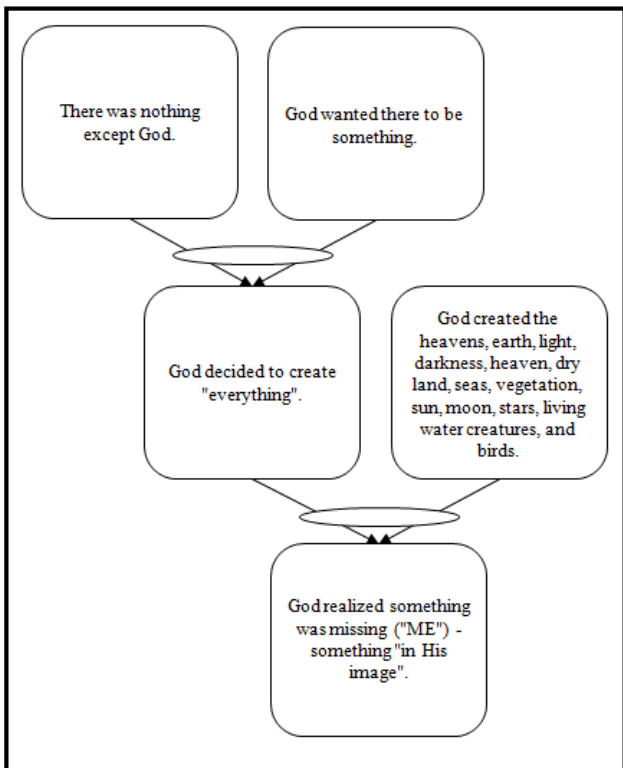
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# In The Beginning ...

## GENESIS



# **THE DAYS OF CREATION**

## The Book of Genesis

Day 1: The heavens, the earth, light and darkness.

Day 2: Heaven

Day 3: Dry land, the seas, and vegetation.

Day 4: The sun, the moon and the stars.

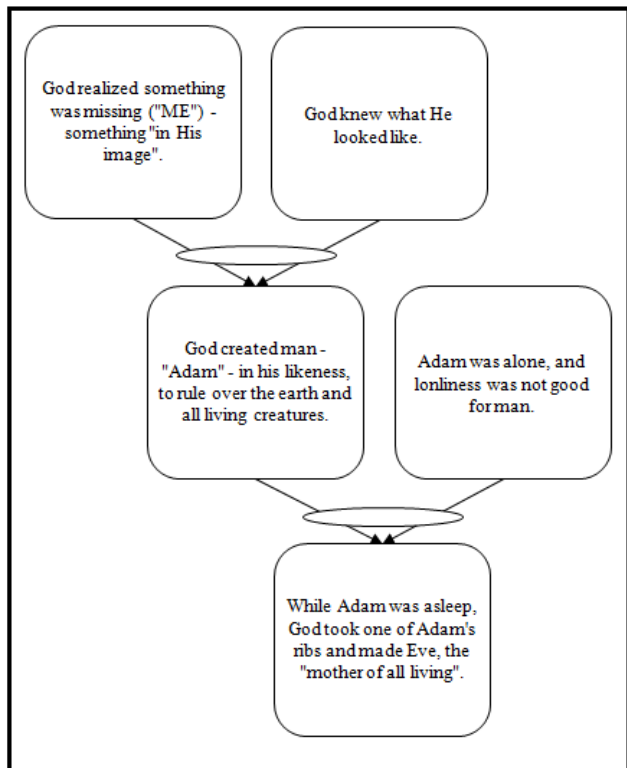
Day 5: Living creatures in the water, birds in the air.

Day 6: Land animals and people.

Day 7: God "rested".

# Adam and Eve

## GENESIS



# The Serpent's Challenge

## GENESIS

In the middle of the Garden of Eden was the Tree of Knowledge (the source of knowledge of good and evil, and of eternal life).

God didn't want Adam and Eve to be exactly like Him, to know of morality, and to live forever.

God told Adam and Eve they could eat anything they wanted in the Garden, except fruit from this Tree of Knowledge.

The Serpent told Eve the tree was beautiful, the fruit good, and wouldn't it be good to be like God?

Eve - and then Adam - ate the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden.

# Exiled from the Garden

## GENESIS

Having eaten from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, Adam and Eve now knew they were naked.

"Naked" is "evil", so they wore fig leaves.

Seeing Adam and Eve with fig leaves, God knew they had eaten from Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and were now like Him.

Since Adam and Eve had disobeyed Him, and must be punished.

Adam and Eve, now like-God, were banished from the Garden, and cannot live forever.

# My Brother's Keeper

## GENESIS

Adam and Eve had two boys, Cain (a farmer) and Abel (a rancher of sheep).

God expected sincere offerings from all people.

Cain and Abel should make sincere offerings to God.

Abel offered the firstlings of his sheep, but Cain reluctantly handed over some fruit.

God was happy with Abel, but unhappy with Cain.

This reminds me of the scene in "A Thousand Words", where Eddie Murphy is trying to stop the leaves from falling by doing insincere things to show he's "good".



# An Exiled Cain

## GENESIS

Cain wrongly assumed God was playing favorites, and Abel was his favorite.

Jealousy is a dangerous emotion often fueled by wrong beliefs

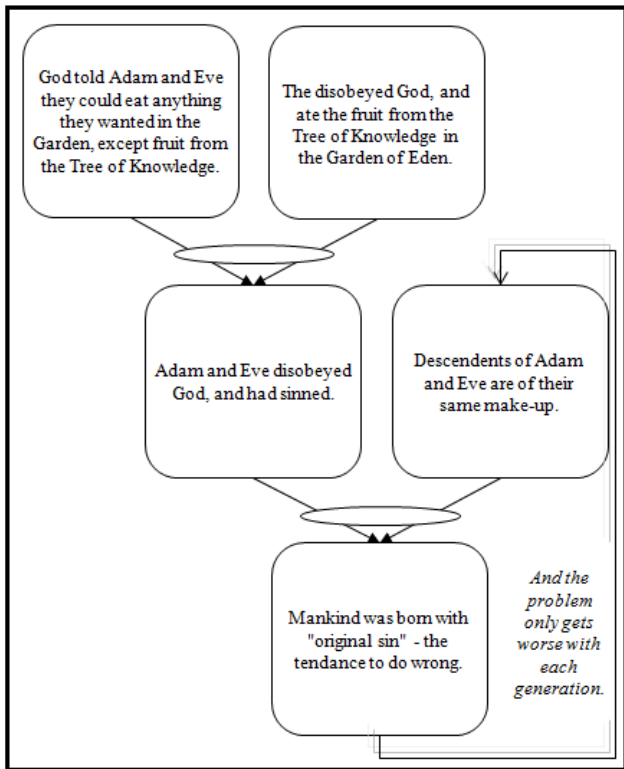
The jealous Cain killed his brother, Abel!

Cain answers "Am I My Brother's Keeper", in answer to God's question, "Where is Abel?"

God exiles Cain and his family to a life of wandering, eventually settling in the Land of Nod--- "The Land of Wandering".

# Original Sin

## GENESIS



# A Call to Noah

## GENESIS

After many generations of mankind, God was unhappy with the sins of mankind, and wanted to "start over."

God needed to ensure each type of creature survived, and was able to "repopulate".

God instructed Noah, a godly man, to build an ark and "bring male and female of every living thing into the ark, and to take ample food and water.

It rained for 40 days and 40 nights, covering the earth and destroying everything except what was on the ark.

After the waters began to retreat, Noah's Ark came to rest on a mountaintop, (likely Mount Ararat in Turkey).

# The Covenant of the Rainbow

## GENESIS

After the waters began to retreat, Noah's Ark came to rest on a mountaintop (likely Mount Ararat in Turkey).

A dove was sent out and returned with an olive branch. Another dove was later sent out and did not return.

Noah, his family, and the animals left the ark, now believing all was safe.

God wanted to give mankind a promise - a covenant - nothing like this would ever happen again.

The "rainbow" became the sign between God and the earth this would never happen again.

# The Babelonian Tower I

## GENESIS

A united humanity of the generations following the Great Flood, speaking a single language, came to the land of Shinar (near Mesopotamia).

They resolved to build a city with a tower "with its top in the heavens ... lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the Earth."

They built a tower, progressing rapidly because all man spoke one language.

God was unhappy, because He had commanded man "to go forth and multiply".

The unhappy God mixed up the languages so the "Tower of Babel" would not be completed, and man would "go forth and multiply".

# The Babelonian Tower II

## GENESIS

"Let us build ourselves a city, with a tower reaching to the heavens, so we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar, making an incredible tower.

"If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

The Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.

# The Babelonian Tower III

## GENESIS

The people of Shinar wanted to build a high tower to show how good they were.

This was an example of pride, and God disapproved of the virtue of Pride.

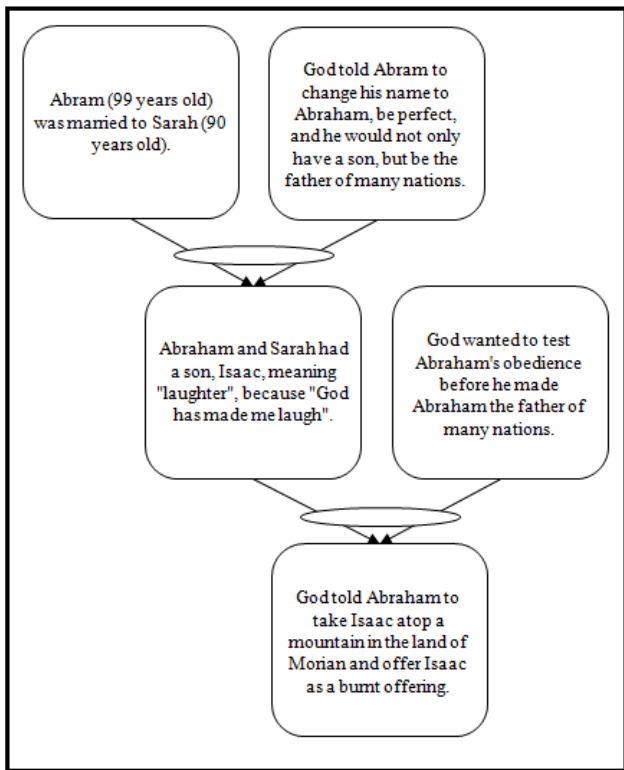
God must put an end to the endeavor.

A building is the result of effective communication between workers.

To put a stop to the building, God must erect a language barrier between workers.

# From Abram to Abraham

## GENESIS





# Abraham's Test

## GENESIS

God told Abraham to take Isaac atop a mountain in the land of Morian and offer Isaac as a burnt offering.

Abraham was obedient to the word of God.

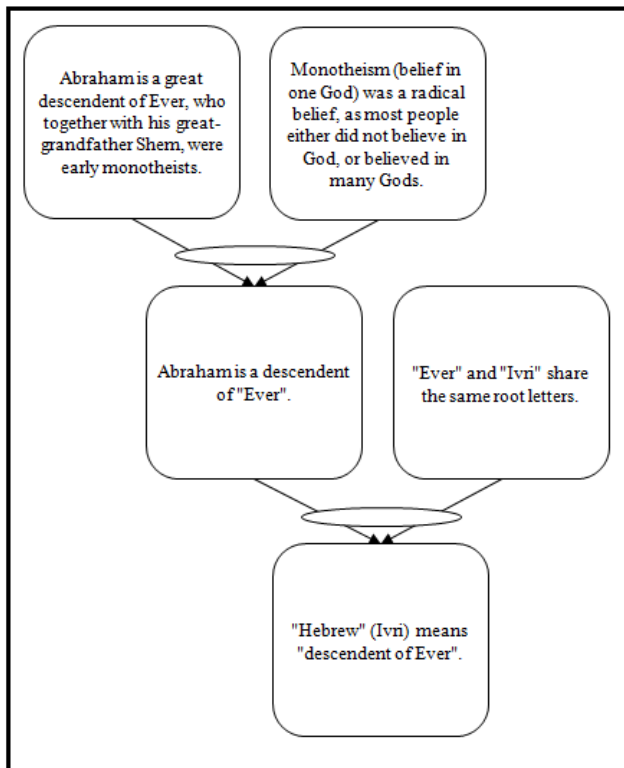
Abraham took Isaac atop a mountain, built a fire, and took out his knife.

A messenger of God told Abraham not to kill Isaac, as Abraham had proven his devotion to God.

After offering a ram, instead, as a sacrificial offering, Abraham was made the father of many nations.

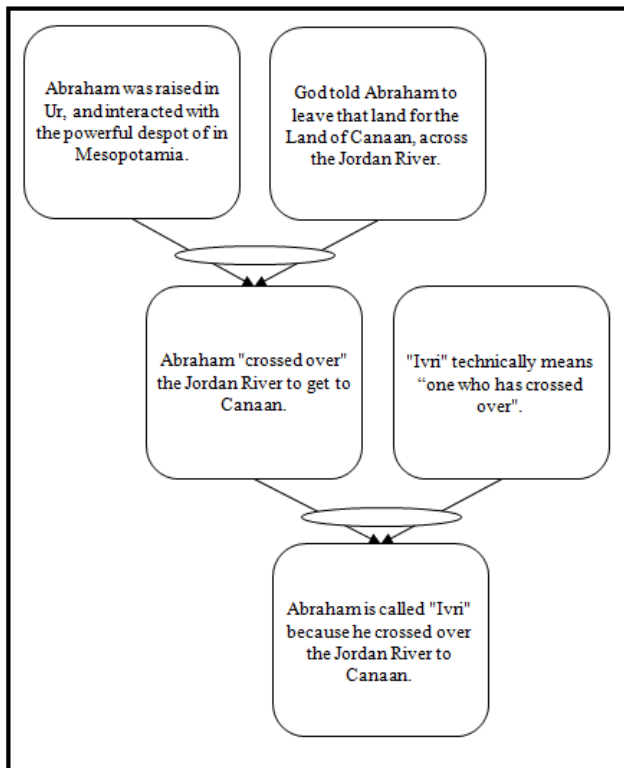
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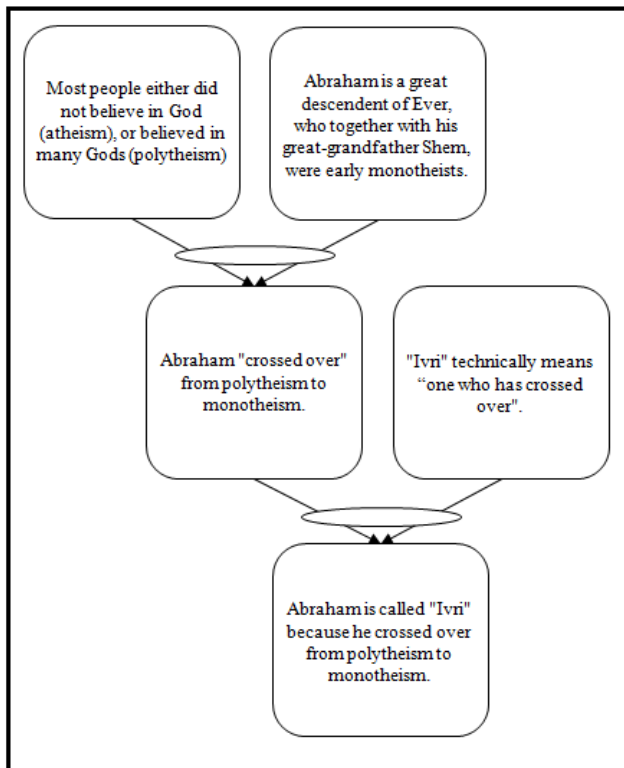
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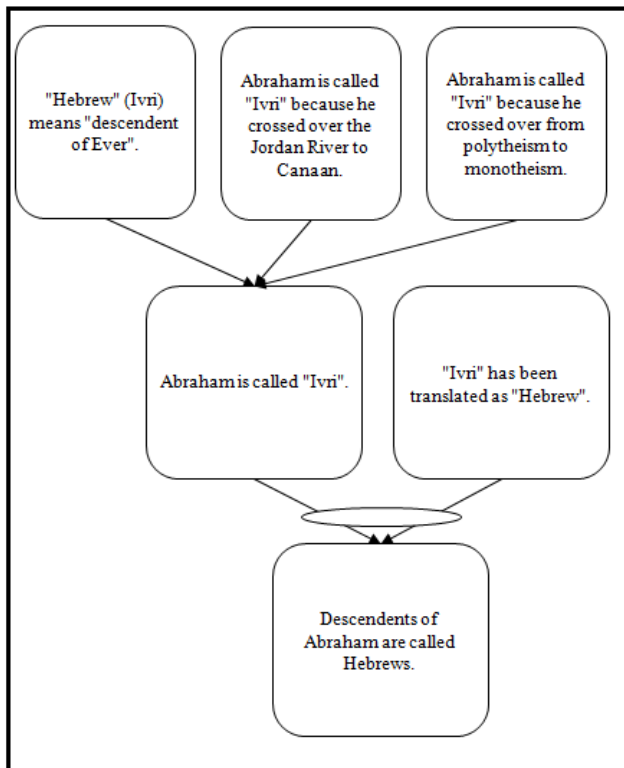
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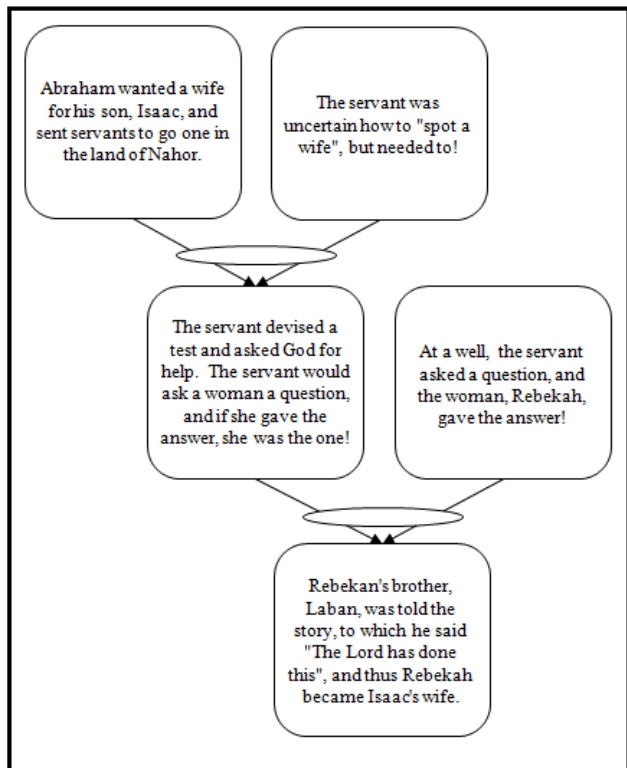
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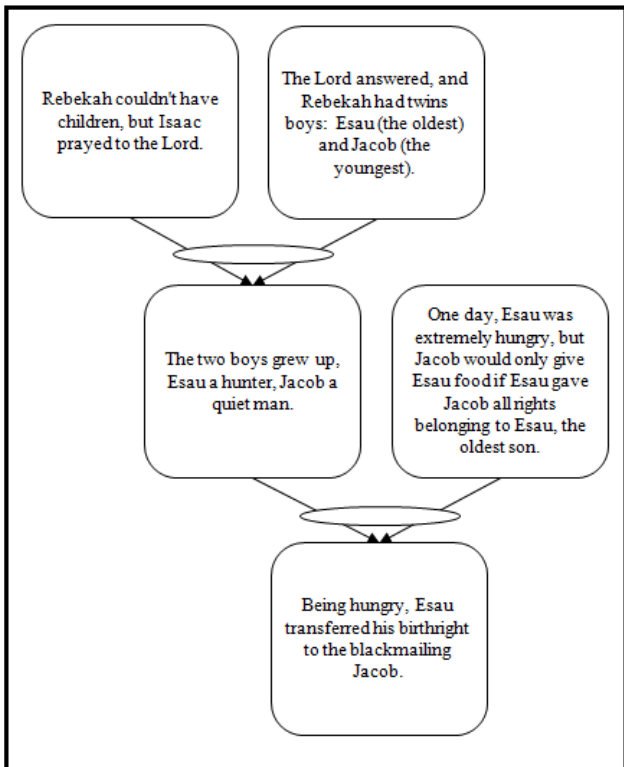
# A Wife for Isaac

## GENESIS



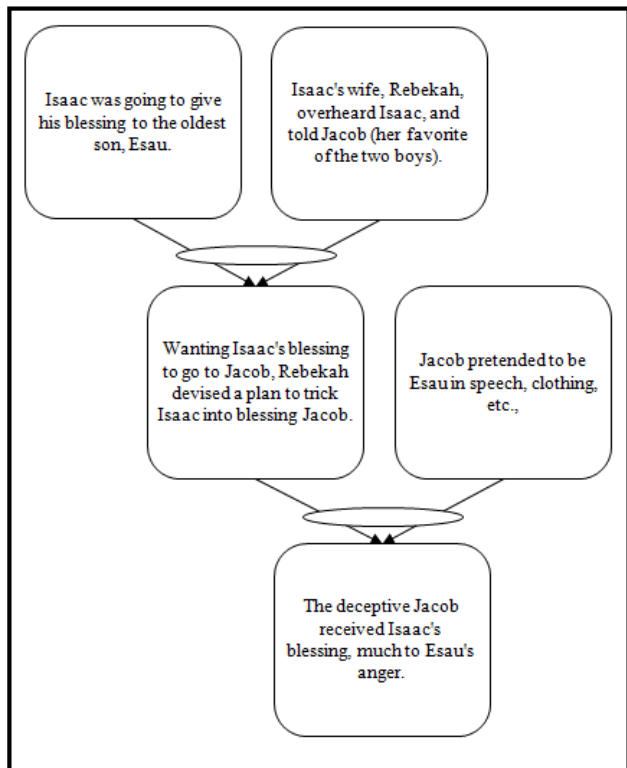
# Isaac's Two Children

## GENESIS



# The Blessing of Isaac

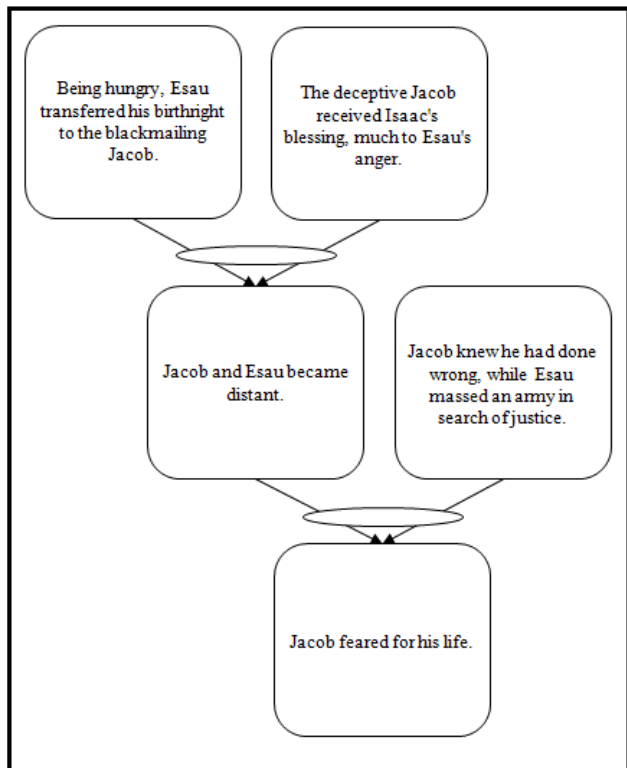
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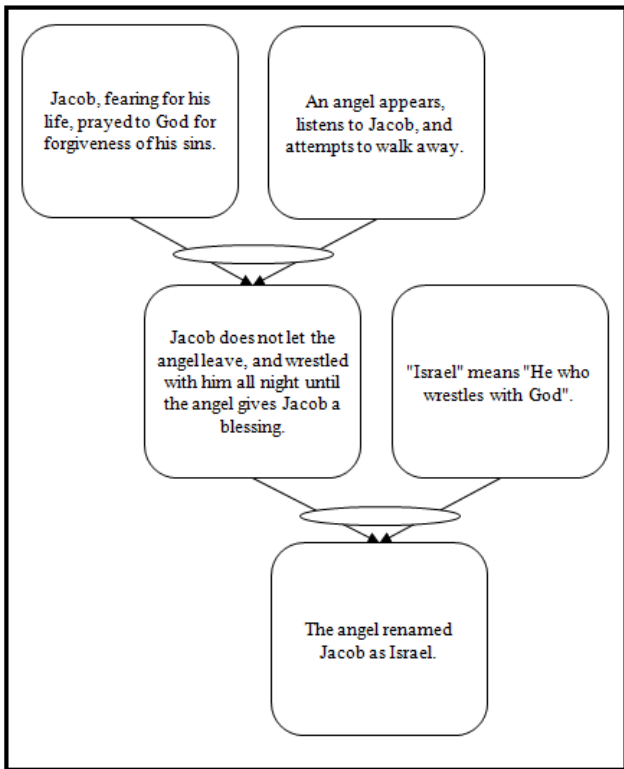
# Esau and Jacob

## GENESIS



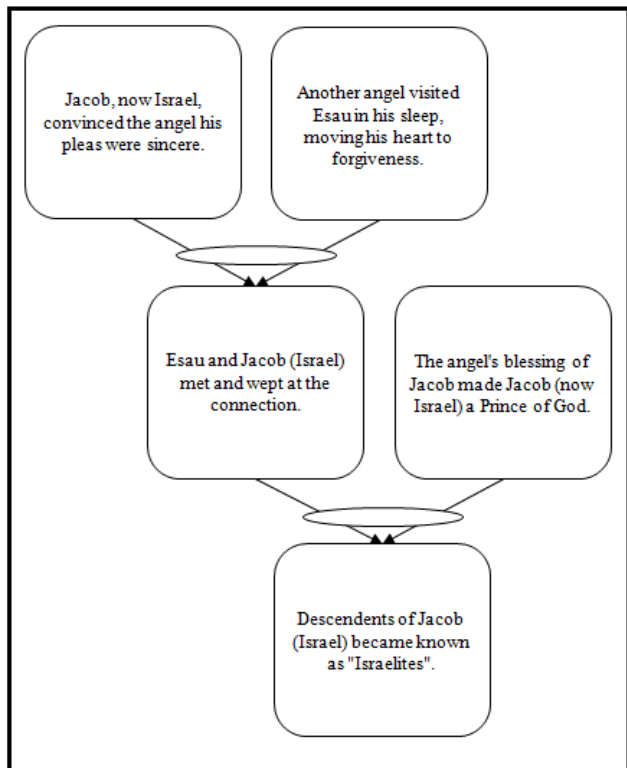
# Jacob Becomes Israel

## GENESIS



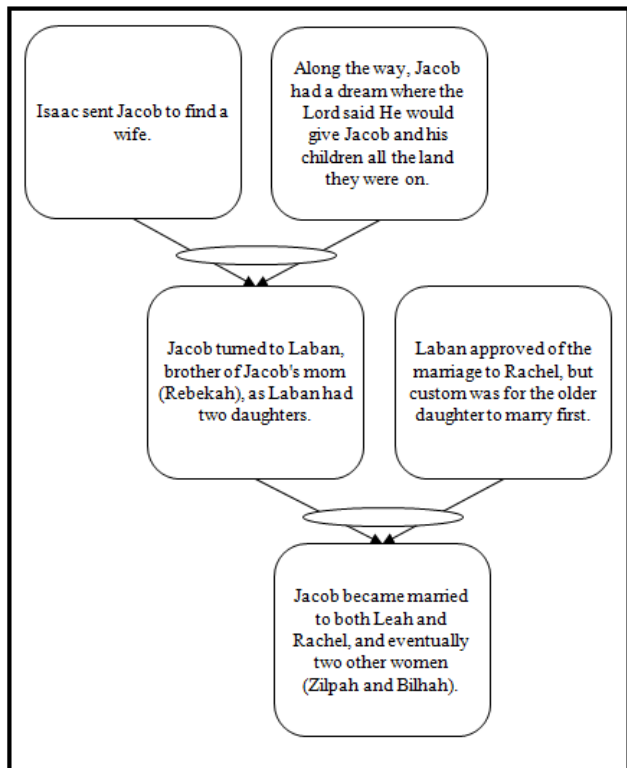
# Future Israelites

## GENESIS



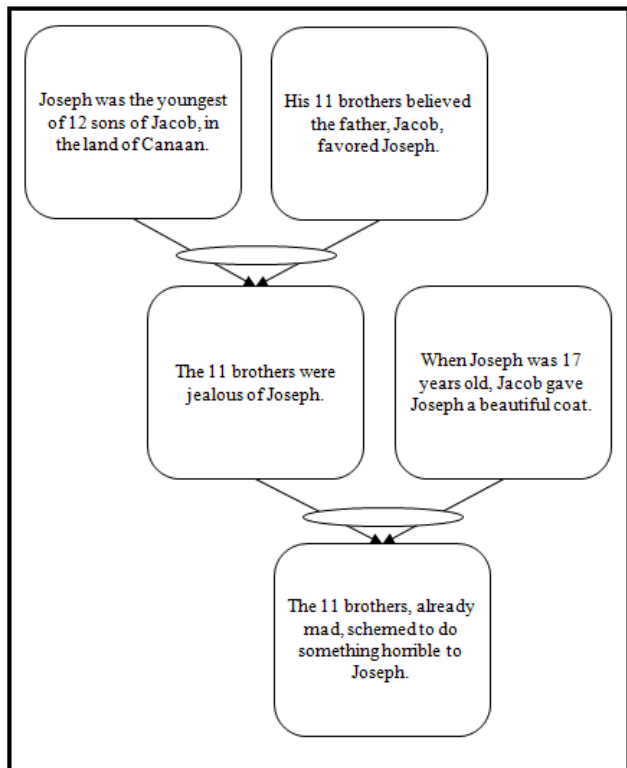
# Jacob's Dream and Wives

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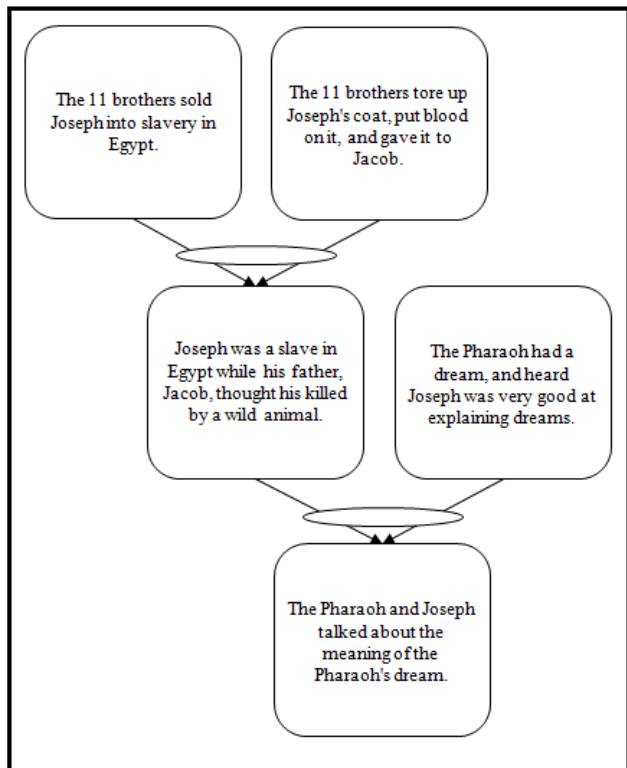
# The Plight of Joseph

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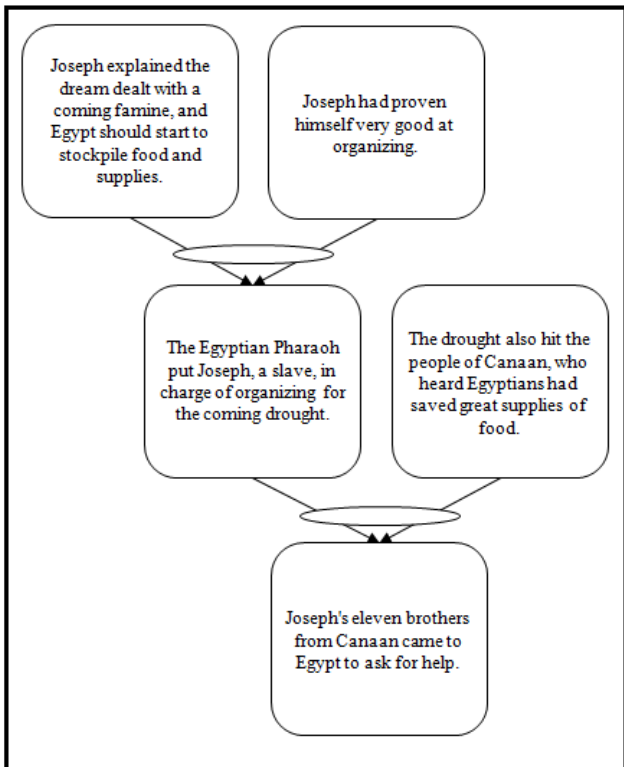
# An Egyptian Slave

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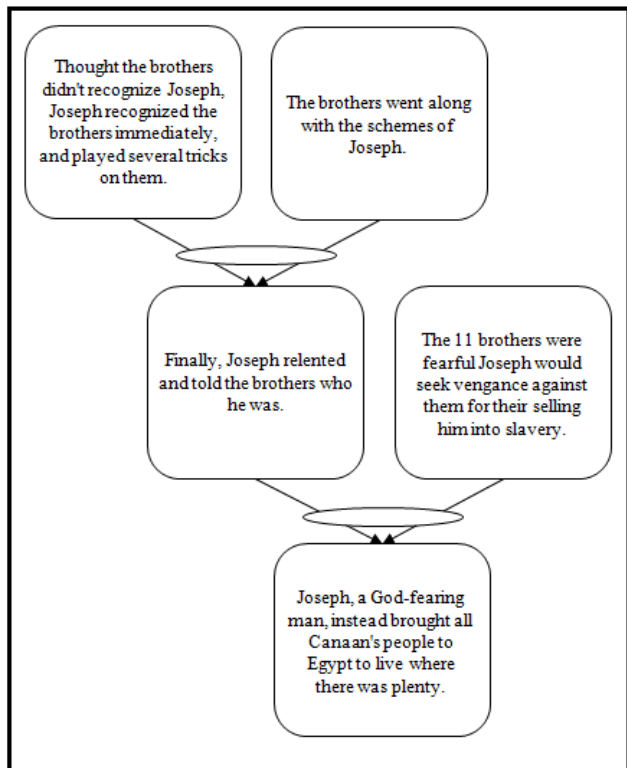
# A Drought

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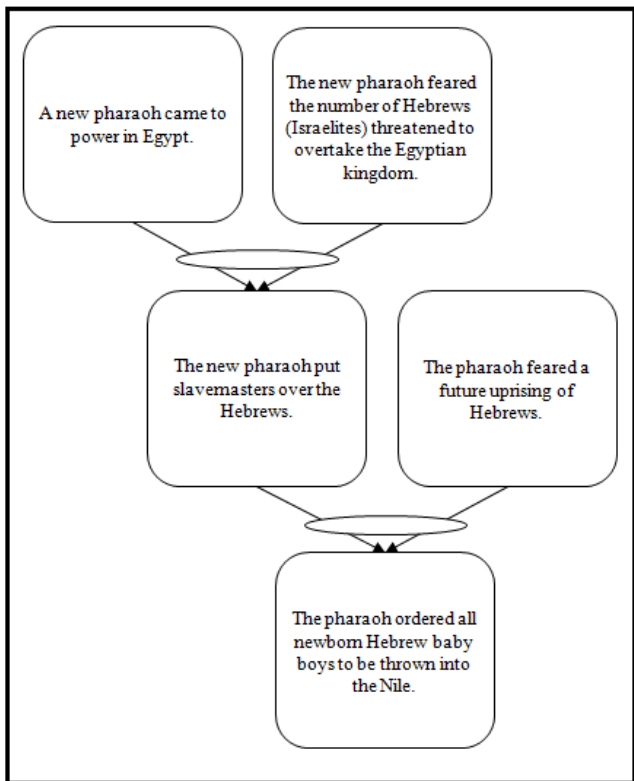
# The Brothers Re-Unite

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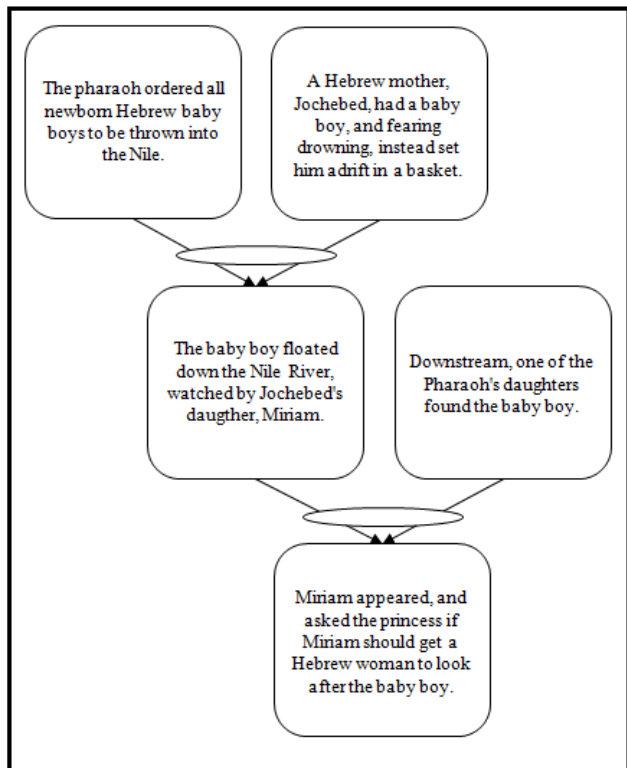


# A New Pharaoh



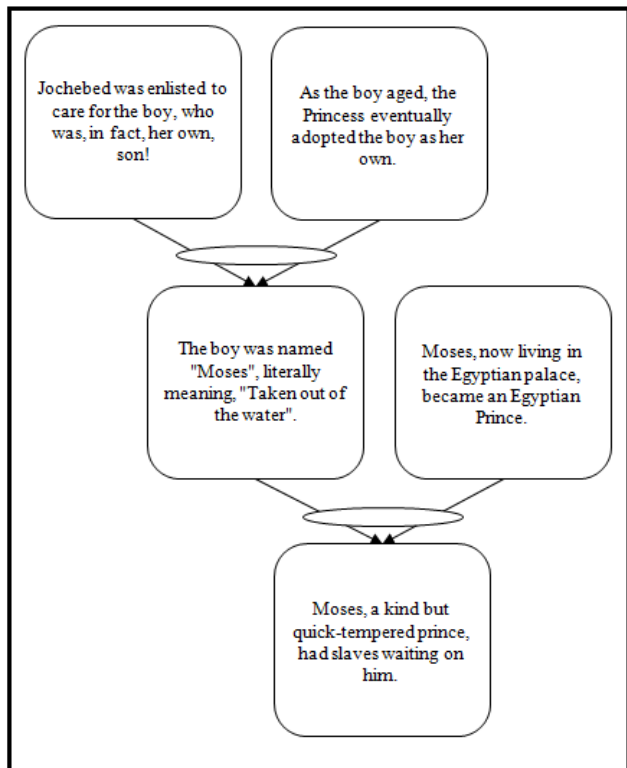
# Baby "Moses"

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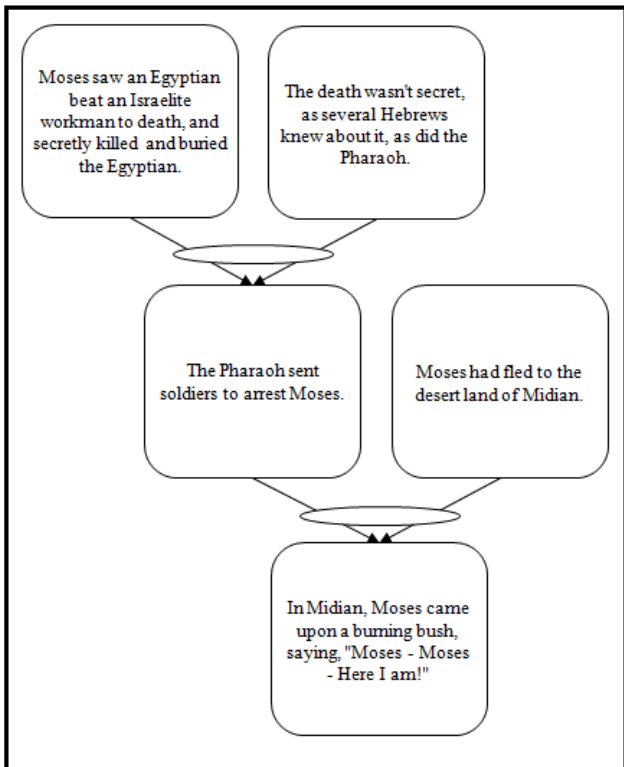
# The Egyptian Prince

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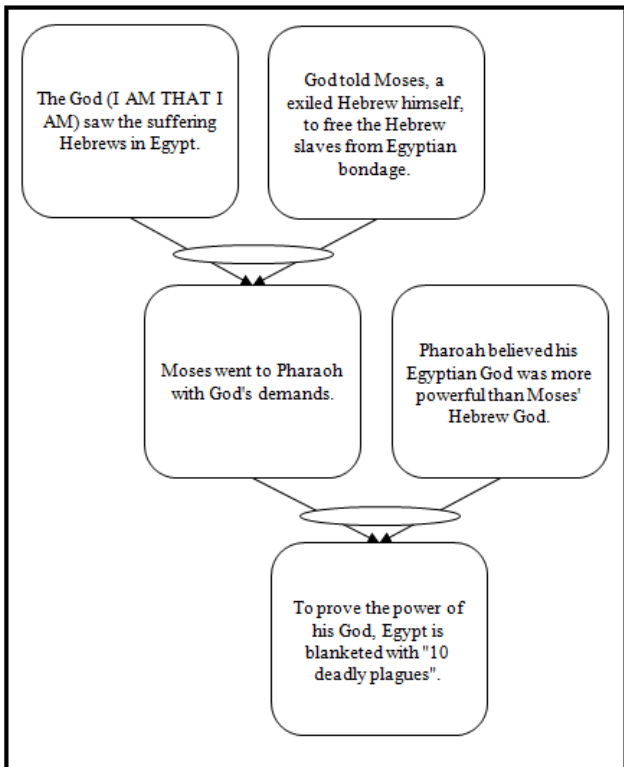
# Exiled

## EXODUS



# The Plagues of Egypt

## EXODUS



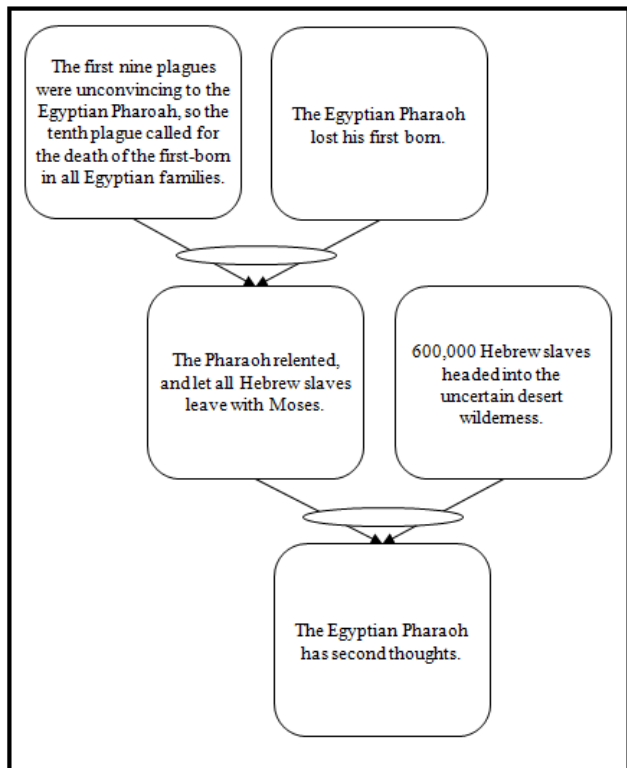
# **THE DEADLY PLAGUES OF EGYPT**

## The Book of Exodus

1. Water, which turned to blood and killed all fish and other aquatic life (Exodus 7:14–25)
2. Frogs (Exodus 8:1–8:15)
3. Lice (Exodus 8:16–19)
4. Flies or wild animals (Exodus 8:20–30)
5. Disease on livestock (Exodus 9:1–7)
6. Incurable boils (Exodus 9:8–12)
7. Hail and thunder (Exodus 9:13–35)
8. Locusts (Exodus 10:1–20)
9. Darkness (Exodus 10:21–29)
10. Death of the first-born of all Egyptian humans and animals. To be saved, the Israelites had to place the blood of a lamb on the front door of their houses. (Exodus 11, Exodus 12)

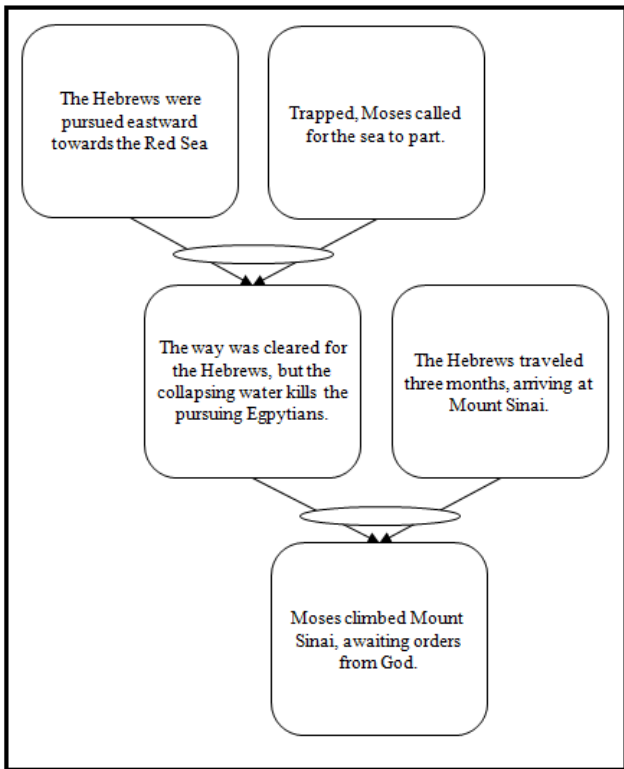
# Free at Last

## EXODUS



# The Parting of the Red Sea

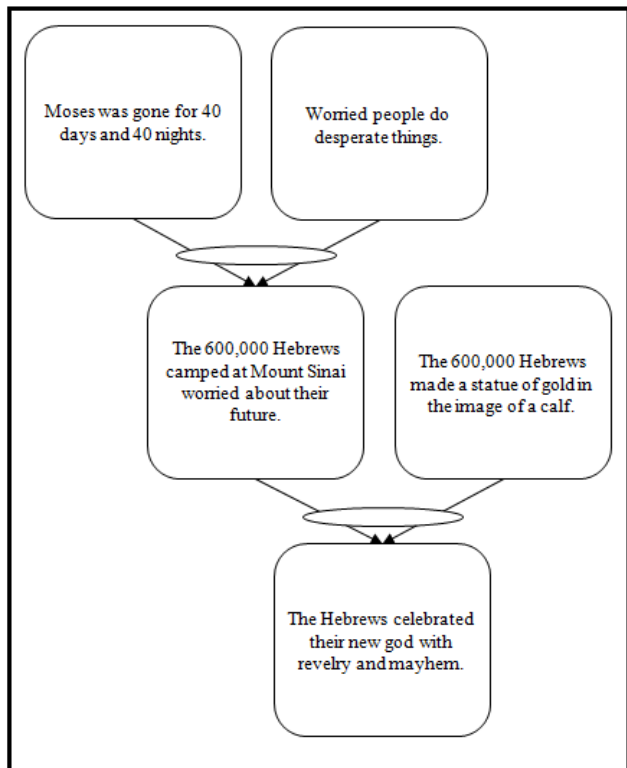
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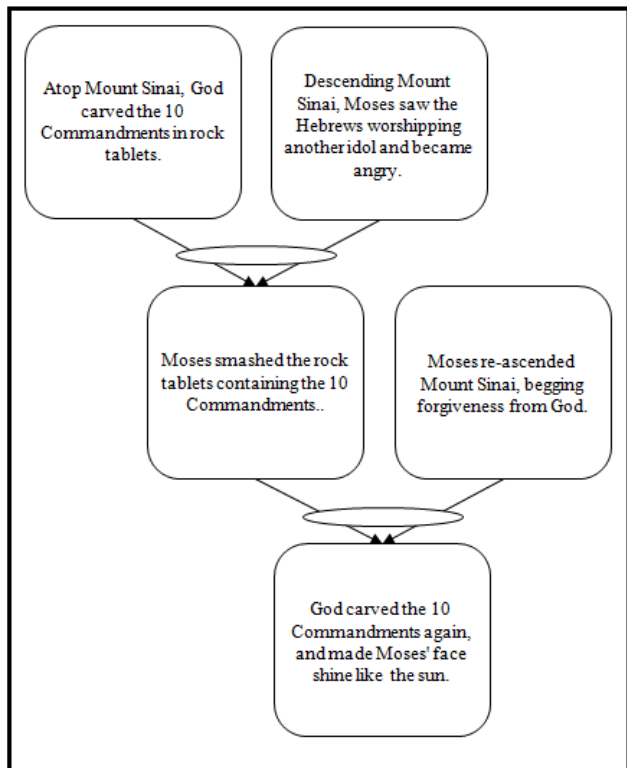
# A Rebellion at Mount Sinai

## EXODUS



# The 10 Commandments

## EXODUS



# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

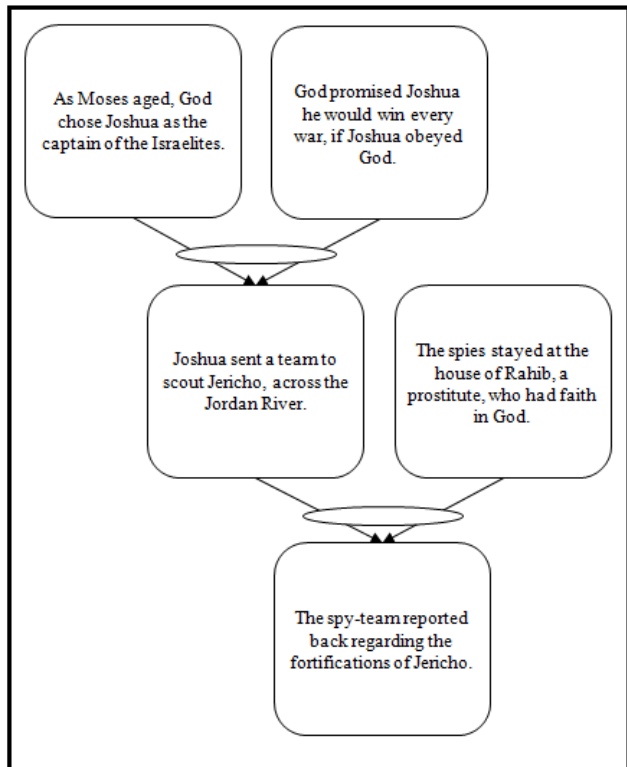
## Moses Comes Down from Mount Sinai

### *I am the Lord thy God...*

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy
5. Honour thy father and thy mother
6. Thou shalt not kill
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery
8. Thou shalt not steal
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor
10. Thou shalt not covet

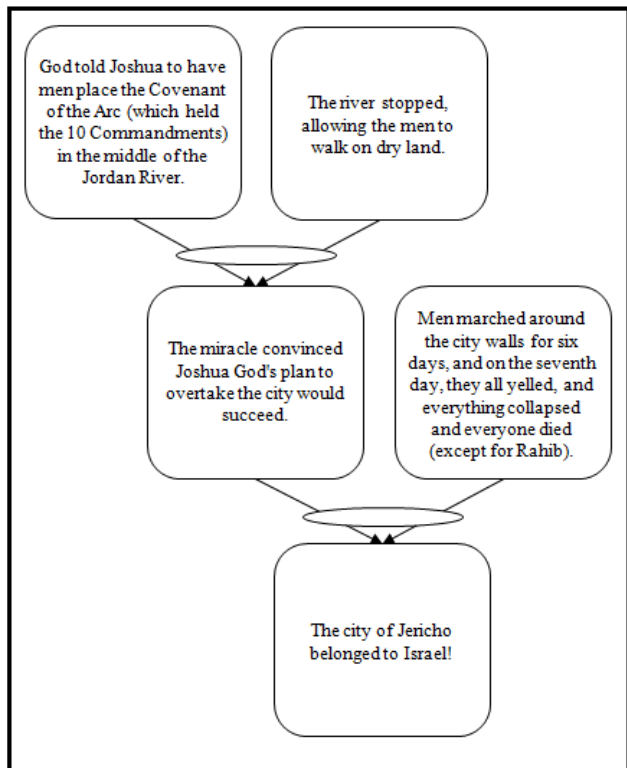
# Towards Canaan

## JOSHUA



# The Fall of Jericho

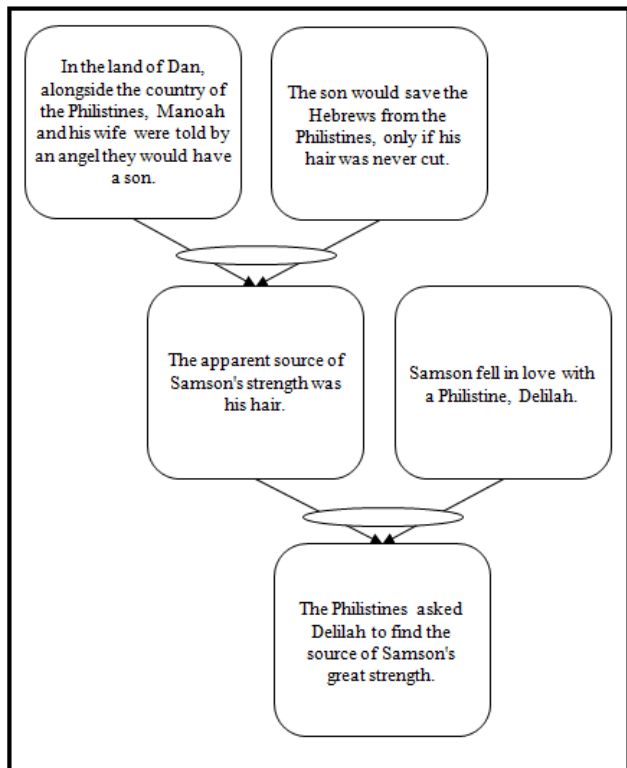
## JOSHUA



The Music Man: "Remember, my friends, what a handful of trumpet players did to the famous, fabled walls of Jericho! Oh, billiard parlor walls come a-tumb'lin' down!"

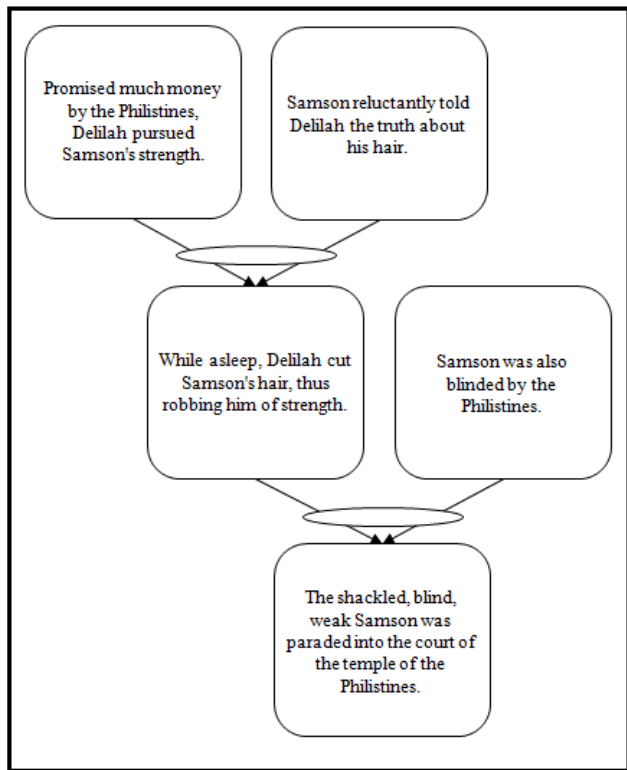
# Samson's Strength

## JUDGES



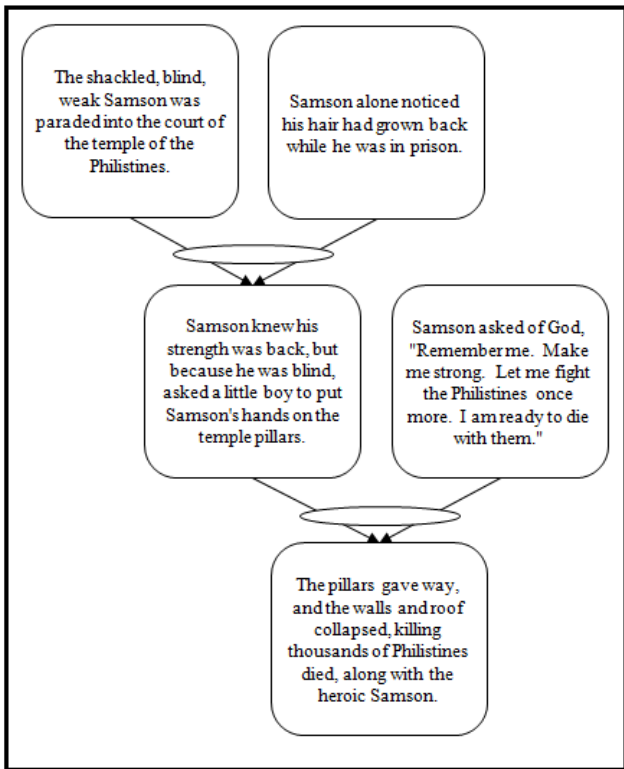
# A Weak Samson

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# The Death of Samson

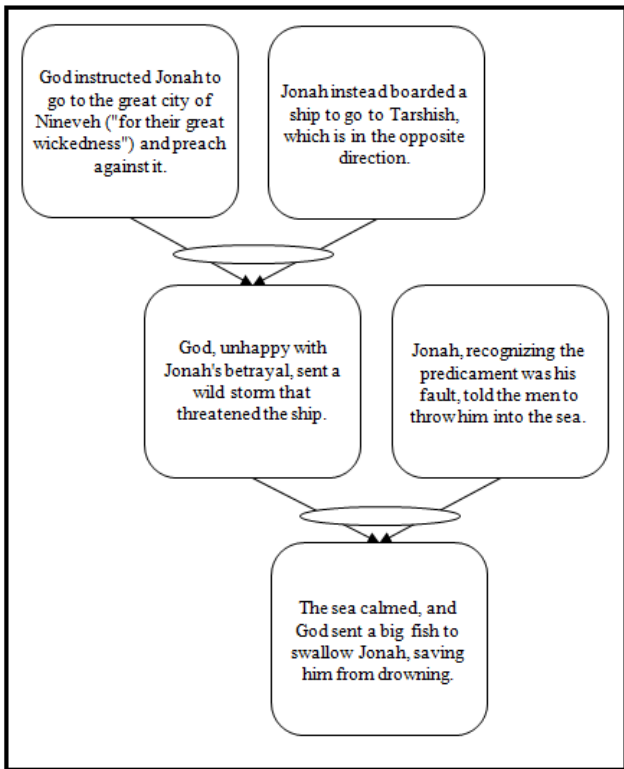
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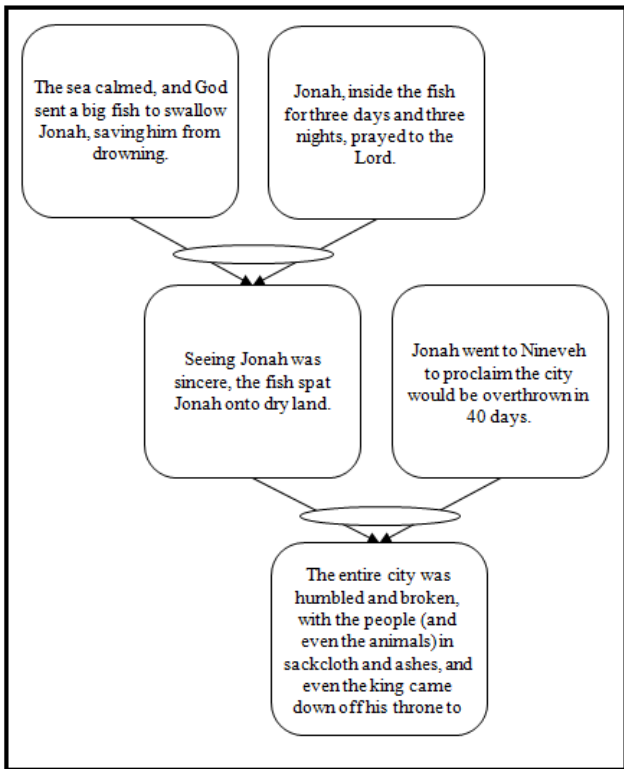
# Jonah and the Big Fish

## JONAH

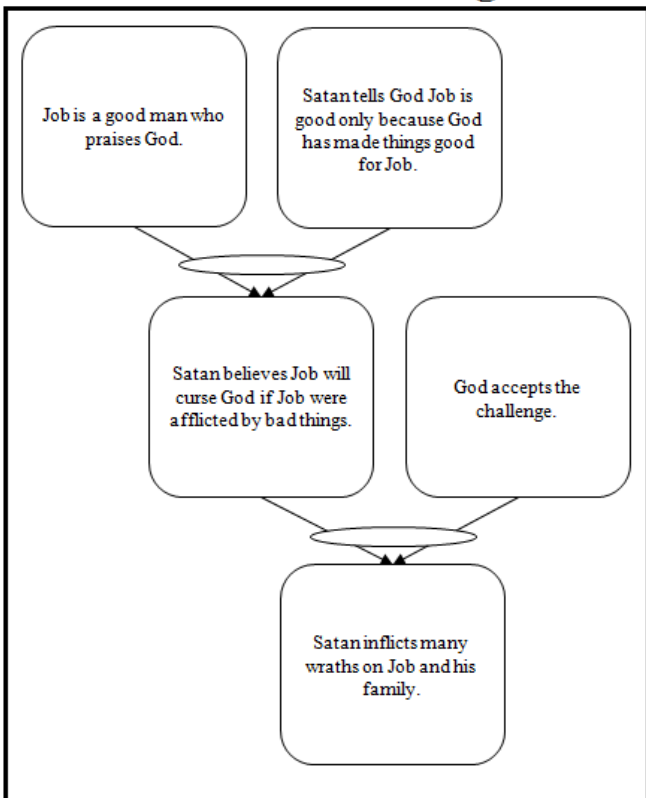


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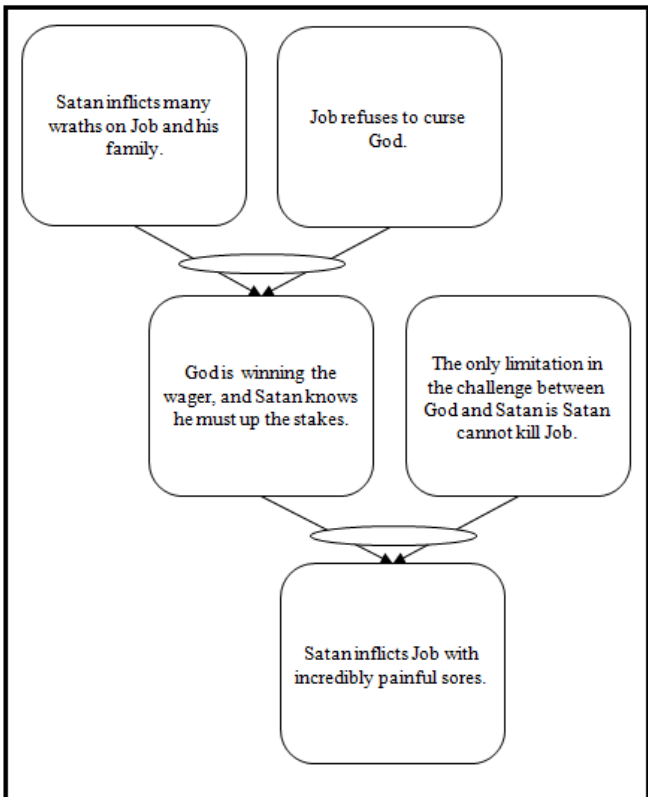
## JONAH



# The Job Challenge



# The Stakes Increased



# A Remorseful Job

Satan inflicts Job with  
incredibly painful sores.

Three friends sit with  
Job, wondering what  
secret sin he has  
committed to bring  
these misfortunes on.

Job, knowing nothing  
because he's done  
nothing wrong, asks God  
for an explanation.

God, indignant, replied,  
"Who are you to  
question me?"

The sorry Job repents,  
and is restored to his  
previous state (without  
all the people who have  
died during the wager).

# **Things Coming**

David

Solomon

A Good Map

A Good Timeline

Philistines and Jews