

INTERACTIVE TRAVEL GUIDE

DESTINATION: *Genesis 1-11*

The first three words of Genesis are... “In the beginning...” Genesis is the book of beginnings. The word Genesis is a greek word that means “origin.” And it describes the origins of creation.

1. The origin of the world – 1:1-25
2. The origin of the human race – 1:26 – 2:25
3. The origin of sin in the world – 3:1-7
4. The origin of family life – 4:1-15
5. The origin of civilization – 4:16 – 9:29
6. The origin of the nations of the world – 10:11
7. The origin of the Hebrew people – 12:1 – 50:26

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unknown.....

Creation, the Flood, the Tower of Babel

c. 2166 – 1991 B.C.

Abraham, born in Ur of the Chaldeans, lived 175 years

TRIP PLANNER:

Genesis can be easily divided into two sections. The first section from Genesis 1:1 – 11:9 is historical in nature and covers four key events that occurred on the earth. The setting for this section of Genesis occurs primarily in the Fertile Crescent which is located in modern day Iraq.

1. Creation: 1:1 – 2:25
2. The Fall: 3:1 – 5:32
3. The Flood: 6:1 – 9:29
4. The Birth of the Nations: 10:1 – 11:9

PLACES OF INTEREST:

Garden Of Eden – Although the exact location of the Garden of Eden is unknown, we do have an idea of the general area that it could have been. Genesis 2:10-14 lists several landmarks. The Pison, Gihon, Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Also mentioned is the land of Havilah where there is gold, bdellium and onyx. This could place the location of the Garden of Eden somewhere under the waters of the Persian Gulf.

Mount Ararat – Mount Ararat is located in Eastern Turkey on the borders of Iran, Armenia and Nachivan. The Bible describes the resting place of Noah's ark to be in the mountains of Ararat.

Tower Of Babel – The land of Shinar refers to the ancient region of Babylon in Mesopotamia. Archaeologists examining the remains of ancient Babylon have found what appears to be the foundation of a large ziggurate (a stepped pyramid) that could be the Tower of Babel.

PEOPLE OF INTEREST:

Ham – Son of Noah. Settled southward. Descendents settled into South and Central Arabia, Egypt, the East Shore of the Mediterranean and the East Coast of Africa. Egypt was called the "Land of Ham." This would include the Amorites, the Philistines and the Hittites. Canaan, son of Ham, settled into the area that would become the land of Israel.

Japheth – Son of Noah. Settled in the regions around the Black and Caspian Seas. Descendents settled into Europe and Asia. This would include the Greeks and the Medes.

Shem – Settled into the north Euphrates Valley. His descendents would become the Assyrians, Persians, Syrians and Arabians.

FUN FACTS:

CALENDAR YEAR – The Jewish calendar year is 360 days and based on a lunar cycle. Each month begins on the first sliver of light after a new moon (when the moon is completely dark). The Gregorian calendar year that we use is 365.2425 days and is based on the time it takes for the Earth to complete one orbit around the sun.

PENTATEUCH - Genesis is the first of five books referred to as the Pentateuch which means "fivefold vessels." The Jews refer to these five books as the Torah or "law." The five books include: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

COVENANT – A covenant is a binding agreement between two parties, some conditional and some unconditional. Conditional covenants were only binding when the conditions of the covenant were made. Unconditional covenants were made by a superior to someone lesser. It was based solely on the ability of the superior to fulfill the conditions of the covenant. God initiated eight covenants with man. Listed are the first three:

