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Chapter 3 *Stories for the Journey*

**Directions:** Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

***Introduction: The Creation Accounts in the Book of Genesis (Pages 92–102)***

1. The first \_\_\_\_\_ chapters of Genesis are not \_\_\_\_\_ in the sense that they include verifiable facts. Rather they are \_\_\_\_\_ accounts about the origin of humans, the \_\_\_\_\_ of man, and varying cultures, telling of the time before \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis teaches much about the \_\_\_\_\_ people—including their values and beliefs about \_\_\_\_\_.
2. List six truths taught by the primeval history accounts of Genesis 1–11.
3. For thousands of years the stories of \_\_\_\_\_ were preserved through \_\_\_\_\_ which was eventually written down, most of them likely in the \_\_\_\_\_ century BC, but some as late as the \_\_\_\_\_ century BC. Genesis \_\_\_\_\_ primeval history with information about important ancestors of faith including \_\_\_\_\_, Isaac, Jacob, and \_\_\_\_\_. (pp. 94-95)
4. Give an overview of God's creative activity in the first story of creation in Genesis 1:1–2.
5. Give an overview of God's creative activity in the second story of creation in Genesis 2:4–3:24.
6. True or False? Recent scientific discoveries have cast more light on the details of creation and they diminish our appreciation for God, the Creator.
7. True or False? The creation of the world and humans were YHWH's first steps in forging a covenant with Israel, a plan revealed progressively to them.

8. List the important truths about God revealed through his creative actions.
9. True or False? God's creative actions are also reflected in the Book of Psalms, The Book of Wisdom, and the prologue to the Gospel of Matthew and John.
10. True or False? Although God's Revelation was gradual throughout history, his fullest Revelation is in the Divine Person and mission of Jesus Christ.

**Section 1: Original Holiness and Original Justice, the Fall of Man, and the Renewal of Life (Pages 104–111)**

11. List examples of the gift of original holiness and original justice.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ account of creation describes the Fall of man: the \_\_\_\_\_ of Adam and Eve. Using \_\_\_\_\_ language, the Genesis story describes an actual “\_\_\_\_\_ that took place at the beginning of the history of man” that reveals with the certainty of \_\_\_\_\_ that all human history is marred by an original, \_\_\_\_\_ sin.
13. All \_\_\_\_\_, including this Original Sin, is rooted in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. Original Sin was an abuse of man's \_\_\_\_\_ and it created consequences for all of humanity. Through it the \_\_\_\_\_ of original justice was destroyed, and it produced an \_\_\_\_\_ to sin, the loss of a person's spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ over his or her own body, and \_\_\_\_\_ between men and women as well as \_\_\_\_\_ with the rest of creation.
14. True or False? God immediately offered his mercy and the first promise of a Redeemer immediately after the story of the Fall of man; the woman's offspring is Abraham, the great Father of Faith.
15. Explain how the sin of Cain is related to Original Sin.
16. List the unique teachings of the Hebrew version of the flood story.

17. What is one theory about the preponderance of flood legends in ancient history?

18. The story about the \_\_\_\_\_ suggests some interesting connections. The place, “\_\_\_\_\_,” is associated with the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire which destroyed Jerusalem. The sin of \_\_\_\_\_ now infects an entire city which tried to make itself God. And it anticipates \_\_\_\_\_ when each person heard Peter’s preaching in his own language, a \_\_\_\_\_ celebrated in the Genesis story.

**Section 2: Who Are the Ancestors of Faith? (Pages 112–119)**

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Genesis changes with the introduction of the \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham. Events from this time onward can be placed in the \_\_\_\_\_ and social setting of the \_\_\_\_\_ from between 2000 and 1700 BC. Abraham is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Chosen People who were called to prepare the way for \_\_\_\_\_ and the root onto which believing \_\_\_\_\_ would be grafted.

20. What does it mean to say that the stories from Genesis 12 – 50 form a story cycle? Who are the important figures featured in the Genesis cycle?

21. How do we know that the stories in the Book of Genesis were written at a much later time than when the stories themselves occurred? Give two examples.

22. There were originally two different “\_\_\_\_\_” of early accounts and \_\_\_\_\_ of Genesis. When there are two versions of the same \_\_\_\_\_, the different versions use different names for \_\_\_\_\_. The personal name of God – \_\_\_\_\_ – is translated into English as either “the Lord” or “\_\_\_\_\_.” Elsewhere, a more generic name for God is used – \_\_\_\_\_ – which is usually translated as “God.”

23. Explain the popular theory about the merger of similar stories in Genesis.

24. True or False? Sometimes different versions of the same account have somewhat different messages.

**Section 3: Abraham: The Father of Faith (Pages 120–128)**

25. \_\_\_\_\_, previously known as Abram, is the first \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jewish faith and is the “father of faith” for Jews, \_\_\_\_\_, and Muslims. In Genesis, he is shown \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the known world, a journey foreshadowing later journeys of the Hebrews throughout their history, such as their journey out of \_\_\_\_\_ following the Exodus that will form the people of \_\_\_\_\_.

26. Explain the terms of God’s covenant with Abraham according to Genesis 12.

27. Explain the signs or symbols of God’s covenant with Abraham and Moses.

28. True or False? The Church teaches that God began forming the Chosen People when he chose Abraham and made a covenant with him and his descendants.

29. What does the CCC state about the intimate relationship between Abraham and Christ’s Church?

30. What are examples of both *external* and *internal* threats to God’s promises to Abraham in Genesis?

31. The author of Genesis represents \_\_\_\_\_ request that Abraham sacrifice his son Isaac as a test of human \_\_\_\_\_. One lesson of the story is that, unlike \_\_\_\_\_ religious practice, the Hebrews do not sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_ to their God. For \_\_\_\_\_ this story anticipates another \_\_\_\_\_ who is anguished at the human demand that he \_\_\_\_\_ a son on the Cross.

**Section 4: The Descendants of Abraham in the Book of Genesis (Pages 130–138)**

32. True or False? Jacob's role in the Book of Genesis is comparatively lesser than either Abraham or Isaac.

33. Explain how Laban tricked Jacob.

34. True or False? Jacob eventually returns to Egypt with his large family of wives, children, and possessions after tricking his father-in-law, Laban.

35. Years before he left home, Jacob had stolen the \_\_\_\_\_ intended for his brother Esau, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the family. Now, as he returns, Jacob \_\_\_\_\_ his brother Esau still harbors great anger over his \_\_\_\_\_ of him when they were young men. But \_\_\_\_\_ willingness to engage in the traditional forms of \_\_\_\_\_ leads to reconciliation with his brother.

36. What new name does God give to Jacob? What does it mean?

37. What is a possible political purpose of the story of Jacob and Esau's reconciliation?

38. As the oldest son of Jacob's beloved wife \_\_\_\_\_, Joseph is his preferred son. Consequently, \_\_\_\_\_ builds among his \_\_\_\_\_ elder brothers to such an extent that they sell Joseph into \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt and deceive Jacob into believing he is \_\_\_\_\_. In time, though, Joseph becomes a trusted advisor to \_\_\_\_\_ and eventually is able to use his office to protect his family from \_\_\_\_\_.

39. In what ways do the stories of Joseph and Daniel parallel one another?

40. Throughout most of ancient \_\_\_\_\_ Egypt had a massive, centralized \_\_\_\_\_ served by thousands of slaves and poor \_\_\_\_\_. It was highly developed with massive \_\_\_\_\_, impressive amounts of wealth, and rich agriculture from the \_\_\_\_\_ which allowed them to engage in \_\_\_\_\_ with their agricultural surplus.
41. True or False? The patriarchal stories provided hope and consolation to the Jews living as a minority in the Babylonian, Persian, Hellenistic, or Roman empires.
42. True or False? The Joseph stories set the stage for main event of the Bible: The Exodus and the formation of the people of Israel.