

A worksheet for the Introduction to Genesis Part 4 'Intended for Good' 'Joseph

God's Big Picture

All this family's circumstances, their '.....' and their '.....' are taken and by

A fascinating family story with many characters but the chief Character in this story is

God's purposes:-

To teach needed lessons and to bring them

He is working out his for their and for his

To prepare for the building of a in the, in this land of

To prepare Canaan for the coming of, who will the people from their

The whole of the Old Testament scripture points to a on a hill outside

To make this family, and so this nation a, and a to all

Looking up God's promises to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3.

The Story Begins!

The family travel to – km north of

Terah in

Nahor in the region of

Abraham and Sarah in to God, leave

and journey to around kms away.

Where are we? They *had* been in the city

of Ur with Its population of

Its culture and commerce

Its religion

Its gods who cannot a !

Abraham's God *is* a God who

A Relationship Broken

In Genesis 1 and 2 God speaks the cosmos into being.

God continues to speak to us today, now through his

..... word

In Genesis 2 God's desire for us

In Genesis 3 The results of disobedience

A relationship to be restored –

Satan's head to be

The heel of Eve's offspring would be

The promise of a Saviour!

God did not his, and

continued to He spoke to

Looking up Genesis 11:10–32

From Shem (Noah's son,) ancestor of the

..... people, the

To Abraham – noting the length of their lives especially Shem who lived for

..... years

God's call on the 'unlikely' – Joseph was the son of Jacob.

The family first of all were, and then they were

God's sovereign plans were to be.....!

Understanding their times and ours! – Getting a handle on BC dates.

Are the Patriarchs, lost in the mists of time in our thinking? Pre-history belongs there, and the time of the return of Jesus is unknown. But concerning the past genealogical lists tell the story in real time.

‘Them’ – Abraham around 2000 years before Christ, in the 21st Century ‘BC’. Archaeology continues!

Cloud on Mount BC

Cloud on Mount AD

2000yr
1800yr
1000yr
500yr

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1800yr
1000yr
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A cross outside Jerusalem

Abraham set off from Harran at 75 years old. They were in Canaan when Isaac was born when his father was 100 years old. Isaac was 40 years old when *his* son Jacob was born. Jacob and his family were somewhere in the early 1800s before Jesus came.

‘And Us?’ – We stand in the 2020s on *this* side of the cross.

Placing them in perspective with our own family dates. Your grand or great-grandparents?

A conclusion! The earliest times suggested for these families were approximately the same distance from the time of Jesus as we are – but on the other side of the cross!

The Canaan where Jacob settled with his family

(Those maps could be very useful!)

The Mediterranean coastal plain

The central mountain range

The Jordan rift valley

The Transjordan mountains

The place Joseph called home Hebron

Its location

Its connection to Abraham

Its agriculture and trade connections

Bible writers were not

From Hebron to Shechem

From Shechem to Dothan

To remember

God is in control here, and will use every situation and turn them around to bring about his plans and purposes for this family

The Egypt Joseph was exiled to

The Pharaohs and Egyptian religion

The Nile’s importance to life in Egypt.

The Nile at its Mediterranean Sea Delta

The ‘plenty’ of the delta and the ‘suitability’ of Goshen

Traders with Egypt

See the loving hand of the gracious and all-knowing God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob on their families

Sharing instances of God’s sovereign control of our lives