

Ezra & Nehemiah

History of the Jewish Nation

Lesson 1

1. Abram was born in _____ in the land of _____ of the _____.
(Modern day _____)
2. Abram moved to Haran with his father _____, his wife _____, and his nephew _____.
(Lot's father Haran had died.)
3. After the death of Terah, God told Abram to move to a land He would show him and God spoke this blessing over Abram:

***"I will _____ those who _____ you
And I will _____ those who _____ you.
And in you all of the _____ of the
_____ will be _____."***

Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran to journey to the land of Canaan.

4. God once again met with Abram and they made a blood covenant. Abram sacrificed a _____, a goat, a _____, a turtledove, and a _____. God made the following covenant with _____.

"To your descendants I will give this land, from the river of _____ to the great river, the _____ - the Kenites, the Kennizites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgasites, and the Jebusites."

God also told Abram that his descendants would be strangers in another land for _____ years, but would return with great possessions.

5. Abram and _____ had a child named _____ at the insistence of _____ when Abram was _____ years old.
6. God met with Abram again and told him he and Sarai would have a son. Abram was now _____ years old and Sarai was _____ years old. God changed Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah. Abraham means "father of a _____", and Sarah means "_____ " or "_____ ". A year later Isaac was born. Isaac means "_____ ". Both Abraham and Sarah had laughed when they heard that they would bear a son in their old age.
7. After Sarah died Abraham's servant returned to _____ to get a wife for Isaac. He met _____ at the well and learned that she was part of Sarah's family. He brought her back to be Isaac's wife. Isaac was _____ years old when they were married.
8. _____ was barren and so Isaac prayed for her and she conceived _____. She gave birth to _____ and _____. Isaac was _____ years old when they were born.

9. When they were young men Esau sold his _____ to Jacob for _____.
As Isaac became old and blind he wanted to bless his firstborn son, _____, as was the custom of the day. Through trickery _____ stole his blessing. The following is the blessing that Isaac gave _____:

***"May God give you of the dew of heaven,
Of the fatness of the earth,
And plenty of grain and wine.
Let peoples serve you,
And nations bow down to you.
Be master over your brethren,
And let your mother's sons bow down to you,
_____ be everyone who _____ you,
And _____ be those who _____ you."***

Notice that this was the blessing that God spoke over Abram when He told him to go to the land He would show him.

10. Esau was furious so Jacob had to run for his life. He went to _____ which was the region where Abram, Sarai, Terah and Lot had originally moved to.
11. He worked for his mother, Rebekah's, brother _____ for _____ years so that he could marry _____. On his wedding night _____ tricked him and gave him _____ instead. Jacob was furious but agreed to work an additional _____ years for _____.

Jacob's Children:

Leah: Reuben (behold a son)

Simeon (heard)

Levi (joined to)

Judah (praised)

Bilhah: (Rachel's maid)

Dan (judge)

Naphtali (wrestling)

Zilpah: (Leah's maid)

Gad (troop)

Asher (happy)

Leah: Issachar (there is recompense)

Zebulun (exalted)

Dinah (judgement) the only daughter born to Jacob

Rachel: Joseph (Jehovah has added)

12. It was after these children were born to Jacob that he decided to return home to Canaan. On the way Esau came to meet him with _____ men. During the night Jacob had an encounter with God. God blessed him and changed his name from Jacob which means “supplanter” (someone who wrongfully takes the place of another) to _____ which means “God Prevails.” When Esau & Jacob finally meet, they meet in peace and part ways.
13. Rachel later gave birth to her _____ and _____ during _____. She named him Benoni which means “son of my sorrow” but Jacob named him _____ which means “son of my right hand”.
14. These _____ sons became the _____ tribes of _____.