

# Daily QT Questions for OT

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May I offer us a guideline on our daily Bible reading.

1. First, before you answer the questions, please be sure to read the chapter first on your own, and see for yourself what the Father has in store for you.
2. Second, read the questions and allow them to steer your mind.
3. Third, be sure to pray and seek the Lord's grace to focus on one thing you can obey the Father's will in the chapter.

Let me share my hope for our daily Bible reading questions and answers.

1. My prayer is that every day, all God's people will read one chapter a day of God's word as your spiritual nourishment. Please, please, don't skip your daily spiritual food.
2. The purpose of God's word is always OBEDIENCE (whether be in the sermon, Bible study, Bible reading, or Bible listening). So, when you are daily reading God's word, please seek God's grace to know what to obey for the day and in your life. My hope in giving you the questions is to help you navigate through God's word, so you can meditate and eat His word well, so you will be delighted to obey His word.
3. My expectation is that all of you will focus on ONE question, so that you can understand better, so that it will help you obey God's word joyfully. My suggestion is that your QT will last about 30 minutes (of course, you may do more), and in that time, answer the questions, as you are able.
4. The reason why I usually give 4-5 questions is so that you can first of all understand the chapter better. My advice is for you to choose one question to wrestle with. Now, some of you are in a place where you are really hungry to savor more of God's word, then, please take all of the questions. There is a season when we have this insatiable appetite for God's word, then, go to the table, and eat more and eat well. But again, let's remember, the purpose is not to eat much, but to obey what you eat. And in order to obey, it is not easy to do so when you have more than one. So, my advice is, one obedience at a time.

For the questions and answers, allow me to share briefly the benefits of each option.

1. The benefit of meditating on only one question and answer is, you get to focus on one thing, which helps us to obey His word better.
2. The benefit of answering all the questions is, you get to learn more of God's word. So, greater knowledge is great. But the challenge is, it is not so easy to obey more. Remember, obedience is the purpose of God's word.
  - The beautiful result of obeying God's word is, **we will fall deeper in love with our Lord and Savior**. Therefore, our delight is to obey our God because we love Him and His ways more than anything or anyone.

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## **QT Questions—for Genesis**

### **Gen 1 (5/9/22)**

\*Genesis 1 is one of the most important and relevant teaching of all of God's word because of the many opposing views the world has thrust against it. There are many unbiblical teachings that are shaping far too many people, which also includes God's people. So, if possible, may I encourage you, please take the time to answer all the questions (though, normally I will encourage answering one question is enough, for this first chapter, I believe it will be greatly beneficial to spend time searching for answers to all of the questions). To understand and truly believe God's word, will be the most important and impactful truth that will shape our world-view and of our self-view. Let's never be content with just to understand, but always seek to obey out of our deep love for our God.

1. In 1:1-3, who created the world (please explain in light of the many teachings we find in the world, including the Big Bang theory); how was this world created; why does the "who and how" of this creation impact and shape your view of the world and of yourself?
2. In 1:3-31, what did God create each day; will you explain what is the connection between days 1 & 4, 2 & 5, and 3 & 6; through this amazing creation system, what can you learn about your God?
3. In 1:26-30, what is the meaning of God presenting Himself in the plural "us"; what are His desires in the creation of people; what does this say about God's heart for people?
4. In 1:26-30, how are people created and how is this different than what the world teaches; what did God create the people for and how are you living out this calling (or could you be busy living for something different)?
5. In 1:31, what is God's conclusion after His creation and what does that say about our God and the people He created; is your view of yourself according to God's creation intention or is it different, and if so, how; how can we learn to humbly and thankfully accept God's truth into our lives?

### **Gen 2 (5/10/22)**

(\*Leaving behind the cosmic view of creation in Gen 1:1-2:3, the narrative turns to what is happening on earth, specifically, the creation of the first man and the preparation of the Garden of Eden as his home. The narrative presents a more personal view of God interacting with His creation. Rather than presenting two unconnected creation accounts, the narratives of chapters 1 and 2 tell complementary stories, with chapter 2 offering a closer look at the creation of humanity.)

1. In 2:1-3, what happened by the seventh day in creation and what did God do on the day and for the day; in light of God's action, can you explain what must be the action of His people?
  - This is where His people learn, we are not God; therefore, we cannot imitate His action, i.e., what would Jesus do, WWJD. Yet, our motivation must still stem from God's action.

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2. In 2:5-15, at first, why were there no plants and what does that say about our God; why did God place the man in the garden; how did God make this garden; what can we learn about our God through all these?
  3. In 2:16-17, what freedom did God give to the man in this garden; why did God give a prohibition in the midst of such extravagant freedom and abundance of goodness; how would you summarize who your God is through these verses?
  4. In 2:18-25, what is the first thing that God said was “not good” after His creation; when He definitely could have met this need Himself, yet He wouldn’t, why do you think that was and how did He meet this not good; how could a man and a woman not feel shame when they are both naked and are seen by the other?

### **Gen 3 (5/11/22)**

1. In 3:1-7, how did the serpent first plant the seed of doubt with his first question; how did he follow up to mislead Eve; how should Eve have answered the serpent’s question; what should have Adam done since he was actually there; what did God want Adam and Eve to have done?
2. In 3:8-13, when the joy of their lives, their Maker, came into their midst, instead of running with joy to meet Him (which is how they would have always acted prior to this incident), what did they do, where and why; what does this say about the people and also about God?
3. In 3:14-19, how did God deal with the first three participants to sin in this world; why do you think that was; was God’s answer to sin simply to curse those who did or was there more to come?
4. In 3:21-24, what were God’s two temporary measures to the sin of the people; what kind of God do you see through His actions here; how is this applicable to you?

### **Gen 4 (5/12/22)**

1. In 4:1-5, why did God see Cain and Abel’s offerings differently; shouldn’t God have been pleased with the fact that they were both bringing their offerings willingly; what are we to learn and do about bringing our offering, our service and our worship to our God through the examples of the two brothers?
2. In 4:5-7, God seeing the sinfulness of Cain, how does God respond to him, i.e., justly or something different; what does God delight when His people sin (1Jn 1:8-2:2); through these verses, what do we learn about our God?
3. In 4:5-16, can you describe the sinful progression of Cain’s action; what are the many ways Cain would not accept his responsibilities; how is this applicable to you; what can we learn about our God through the way He responded to Cain in these verses?
4. In 4:19-24, who is the first polygamist in the Bible and how shameful was he for his sin; who are the fathers of musical instruments and forged tools and why do you think they invented them; who are the first two murderers in the Bible and what were their attitudes towards their killing; what do you learn about our God through all these?

**Gen 5 (5/13/22)**

1. In 5:1-3, what is the difference between the two creation images of people in these verses; why the difference; is there a way to reverse this and be once again made in God's image and likeness?
2. In 5:3-32, let's learn a few fun facts—how many generations are given here; how many years do they total all together; who is the first person to not live up to 900 years; what is the relationship between the shortest living person and the oldest living person; do you have any interesting or insightful facts on any of these people?
3. In 5:21-24, when did Enoch begin to walk faithfully with God and why do think that was; we can safely assume that the people of his day did not walk with God, so how could Enoch do that for 300 incredible years you think; what do you think it means that God took Enoch away without tasting death; how is Enoch's relationship with God applicable to you?
  - It is through Enoch I learned the principle to walk nearly and dearly with our Lord, and I say the principle, because I am still learning and have a long way to go, but I really want for me and for all of us to learn well, to walk nearly and dearly with our Lord.
4. In 5:28-32, we have two Lamech, from Cain's descendant and from Adam's—what is the different outlook in life between them; how did his son, Noah, ultimately fulfilled his namesake; how is this applicable to you?

**Gen 6 (5/14/22)**

1. In 6:1-7, verse 2 at first sounds lovely, until we see God's response and realize they were doing terribly wrong—what was it that made God grieve; in verses 5-6, what did God see in the hearts of the people and what was God's response to their sins; what was God's final response to their sins and why do you think that was?
  - A short side comments—I do not believe the sons of God are angels, nor do I believe the Nephilim are demons. Also, the "regret" of God is not like ours, where we didn't know any better at the time, and wish we could re-do. Let's remember, God does not make mistakes, ever. So, it will be helpful to read the word regret, as like sorrow or grieving, not for His actions, but for the people He created, who chose to follow sin over their Creator God.
2. In 6:8, 9 & 22, this does not mean that Noah never sinned, for some people will interpret that is the reason why Noah was saved, and if that is true, then our salvation is by works and not by faith—so then, how did Noah found favor with God in the midst of such terrible sinners; how does Jesus say we can prove our true love for Him (Jn 14:23-24); how is your love for our God, is it just with a lot of words or do you love the way Jesus wants us to love?
3. In 6:11-21, what did God see in the lives of the people He created; what did He decide to do for such people; after such decision, why and for whom did God decide to make this enormous ark; what are we to learn about God's heart through this?

**Gen 7 (5/16/22)**

1. In 7:1-5 & 16, what did God command Noah to do and what did God do for Noah; what was God about to do in seven days and why; through these actions, how will you describe who God is; how is this applicable to you?

- We know, we can receive true righteousness in two ways. First, we can earn it by obeying completely all that is required and commanded of us. And the second way to receive righteousness is by imputation, that is, Christ's righteousness imputed to us by faith.
  - I have heard some pastors teach that Noah's righteousness is from his obedience (7:1 & 5). But, they forget chapter 9, where we see Noah's failure. Simply said, no person has perfectly and completely obeyed all of God's command.
  - Please understand, our righteousness can only be had by faith in Christ's finished work for us (2Cor 5:21).
2. In 7:6-16, will you imagine this unbelievably spectacular scene unfolding right before the eyes of everyone present in those days—will you list the names of all the animals you know that came in twos into the ark (maybe up to 20); witnessing such miraculous scene, what should have the people done (2Pet 2:5); why did God act this way, up to the very last day and minute before sending the flood?
  3. In 7:11-24, what did God do on Noah's 2/17/600 year and why; what was the result of God's action; yet, what happened to the people and animals He shut them in the ark and why would He do that; how is this applicable to you?

### **Gen 8 (5/17/22)**

1. In 8:1, what do you think it means that "But God remembered Noah", did God forget; what did "God's remembrance" of Noah bring about; does God ever forget you, how do you know?
2. In 7:11, 8:4, 5, 13, 14, will you record what happened on each of those days; according to that timeline, how long did it take for the flood waters to completely dry; what does this say about your God; how is this applicable to you?
3. In 8:15-19, what did God want Noah to do after the ground was dry; what does His words remind you of; what does this say about our God; how is this applicable to you?
4. In 8:20-22, what is Noah's first action after coming out of the ark; why do you think he did this; what is God's response to Noah's act; how is this applicable to you?

### **Gen 9 (5/18/22)**

1. In 9:1-7, why is God not permitting the eating of meat with its lifeblood; how is the killing of a human being connected with God; in light of this, how should we value the life of a human being?
2. In 9:8-17, what is the covenant God established after the flood; what is the sign of God's covenant and how will this impact God; what is the new sign that God established in His Son, to never judge again those who deserve His holy wrath, and how is that applicable to you?
3. In 9:20-23, we have the first account of man's drunkenness in God's word here—what happened and what was the result of his drunkenness; what was Ham's attitude toward his father's action; how and why did his older brothers behave differently; what are we to learn from all of their actions?
4. In 9:24-29, Noah's words are clearly more than simply a reaction of his sons' behaviors—what did the future hold for each of the sons; as simply as you know, how are these words lived out later in Israel's future?

- As a side note—I am saddened that Noah’s first words is a curse for his son Ham. As a father, I would think the first response to hearing of his son’s sin would be to cover his sin, with forgiveness or even to bless. Actually, even before the covering of his son’s sin, I believe, Noah should have repented of his own sin.
- May we always have God’s humility to repent of our own sins first, before we speak, even if it is God’s truth.

**Gen 10 (5/19/22)**

1. In 10:2-5, from the line of the Japhethites—what is highlighted from them; are there any names you are familiar with and can share your knowledge about them?
2. In 10:6-20, from the line of the Hamites—there are many names you will recognize, who are they and what do you know about them; why is Nimrod highlighted?
3. In 10:21-31, from the line of the Semites (Shem)—who and why is he highlighted in this genealogy; how will he be relevant to God’s saving plan for His people?
4. In chapter 10, why do you think God allowed the three brothers to spread throughout the whole nations; do you have any other thoughts on the table of nations?

**Gen 11 (5/20/22)**

1. In 11:1-4, it is beautiful to have one common language and heart—so, why was it wrong to want to make a name for themselves and not wanting to be scattered; what does this say about God?
2. In 11:5-9, in order to see the tower that reaches to the heavens by men’s work, what did God had to do; how did God stopped the self righteous work of men, so they could live out His calling for them; rather than destroying the foolish sinfulness of men with the flood, what did God do; what do you learn from these?
3. In 11:10-26 (and from 9:21-31), what difference do you notice from these two genealogies; what have you learned?
4. In 11:27-32, can you organize Terah’s family line; from Joshua 24:2, who did Terah worshiped?

**Gen 12 (5/21/22)**

1. In 12:1-3, what was God’s command to Abram; how did God comfort Abram, while He gave the command; what do you learn about our God through this?
2. In 12:4-8, what was Abram’s response to God’s command; what was Abram’s response when the Lord appeared to him in the land of Canaan; how is this applicable to us?
3. In 12:9-16, when trouble came, what did Abram do in the land of Canaan; as trouble begets more trouble, how does Abram tackle the issue of his wife’s beauty (or the evilness of the Egyptians as he imagined); when survival and faithfulness is at stake, how must we tackle our issues, who should be our first focus and concern, and how can we possibly do what’s right, when we see even Abram fail so miserably?
4. In 12:17-20, our heavenly Father can sometimes be very “weird” and “difficult to understand,” (from our perspective, not His)—when it is very clear that it is Abram who sinned most gravely, why is it that the Pharaoh receives the chastisement; though he could not protect his wife or himself, who protected Sarai and Abram; what do we learn about our heavenly Father through this incident?

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**Gen 13 (5/23/22)**

1. In 13:1-4, we are told that Abram have become wealthy, and yet, at what great expense did he “become very wealthy” and do you think it was worth it; but upon coming out of Egypt, where does he return and what does he remember to do; how is this applicable to you?
2. In 13:5-13, at the expense of Sarai, who besides Abram became the beneficiary of wealth; how does he and Abram resolve their new found wealth; how should he have responded to Abram’s suggestion, as Abram most likely have protected him and nurtured him like a father since the passing of his own father; what do you learn from this man’s selfish attitude and action?
3. In 13:14-18, why did the Lord appeared to Abram again; what do you learn about our God here; how did Abram respond to God’s presence; how is this applicable to you?

**Gen 14 (5/24/22)**

1. In 14:1-12, why did the kings wage war against each other; who and why was this family caught in the crossfire; why did this matter to God?
2. In 14:13-16, why would Abram get involved in someone else’s war, risking his own life; what were the odds in this war that made it extremely unwise for Abram to get involved; what should we consider when we are faced with an extremely unwise situation that is extremely dangerous for us to get involved?
3. In 14:18-20, what is the meaning of the name Melchizedek and why was it right for him to be called that; what did he do for Abram and why would he do that; how did Abram respond back to him and why?
4. In 14:21-24, what was the king of Sodom offering to Abram and how did he respond to this king; why is Abram responding in two completely different ways to the two kings who came to meet him; despite his refusal to accept anything for himself, what does Abram do for his men and why would he do that; how is this applicable to you?

**Gen 15 (5/25/22)**

1. In 15:1, what would Abram be fearing and how does God calm his fear; how do you calm your fear; if God’s words here were given to you (and they are), how would that minister to you?
2. In 15:1-6, how does Abram argue with God for the lack of reward he does not have; how does God show him the rewards that will be his; what visible sights have you seen that speaks to God’s ways; how did Abram respond to God’s visible ways and how did God respond to Abram’s response?
3. In 15:7-20, what happens to the animals and why; who passed between the pieces and why; how is this applicable to you?
  - Ordinarily, those entering into a covenant would walk through the halved carcasses —indicating that they should end up like the animals if they break the agreement. The fate of the sacrificial animals is applied onto the participants. In this case, only God, whose presence is signaled by the firepot and flaming torch, passes through.
4. In 15:13-16, what is these verses speaking of; why is Israel not able yet to conquer the land of Canaan; what does this say about God; how is this applicable to you?

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**Gen 16 (5/26/22)**

1. In 16:1-6, on Sarai—what did she volunteered to her husband and why; where and when would Hagar be adopted into Sarai's life; how does Sarai repay Hagar's evil; what do you think God wants us to learn from Sarai's life?
2. In 16:1-16, on Hagar—why would she despise her mistress after living under her for the last ten years; why did she return to her mistreating mistress after running away; what does she learn about God through her future son's name and the name she gave to the well; how are the meaning of these two names applicable to you?
3. In 16:1-16, on Abram—why would he accept his wife's suggestion when he already had God's promise; though he was the head of the family, why was he hands off on the ill treatment going on between the two ladies in his family; though this is not everything about him, yet, what does this say about a portion of his character; what do you learn about our God through this chapter?
  - Please remember, God is perfect and we are not; so He is true and we are not (Rom 3:4).

**Gen 17 (5/27/22)**

1. In 17:1-8, how did God want Abram to walk before Him and why do you think that was; what did God change Abram's name to, what did both names mean, and why do you think He did that; what was the everlasting covenant God established with Abraham and how is this applicable to you?
2. In 17:9-14, what was the sign of the covenant God establish for His people to keep; what did the sign mean; more than the physical symbol, what did God want from His people?
3. In 17:15-16, how did God change Sarai's name; as both names seem to mean the same thing "princess", why do you think God did this; what can you learn from this?
4. In 17:17-27, why did Abraham laugh on God's amazing promise; what and why did God choose Abraham son's name to be; at what age do the Israelites and Muslims circumcise their sons; how are all these applicable to you?

**Gen 18 (5/28/22)**

1. In 18:1-8, seeing the three visitors, did you notice how Abraham behaved towards them; why should God's people act likewise; will you pray that God's heart will be in us, so that we would learn to live more according to His ways?
2. In 18:9-15, what truths did these visitors bring to Abraham's family; how and why did Sarah respond the way she did when this truth would be the fulfillment of her greatest desire; when she was afraid because she was caught, what did she do; when we are afraid and caught for our sin, what must we do and how can we do right?
3. In 18:16-21, why was God willing to share His plan with Abraham; why does God need to go down to Sodom and Gomorrah, is He omniscient or not; what kind of God do we meet through these events; how is this applicable to you?
4. In 18:22-33, humbly and cautiously, Abraham approached God—what was Abraham's reasoning for not destroying the people; how many times does Abraham approach God for even more mercy; why do you think he stops with his final plea of ten people; what do we learn about our God through this encounter?



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**Gen 19 (5/30/22)**

\*This chapter is really, really difficult to read and study. Please be careful to not allow our repulsion to mis-read God's word. In His holiness, He desired for this chapter to be right here. May we humbly read and learn truths that are not always easy to digest.

1. In 19:1-11, this chapter opens with Lot's place in the city—will you list his movement into the city and why do you think this was important (13:12; 14:12; 19:1); what were the men of the city wanting to do with these two strangers; in what awful way does Lot try to appease the men's desire; how do the angels resolve this horrible situation?
2. In 19:12-22, what was God's plan for all the people in these cities and why; why wouldn't Lot's sons-in-laws take his words seriously; despite his own words, why did Lot hesitate to leave; why does Lot insist going somewhere different than where the Lord was leading him; how is this applicable to you?
3. In 19:23-29, how and when did the Lord judge the people in those cities; why would Lot's wife look back and what happened to her; even though Abraham prayed for ten righteous people in order to save those cities, why does God save Lot, though there were no ten righteous people; what does this say about God's character?
4. In 19:30-38, why would Lot be afraid of the people in the city of Zoar, and why does he move to the mountains; how could his daughters think and do such unthinkable actions (could their view of their father be shaped by the way their father treated them, when the people were wanting to gang rape his guests in 19:8?); what do you learn to not do from all these horrible things?
  - A little side note—Some people who argue that the end justifies the means, will say that Lot was right to not want to move to the mountains, for the end result was this awful incestuous births. But, for God's people, we must know, whenever the Lord places us in what appears to be at a dead end with no way out, still when we trust Him and follow His ways, He will open a new way we would not have found on our own (1Cor 10:13; Prov 3:5-6). Even in the most awful situations, God will provide for His people a way to follow Him, and to not sin. Simply said, for God's people, to sin must never be our option, no matter what, no matter where.

**Gen 20 (5/31/22)**

\*This chapter is so twisted, and so many things look so out of place. Let's read and meditate humbly, so that we can see God's glory, despite the ugly ways of His people.

1. In 20:1-7, here we go again, Abraham repeating the same ugly sin he committed in Egypt—what was Abraham's stupid charade and why would he do that again; despite Abraham's terrible sinful ways, how does our God protect him and his family; what do we learn about our God; how is this applicable to you?
2. In 20:8-10, what was the impact of God to a Gentile king; here, who seems to follow better God's way, the Gentile king or the father of our faith, how; what does this say about God's sovereignty over all the universe; how is this applicable to you?
3. In 20:11-13, what did Abraham say his reason was for doing this stupid act; how did Abraham say Sarah should express her love for him and why was that so disgusting;

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like Abraham, what kind of ugly ways of love have you heard taught in our world that many people stand by; what is true love as taught from God's word and will you write that Scripture?

4. In 20:14-18, clearly it was Abraham who was in the wrong—yet, why did Abimelek shower him with so many gifts; why was Abimelek apologizing when it was Abraham and Sarah who did him wrong and not the other way around; how could God listen and answer Abraham's prayer, who just made a mockery of His holiness; what can you learn from all these confusing events?

### **Gen 21 (6/1/22)**

1. In 21:1-8, what did Abraham name his son and how did the son fulfilled his name's meaning; what happened on the son's eighth day and what was the meaning behind it; how is this applicable to you?
2. In 21:9-21, how was Ishmael's laughter different than Sarah's; why would God allow Ishmael's banishment, isn't that cruel; what do you learn about God here (remember, He is holy and perfect, who never sins and never makes mistakes)?
3. In 21:22-32, why would a king come to Abraham and desire to make a non-aggression pact; in whose name did this Gentile king make this oath with Abraham and why do you think that was; how is this applicable to you?
4. In 21:33-34, what do you think is the significance of Abraham planting a tamarisk tree; how does Abraham call God, how is it different than before; how is this applicable to you?

### **Gen 22 (6/2/22)**

1. In 22:1-2, what did God ask Abraham to do; would God ask us to do wrong, why or why not; when God's command seems wrong-unusual-illogical-difficult-too costly-even illegal, how must you discern and decide?
2. In 22:3-10, how long did it take Abraham to obey God's very difficult command; what was Abraham's view of God's command for him (v. 5); if Abraham knew that God will provide the lamb, why did he take out his knife to slay his son, instead of waiting on God (v. 8, 10; Heb 11:17-19); how is this applicable to you?
3. In 22:11-14, what was the reason for Abraham's not withholding his son; who was truly the first love of his life and how do you know this; who did God already bring to that place, to be seen only after Abraham's action; what did Abraham named this place; how is this applicable to you?
4. In 22:15-19, what did Abraham's action display about his faith; what was God's response to Abraham's willingness; in what areas of your life can you bring your faith and deeds together?

### **Gen 23 (6/3/22)**

1. In 23:3-20, can you explain the way the people at the time negotiated; what do you find interesting?
2. In 23:14-16, I believe this is the first and only time Abraham paid to purchase a field in Canaan—in light of that, while the purchase price for a field was exorbitant (as compared with Jer 32:9), what do you think if this was the purchasing price for the whole land that his descendants would dwell?

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3. In 23:1-2, 19, where was Sarah buried and not near her parents; what do you think that the first land of God's promise is a burial site; what does that say about God's promise in this world?

### **Gen 24 (6/4/22)**

For this chapter, I thought we could examine three people's action and in light of that, get a little peek into their character.

- As a side note—what Abraham asked his servant to do, “put your hand under my thigh,” seems so improper and wrong; it would surely be classified as “sexual harassment” in our work place. But as we can see, this was actually something very proper and good. But, because we see it with our own cultural understanding, we conclude it as wrong. But, further thought on this, I am hoping to have a Bible study, as I created a study on unfamiliar customs in the Bible.
1. The senior servant of Abraham—what did his master entrust him with; why would he pray so; why would he not stay the extra days his hosts asked him to, for they would have treated him royally, and instead wanted to hurry to get back home; how would you describe this man's character?
  2. Rebekah—how does God's word describe her appearance; what did she volunteered to do when asked for a drink of water by Abraham's servant; how could she volunteer to invite this stranger into her home to stay the night, isn't that dangerous and unwise; how would you describe Rebekah's character through her actions?
  3. Laban—who was he; why did he hurried out to meet this man; what does he say he has prepared for the man; how is he able to accept the man's proposal on his sister; how would you describe his character?

### **Gen 25 (6/6/22)**

1. In 25:1-11, will you list all the names of Abraham's sons; where was he buried and why is that important; though they were all his sons, with whom did he leave his inheritance and why; how is this applicable to you?
2. In 25:19-28, if verses 20-21 could be read as the same time, how long did Isaac prayed and when did God answered his prayer for a child; who bore the first twins in God's word and what were their names and their meanings; what did God say about these twins boys; how is this applicable to you?
3. In 25:29-34, normally, a hungry brother asking for food from his brother is a beautiful fellowship—what about Esau's heart that showed his foolishness; what about Jacob's heart that demonstrated his wickedness; from these two brothers, what do you learn to NOT do; how should we learn to live our lives when we are in need and when offering help?

### **Gen 26 (6/7/22)**

1. In 26:1-11, like his father, where did Isaac desired to go when the famine hit the land; what does God promise Isaac as He tells him to not go; how and why does Isaac repeat his father's sinful ways; how did these Gentiles, the Philistines, treated adultery?

2. In 26:12-25, despite his sinfulness, how did God treat Isaac; how did the people treat Isaac as God prospered him and why do think that was; how did Isaac respond to God's grace; how is this applicable to you?
3. In 26:26-33, what is it that the Philistine leaders saw when they saw Isaac; when other people see you, do they see what these leaders saw in Isaac in you; in light of these events, would you write a prayer for yourself?

**Gen 27 (6/8/22)**

1. In 27:1-10, a father wanting to bless his son is a great blessing, yet, what was wrong with this blessing; a mother wanting to bless her son is wonderful, yet, what was wrong with this mother's method; remember, a blessing is not a blessing unless it is done God's way for His glory, so, how should these parents gone ahead to bless their sons in a God-glorifying way?
2. In 27:11-29, what was Jacob willing for his mother to receive if it meant for him to receive the blessing (v. 13—this is one of the most scariest and evil thought I see); what's wrong with him; how should he have thought through this?
3. In 27:30-41, how did Esau think of himself (v. 32) when he had earlier forfeited his rights, so why does he feel entitled to his rights; reflecting on his life, how should he have learned to live?

**Gen 28 (6/9/22)**

1. In 28:1-9, why was Jacob to not marry a Canaanite woman; why did Esau married a Canaanite woman; who should we marry and why does that matter?
2. In 28:10-15, where did Jacob find himself this night; being all alone, without any protection, how would anyone feel under such circumstance; how does God comfort His child; how is this applicable to you?
3. In 28:16-22, what name did Jacob give to the place and what did it mean and what did he mean by that; what was Jacob's vow and why was he making a vow, like a bargain, when God already gave him all the promises that he was bargaining for; will you reflect and see if you acted like Jacob when God had already promised His goodness, will you share, if you are able?

**Gen 29 (6/10/22)**

1. In 29:1-14, in what ways do you notice the differences of the two meetings at the well, here with Jacob and Abraham's servant (ch. 24); what do you learn from them?
2. In 29:15-30, what is the agreement between Laban and Jacob but what happened; how are Jacob's relationships with his two wives; what do you learn from this?
3. In 29:31-35, who else besides Leah see that she is not loved and how does that impact her life; what are the names of her sons, and through their names, what is it that she longs for; how is this applicable to you?

**Gen 30 (6/11/22)**

1. In 30:1-24, what are the sisters struggling with and why do you think that was; what should the husband and wife relationship be like according to God; how is this applicable to you?

2. In 30:1-24, will you list the names and meanings of the 11 sons and one daughter that were born to Jacob here; which of the meanings do you appreciate and why?
3. In 30:25-43, as we can see, Jacob and Laban deserved each other—in your own words, will you summarize how each tried to deceive the other; what should they have done instead; how is this applicable to you?

### **Gen 31 (6/13/22)**

1. In 31:1-21, why the negative attitude from Laban and his sons toward Jacob; how does Jacob justify the deception of not telling Laban that he was running away; how does Jacob and his wives mis-use God's name; despite all that are wrong here, how does God treat Jacob?
2. In 31:19-42, what did Rachel do and why; in his pursuit on Jacob, what was Laban's greatest concern and what does that say about this man; why does Jacob act overly-righteous; how does God rule over this situation?
3. In 31:43-55, what does Jacob and Laban use to serve as witness between them; how could they be a witness when they are not living beings; what are the three names given and what are their meanings; can you think something in your life that can be a witness to you of God's living presence and place a name to it?

### **Gen 32 (6/14/22)**

1. In 32:1-2, one of the things I love about the OT people are, they will create a new name to a place they meet God, probably to help them to remember the blessing they received—so what is the new name Jacob created for this place, and what does it mean, and how would this be a blessing to him; can you think of an event or place where God has blessed you, and if you have to give a name, what will it be?
2. In 32:3-21, why is Jacob so afraid to meet his brother; how does he pray to God as compared to the way he prayed before (28:20-22); how does he try to “pacify” his brother?
3. In 32:22-32, before meeting Esau, who came to meet Jacob and why; how does this wrestling match end; how did this experience impact the way Jacob walked the rest of his life; what is the new name Jacob was given, what did it mean, and why was it significant; how is this applicable to you?

### **Gen 33 (6/15/22)**

1. In 33:1-3, when Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming with his four hundred men, why did he divide up his family into different groups; what kind of parenting does this demonstrate and was this the right thing to do; thankfully, he went ahead of them all, what does that say about him; how is this applicable to you?
2. In 33:4-17, how was seeing Esau like seeing the face of God; is Jacob deceiving his brother again or was he politely refusing Esau's offer, please explain; what do you learn from this encounter?
3. In 33:18-20, where did Jacob built his altar to worship his God in the Promised Land and how did this relate to his grandfather Abraham (12:6-7); what is the name and meaning he gave to the altar he set up and why do you think that was important; how is this applicable to you?

**Gen 34 (6/16/22)**

1. In 34:1-4, what happened to Dinah; should she have married Shechem; as for God's people, what must we consider for marriage and how should this marriage proposal from Shechem be handled?
2. In 34:5-31, I believe it was beautiful that her brothers were furious over their sister's violation—but how did they repay evil with evil; how did they misuse God's blessed way for their evil end; in their minds, what end justified their evil means; how is this applicable to you?
3. In 34:5 & 30, the two times we see Dinah's father respond in this chapter—how are his responses to his daughter's rape; in his responses, who should he have been most concerned about and yet, who seems to be his first concern; how is the heart and action of our Heavenly Father different than Dinah's father?
  - Jacob's inaction, words, and concerns in this chapter are so disgustingly sad. Despite such an ugly failure of a person, of a father, yet, our Heavenly Father would still call him, mold him, and use Him as His instrument of grace. As we will see in his final action before leaving this world, he truly became a person who reflects the beautiful God he worships. Truly, our God is more gracious and more powerful than we can ever imagine or hope for.

**Gen 35 (6/17/22)**

1. In 35:1-4, I can tell at least from two places where would Jacob's family would have brought foreign gods into their lives—where do you think they were; what did God want Jacob's family to do as they went up to Bethel and why; how is this applicable to you?
  - Repentance involves renouncing all that hinders and tarnishes the worship and service of God. Our faith is about offering our exclusive allegiance to the Lord.
2. In 35:5-15, how did God protect His people when Jacob was expecting the surrounding nations to attack them; why did God appear to Jacob again; how did Jacob respond to God's blessing; what is the meaning of El Bethel and why was this important?
3. In 35:16-29, who is born in during this journey and what are his names; who are the three people that passes away in this chapter; what and why would Reuben do such a wicked thing and do you remember the consequence he would suffer because of it; how is this applicable to you?

**Gen 36 (6/18/22)**

\* Reading this chapter, it's like hitting a wall for me. I am unfamiliar with most of the names and places. So, I must admit, I understand too little of God's truth. As I mature more in His knowledge and grace, I pray that I will glean more of His truth from here and other places in His word, where I have not yet learned to dug much of His treasures. Thankfully, after this chapter, the focus turns exclusively unto Jacob's line.

1. In 36:1-8, what were the names of Esau's wives and where were they from and why was this important enough to be written in God's word; what was Esau's other name and where did he settled; who was Esau's firstborn son?

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2. In 36:9-43, of all the people in Esau's genealogy, are there anyone you recognize; anyone that strikes your interest?

**Gen 37 (6/20/22)**

1. In 37:1-11, what were Joseph's two dreams and why were they significant; how were they received by his family and why was that important; how is this applicable to you?
2. In 37:12-28, their lifestyle was very different than ours, imagine walking the places they went—so, how far did they had to walk when going from the Valley of Hebron to Shechem to Dothan; unlike the father of the prodigal son who saw his son from afar and ran to embrace him, when Joseph's brother's saw him from a distance, what did they want to do and why; what did the brothers end up doing and why; what do you learn from this passage?
3. In 37:29-36, unlike the substitute of the lamb for Isaac, how do the brothers try to substitute the goat for their brother; unlike the joy of Isaac's father when he found the substitute, what happens to Joseph's father; why did all these deceptions and hatred run deep in this family; how is this applicable to you?

**Gen 38 (6/21/22)**

1. In 38:1-11, why did Judah leave his family "at that time"; what were the names of his new family and what happened among his sons and who put his sons to death; what do you learn from this passage?
2. In 38:12-26, what was Judah's daughter-in-law's name and what did she choose to do; why did she prefer to be a single parent rather than a childless widow; did Judah's response in verse 24 reveal a double standard, if so, how; how is this applicable to you?
3. In 38:27-30, who were the first twins in the Bible; what are the similarities and differences between the twins there and here; what is the significance of Perez; what do you learn about God through this chapter?

**Gen 39 (6/22/22)**

1. In 39:1-6, though sold as a slave, in a most miserable situation, yet the first thing we hear about Joseph is what; though Potiphar would have only seen Joseph work, yet who did he see through Joseph and how do you think that was (Matt 5:16); how is this applicable to you?
2. In 39:7-18, why would Potiphar's wife be attracted to Joseph and how did she act; why would Joseph pass up this passing pleasure; when she could not get Joseph to consent, what did she do; why would she want to get Joseph in trouble; when people don't do what you want, can you relate with her desire for them to get in trouble?
3. In 39:19-23, there is a saying, you are as blind as you are unwilling to see—because of Potiphar's unwillingness to see his wife's flirtatiousness, what does he do to the best blessing he has ever experienced in all of his life; could you be unwilling to see some of your own sinfulness; as Joseph's life condition gets worse, as he is thrown in prison, who do we see is always with him; will you meditate in your Immanuel God throughout this day wherever you may be?

**Gen 40 (6/23/22)**

1. In 40:1-4, when the king's cupbearer and his baker offended their king, what happened; when people offend other people, what usually happens; when His creation offends the Creator, what should happen; how is this applicable to you?
  - May our God bless and mature our characters, so that we will do our best to not offend other people; moreover, may our God shape our hearts and minds, so that we will not be a people who are offended easily.
2. In 40:5-23, the two men had dreams on the same night—what were each of their dreams and what did they mean; while it is easy to share the good news, but not so much the bad, so how did Joseph handle the two different interpretations; how is this applicable to you?
3. In this chapter, what are the many ways God worked; in light of Who our God is, do you also see His presence and work in your life and are you able to trust Him over your ways?

**Gen 41 (6/24/22)**

1. In 41:1-40, what were Pharaoh's dreams and interpretations; who and how did he remember to introduce Joseph to Pharaoh; how did God work through these years; how is this applicable to you?
2. In 41:1-40, will you describe Joseph's journey; throughout this journey, where is God for Joseph; how is this applicable to you?
3. In 41:41-57, why did Pharaoh elevate Joseph to be in charge over Egypt; what were Joseph's sons names and why did he name them such; how is this applicable to you?

**Gen 42 (6/25/22)**

1. In 42:1-25, why did Joseph's brothers go to Egypt; how did Joseph first receive them and why; who did Joseph put in custody and why; who eventually stayed as a representative for all the brothers in custody; how are all of these applicable to you?
2. In 42:26-38, normally people would be elated to find free money in their bag—so why were the brothers not happy when they found their silver in their bags; why would the brothers connect this event to their treatment over Joseph; what does God desire from His people, when we remember our sins?
3. In 42:36-38, I hate the dialogue going on here—how could Jacob be more fatherly to all of sons here; have you seen your favoritism displayed in ways that hurts-harms-disrespects-belittle-wrongs other people in the process; if we have done so, let's repent?
  - While Reuben's earnest desire to bring back Benjamin is precious, couldn't he express it without needing to sacrifice his sons. This reminds me of Lot offering his two daughters to the people in Sodom in order to protect his guests. For Lot's daughters, and here, for Reuben's sons, I can only imagine how painful it must have felt to know their father was willing to offer them as a sacrificial lamb.

**Gen 43 (6/27/22)**

1. In 43:1-15, who were the two brothers that volunteered to be personally responsible for the safe return of their youngest brother Benjamin (in this chapter and the



previous one); how is Jacob in the end able to let his son Benjamin go with his brothers; what else do you notice from this passage?

2. In 43:16-28, Joseph is the Prime Minister over Egypt, so what could he possibly gain from the little the brothers had—yet, what did the brothers think Joseph was after from them; why would they think such thoughts; as they were bowing to Joseph, how was this fulfilling an earlier prophesy; how is this applicable to you?
3. In 43:29-34, why did Joseph weep but why would that make him weep; what did the Egyptians find detestable and why; why did Joseph favor Benjamin before his brothers, when he knew the pain of such action as a victim; how is this applicable to you?

#### **Gen 44 (6/28/22)**

1. In 44:1-13, what was Joseph's test and why would he do such a thing; clearly from verse 10, only the guilty party would be held responsible, yet, how did his brothers' respond and why; how is this applicable to you?
2. In 44:14-34, again, Joseph reiterates that only the guilty person will be held, and the rest are free to leave—yet, what do the brothers do, especially Judah; what about his own life did Judah seem to have experienced more than his own brothers that made him understand his father's grief more; how are the brothers' different than when they sold Joseph?
3. From this chapter, what strikes your heart most and why?

#### **Gen 45 (6/29/22)**

1. In 45:1-15, how does Joseph reveal himself to his brothers, why; how do his brothers react, why; who did Joseph believe orchestrated his journey from misery to his Prime Ministership, how so; how is this applicable to you?
2. In 45:16-20, how does Pharaoh respond to Joseph's family reveal; why would Pharaoh respond in this way; what do you learn from this?
3. In 45:21-28, how did Joseph treat his brothers, why; what message did Joseph give for his brother's journey back home, why; will you describe the range of emotions Jacob must have felt when he heard the news his son Joseph was alive, actually he was ruler of all Egypt; how is this applicable to you?

#### **Gen 46 (6/30/22)**

1. In 46:1-7, what did Jacob do at Beersheba (also Abraham and Isaac); how does God respond to Jacob, and why do you think with these words; as Jacob obeys God, who else is involved in his journey; how is this applicable to you?
2. In 46:8-27, of the list of Jacob's descendants, which person's story makes you ponder and why?
  - A side note—when we seek accurate numerical accounts, some of the numbers do not add up, i.e., 33 (v. 15), 66 (v. 26), 70 (v. 27), and 75 (Ac 7:14). Unfortunately, God's word does not explain to us these discrepancies. So, this is one of those questions where we will find our answers in heaven, but not here. Sorry, I do not have a good answer. The best answer I can give you is Deuteronomy 29:29.

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3. In 46:28-34, why did Joseph want to send his family to live in the region of Goshen; what were the Egyptians view of the shepherds, and why do you think that was; how is this applicable to you?

**Gen 47 (7/1/22)**

1. In 47:1-12, according to Joseph where was the best part of the land in Egypt where his family could live, why; in the meeting between Jacob and Pharaoh, who blessed whom and why would that be usually out of order; reflecting on Jacob's life, how has he changed in treating people from his younger days to who we find in this passage; how is this applicable to you?
2. In 47:13-26, how were the Egyptians preserved during this time of famine; in the end, what became the rule in Egypt; what do you learn from this?
3. In 47:27-31, before describing the shortage in Egypt in 47:13-26, how do the two verses that precede and immediately follow (verses 12 & 27) describe the Israelites; what does this contrast say about God; where does Jacob insist he must be buried and why; how is this passage applicable to you?

**Gen 48 (7/2/22)**

1. In 48:1-7, can you list Israel's original 12 sons; how could Jacob adopt Ephraim and Manasseh as his and still have 12 tribes to distribute the land; what do you learn from this?
2. In 48:8-16, like his father Isaac, Israel's eyes were failing and could not recognize people, despite similar conditions, how did they act differently when giving out their blessing; why is Israel's crossing his arms appropriate; what did Ephraim do to earn the blessing; how is this applicable to you?
3. In 48:17-22, why was Joseph displeased when his father crossed his arms; how did God cross His arms for Joseph and Jacob; do you think God crossed His arms for you, if so, how, why?

**Gen 49 (7/4/22)**

1. In 49:1-28, this portion is called, Jacob blesses his sons—as you read it, which sons receive the blessings; how will you summarize their blessings?
2. In 49:1-28, this portion has as many troubles as blessings—as you read it, which sons receive the troubles; why did some receive the troubles?
3. In 49:29-33, where does Jacob want to be buried, and why was it important for him and for his future nation; how does God's word describe his death; where does death take him; where will death take us?

**Gen 50 (7/5/22)**

1. In 50:1-14, adding the three numbers together, how long did the mourning for Jacob's death last; what do you think of this long period, what benefit do you think it brought; where did Jacob want to be buried and why was that important?
2. In 50:15-21, Joseph's brothers were not sure of their forgiveness, as they asked, "what if"—why do you think they were unsure of Joseph's forgiveness; why do you think Joseph wept when the brothers came to ask for his forgiveness; why was

Joseph able to truly forgive his brothers; what does his forgiveness over his brothers look like; how is this applicable to you?

3. In 50:22-26, at this moment, Joseph was still the Prime Minister over Egypt, meaning his life would be filled with all the good things life could bring—yet, what was he preparing for and how did he do so; how do you juggle the present life with what's to come; how is the ending of this book of Genesis applicable to you?