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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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C 1-3

In the beginning God created the heaven and earth

God is actually plural noun

All of the verbs around the word Elohim are in the singular form

The Hebrew word for created is Bara in the means to create something without any pre-existing material. There is a difference between the word create which is Bara and word make which is shown a little later.

Light existed before the luminaries are placed in the sky in other words there was light before the moon and stars in the sun. Order is already present for you can see that the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters in verse two

So in this period of remaking the earth there are no let there be water statements because water is already there here in the this scene of what we typically refer to as creation

Calls the light day and the darkness he called night so this concept of light and day when we take a look at revelations chapter 20 verse 10 this day and night concept would no longer exist in the new earth. But it still will be related to the lake of fire where Satan and all of the loss are residing in eternal torment.

let us make man - make is different from create. Make is to build something with existing material.

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Now the word create (bara) is used concerning man's creation.  
The word create is used because it represents the aspect of man that or existed God's image, likeness and plurality (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).  
Man created male-female. The woman was always in the design.

Also notice the writer (Moses) has a writing style of making a general statement, then providing more detail thereafter. He writes in the Beginning God created...then gives detail

He writes "let us make man..." then gives detail... This pattern will continue.

C2

God rested from all he created and made (note created and made).  
Account of creation ... Heaven and earth (total creation period). In the day (only the period of time concerning humanity)  
The prohibition, not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Certain death promised

C3

Serpent introduced. Crafty, skilled, manipulative.  
Serpent ask has God said you cannot eat from any tree. He already knows the answer. But engages the female into the strategy. Notice neither the man or woman has a name at this time.

She says we are not to eat or touch (another example of writer giving more detail about the fruit). She was not exaggerating, which some suggest. Exaggeration is a lie. The first sin is eating the fruit. Also, hearing the serpents offer was not sin (temptation).  
Upon eating the fruit there eyes are open. They knew they were naked.

God calls to man. Never called him Adam, but called to the man.  
First time the word Adam. Adam - dirt, ground  
First time the word Eve

C4-6

Man has relations with his wife and she conceived.  
Both Cain and Able mentioned  
It came about in the course of time (representing an indeterminable amount of time).  
Cain angry ...warned (first mention of anger)  
First murder he'll be vagrant and wanderer. Beginnings of Acute Pnuematos Depression

C5: Book of generations of Adam. Moses' pattern of providing more detail exhibited again. Words both create ( God imagery in man) and made (earthly composites) used in the opening lines of the Chapter.

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Enoch walked with God...God took him!

Lamech's son Noah -- this one will give us rest from tilling the ground. Originally, there was no exhaustion with managing earth's resources.

C6

People multiply on the earth.

Sons of God (term only used with angels). They see the daughters of men...

Explains verse 5, or verse. 4 makes no sense. This creates a continuous evil (Fallen, rebellious angels) and sinful humanity.

I will blot out man I created. (There's the created-bara).

Old Testament grace

Call to Noah

Earth filled with violence.

C7-9

Noah the only righteous... "in this time."

Fountains of the great deep broke. Rain falls.

Flood forty days (first time we see forty)

Everything with the spirit of life died (this is why the word created is also used with mankind's creation).

Water stayed 150 days

Chapter 8

God remembered Noah.

Rain was forty days, but waters 150 days repeated.

Chapter 9

Calls Noah to be fruitful and multiply

Animals, bird and fish sanctioned as diet supplements

Whoever sheds man's blood, man revenges.

God's covenant no more water.

Noah becomes a wine dresser

Noah drunk.

Ham or a family member saw Noah's nakedness. Nakedness was already a matter of indecency

C 10-12

C 10 Nimrods Kingdom begins

C11 They all had the same language

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Whatever they desire they are able to do with the same language. When people agree it is a powerful asset to accomplishment

Chapter 12 Abram's call

God makes promise v1-3

Abram took Lot out of family responsibility

Abram stretches truth about his wife? Or uses their dual relation in fear

The Lord protects his plan by striking the Pharaoh

C 13-15

C13

Abram rich in livestock, silver and gold because he has gained from his circumstances.

Lot & Abram come to parting of ways ( fulfilling the original requirement to leave Abram)

Abram settles in Canaan (ultimately his land). Once he settled, the promise reiterated

C 14

Abram rescues lot and brings back all his possessions

Meets the priest Melchizedek before priests existed.

C15

V1. God continues to provide clarity concerning his covenant with Abram

Our shield and reward for faithfulness.

Abram believed in The Lord and God converted the believing to righteousness

The birds of prey attempt to take the sacrifice. Satan always tries to still anything intended to honor God.

Abram falls asleep and informed his descendants will be enslaved 400 years

C16-18

C16

V1 They didn't have children

V2. Sarai suggests he enter hand maid. Abram listens to voice of wife like Adam eating fruit.

C17

Abraham 99 God continues with the covenant. 13 years since Ishmael's birth

Name changed to Abraham, Father of many nations

The call for circumcision the sign of the Abrahamic covenant

Sarai's name changed, Sarah mother of many nations.

Abraham circumcised the very same day

C18

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Sarah laughs that she'll have a child  
Anything too difficult for The Lord  
God does not hide from His what He is about to do  
The outcry of S&G great, and sin greater

C19-21

C19

Lot invites the angels into his house much like Abraham did when the angels approached him.

but the men of the city they wanted to lay with the Angels so it demonstrates that the angels had manlike features

The Lord sent the angels to destroy Sodom

Angels came to do the work of the Lord

It is clear that Lot couldn't get moving

As they moved they were not to look behind (Paul's) admonishing to stretch forward

Fire and brimstone rained on the city

Wife looked back

Abraham looked toward Sodom

Lot and daughters in a cave

The Law was not instituted but they got Lot to have sex with them by getting him drunk

First child names Moab. Father of Moabites

Second becomes father of Ammonites

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**C 25-27**

C25

Midianites descendants of Abraham

Abraham gives all land to Isaac

Sent other sons away. Isaac the only begotten

Ishmael's princes

Children struggle within Rebecca (Arab, Jews)

Two nations within

Isaac loved Esau Rebecca loved Jacob

Esau - Edomites

C26

Famine in the land

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Abraham obeyed my voice and charge, commandments, (before Law given)  
Isaac says Rebecca is sister like Abraham.  
Ambemelech concerned about sin with Rebecca. Again Observance of a moral code.  
Isaac reopens wells  
Lord tells Isaac the same he told his father (generational blessings)

Esau married Hittites  
Grieved Isaac and Rebecca (parental dishonor)

#### C27

Isaac preparing to bless Esau  
Rebecca devises plan to bless Jacob  
Jacob fools Isaac and says The Lord helped to get the meal so quickly. (Blessed thru deception)  
Isaac blessed him  
Esau comes home, prepares food and Isaac nearly has heart attack. Tells Esau his brother has received blessing.  
Esau cries out  
Esau hated Jacob  
Jacob and Laban make peace accord.

#### C28-30

#### C28

Jacob to return to Padan Aram for a wife  
Esau went to Ishmael for his blessing (aligns the concubine line with blessed line)  
Jacob dreams of ladder with angels  
God speaks to Jacob concerning Abrahams promises  
God is with him where he goes  
Gives a 10th

#### C29

Jacob arrives  
Rachel Laban's daughter arrives with sheep  
Jacob meets Rachel at a well like The servant who met Rebecca.  
Jacob kissed her and cried out  
Jacob serves 7 years for Rachel  
Laban switches daughters (they consummated in darkness obviously)  
Leah conceives numerous  
times

#### C30

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Jacob and Rachel have dispute. He's angry with her. (She seems to blame him).  
God remembered Rachel. She has Joseph (Have another)  
Jacob wants to move  
Laban knows he's been blessed because of Jacob  
Jacob gives what he needs to stay  
Jacob becomes exceedingly rich

### C 31-33

C31

Laban's sons become Jealous  
Laban's attitude changes  
The Lord tells Jacob to return home  
He calls his wives and prepare to depart  
they agree  
Jacob departs  
Laban pursues Jacob  
God tells Laban (Syrian) not to even speak to him good or bad  
Laban overtakes Jacob but gives testimony that God has intervened.  
Rachel had taken images and sat on them (idol). Not persons of pure faith.  
Jacob was becoming less of a trickster and trying to be aboveboard

C 32

Jacob continues  
Jacob sends ambassadors to Esau (nearly 20 years later 31: )  
Messengers return with news of Esau coming with 400 men  
Jacob distressed  
Jacob scatters his household and prays!  
I'm not worthy  
deliver me  
Reminded God/self of God's promise.  
executes his plan  
Jacob wrestled all night in dream  
Jacob held him for a blessing  
Jacob name changed to Israel-has prevailed

C 33

Esau arrives Jacob bows 7 times  
Esau runs to him and kisses him on the neck  
Esau puzzled by all of the gifts. Doesn't need or want it.  
Jacob buys a parcel of land from Hamor, Shechems father

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C-34

Shechem takes Dinah by force  
His soul clave, deeply attached  
Asked his father for her  
Jacob hears about it.  
Hamor fellowships with them  
Jacobs sons angry, hurt  
Hamor makes intentions known to make or correct the circumstance  
Jacob agrees  
Hamor agrees to circumcision  
Simeon and Levi lead an assault on Hamon's camp after the treaty.  
Jacob confronts and removes their birth right (implied). Jacob a man of integrity!

C-35

Jacob has to move to Bethel  
Surround cities terrorized ( they were terrorists).  
He comes to Luz in Canaan. Builds an altar. Calls the place El. (Elohim) Bethel. God-appeared  
God changes his name to Israel (almighty God)  
God reaffirms Abrahamic covenant  
Explains how the place became Bethel. the writer makes a statement, then gives detail v6-13  
Rachel dies and names son, son of my sorrow-Israel names him my right hand (Benjamites would be bi-polar). On one hand the horror of the Levite and his concubine becoming a clan almost wiped out, but also the only clan to stand with Judah when the kingdoms split.)  
Buried in Epprath-Bethlehem  
Israel journeys to Edar, Reuben found with Bilhah ( devastating).  
Isaac dies at 140

C36

Both Esau and Israel were blessed.  
Several dukes or princes in Esau's line  
Kings in Edom before Kings in Israel  
A Saul also reigned over Edom

Gen 37-39

C-37

Israel loved Joseph more than others.  
Brothers hated him and demonstrated it with their speech  
Even his father rebuked him about his dreams.( Joseph is so naive he tells his family about his dreams).

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The brothers conspire to kill him let's see what shall become of his dreams  
Reuben intervenes not to kill him  
And eventually deliver him from his brothers  
Placed him in a pit  
Judah suggests to offer him in sale.  
He reminds them not to shed blood. He's their brother.  
Sold to Midianites. (Remember, the salvation of Jesus family coming thru Gentiles). But they are descendants of Abraham and Keturah  
They bring Joseph to Egypt.  
Jacob goes into mourning that his son is dead.  
Midianites/Ishmael sells Joseph to Potiphar.

#### C-38 (Side-bar Chapter)

Judah takes a Canaanite wife and has sons Er, Onan, Shelah. The oldest marries Tamar. The first two displease God and die. (Notice before the Law the responsibility for the next son to marry the wife of the husband. No incest when the spouse has died, and incest not instituted as law).  
Judah did not give the youngest son. By deception has sex with Tamar and twins. He was going to have her executed, but she reveals he's the father. He admits his error, but would not have sex with her again.

She births Pharez and Zarah (Pharez in the line of Jesus).

#### C-39

This time the writer calls the sellers Ishmaelites vs Midianites (descendants).  
The Lord with Joseph is the repeated term  
Potiphar could see The Lord with Joseph. The Lord made whatever Joseph did prosper  
Potiphars wife's "eyes" and invited him to sex. He refused.  
His honor for Potiphar, and reverence of God he told her.  
He would not lie or be around her (he stayed out of the tempting environment)  
No one around she caught him, but he ran  
She screams and lies on him.  
He believes his wife and convicts Joseph (no detail about treatment).  
But... The Lord was with Joseph (What appeared so unjust and horrific and it was, was working to a far greater work).

#### C 40-42

#### C-40

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The butler and baker offended the king  
Joseph served the two. They had disturbing dreams.  
Joseph interprets their dream ( first time we see Joseph interpreting dreams. Butler shall be restored.  
Tells Butler, remember me, tell Pharaoh about my story

Baker wanted to know (possible Baker less believing, maybe even more harsh toward Joseph. upon hearing the Butlers good news, he becomes more receptive toward Joseph. Joseph reveals Baker's head shall be taken off. This indicated the Bakers wrong doing, wrong spirit, etc,  
Joseph's predictions become true, but the Baker does not remember Joseph.

C-41

Pharaoh has disturbing dream  
two years later. None could answer his dream.  
The Butler remembers Joseph and tells Pharaoh  
Pharaoh calls for J.  
P tells J his dream  
J interprets the dream in great detail.  
(God stamps things emphatically when His hand is specifically involved)  
J goes further and share how to manage the resources in preparation for famine. J. Fully leverages his circumstance.  
Wisdom sees wisdom. Pharaoh appoints Joseph as the man.  
J exalted and given another name (of royalty) and a royal bride.  
Joseph 30 (17 years).

V50 two sins born to him: Manasseh-made me forget; Ephraim-fruitful in the land of my affliction (glory).  
V56 Famine was over the face of the earth.

C-42

Jacob saw there was corn in Egypt (not knowing his son was the reason).  
(key to the Jesus lineage) Israel tells sons go to Egypt buy corn that we may not die.  
(Famines cause mass deaths. God made provisions for His promise to be maintained ),

Joseph's brother head for Egypt and now before him not knowing he is their brother (fulfillment of Joseph's dreams.).  
J knew who they were.  
J calls them spies. Jails them  
He will let them go, but they have to bring the youngest who stayed with his father.

They reflect on what they did to Joseph. They reveal how Joseph was crying out and begging them!

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Joseph heard their discussion. He cried.

He took Simeon, and released the others (Simeon may have been the real ring- leader just as he was with Hamor's clan).

They tell (Jacob v. Israel).

J. Rebuts their request. He's lost Joseph, Simeon, and now the request for Benjamin.

Reuben offers his two sons (Reuben often speaking- up to make a difference. The sons are all transforming as a result of the experience). "Jacob" does not go along.

C 43-45

C-43

Famine becomes extensive

The father (provider) go to Egypt.

Judah steps up reminds his father of the demand, and offered his clan as the sacrifice if they don't bring Benjamin back (Jesus seen in this example of sacrifice no doubt).

They had choice nuts still. Their father Israel also gives Benjamin

Jacob says may God have mercy. Jacob is ready whatever the cost (shows how resilient believers are. After the initial blow we need recovery time).

The men bring Benjamin and the money in their sacks, and confess what happened (again demonstrating their growth )

He loved his brothers crying as he obviously was trying to determine what to do.

C-44

One of the perplexing text in Joseph's account where his servant indicates that Joseph used divination (the occult) to discover their evil. Since the whole event is staged by Joseph, then it is as likely that the whole divination story is more smoke and mirrors to keep his brothers unaware of who he is. However, it is also true that there will be Egyptian influence.

The cup is in Benjamin's sack.

Judah's plea (this is messianic, it's a foreshadowing of Jesus and His sacrifice, mediation, etc.).

The sons did not lie. Though this was not in the initial account, The writer is providing more detail.

Judah so protective of his father (again the Father and Son depiction of Jesus and His Father).

C-45

Incredible emotion by Joseph. Years of trial.

I am Joseph (a preview of I AM in Exodus and I AM in John)

Repeats I am J. No doubt the sons are shocked, stunned

J sees the big picture. Translates his experience. 'God sent me before you to preserve life.'

J repeats again. God sent me before you to preserve life... Affirmation

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You didn't send me(that's for sure) God!!!  
Forgiveness kiss  
Pharaohs' favor upon the whole family  
They return and tell their father.  
Jacob (called Jacob when he didn't believe)  
Jacob's spirit revived with all the evidence (as humans we can be do beaten we need tangible evidence).  
'Israel' said I will go before him and die. The reality of our limited journey upon the earth.

C 46-48

C-46

Why Jacob was ready to believe and go: God calls him Jacob, Jacob  
Also Canaan was promised. So it was troublesome going to Egypt. Sometimes we need Egypt to cross us over to the next level. As later when Judah is to surrender to the Babylonians.  
The clans recorded who go in to Egypt  
Manasseh and Ephraim 1/2 Africans in the clan.  
70 came in  
Dwell in Goshen. Shepherds am abomination to Egypt. They ate the land in a region strained for natural resources.

C-47

Joseph has the authority to place his family but asks Pharaoh  
Pharaoh grants the choice land (Joseph is worthy of double honor. Honor for him and the whole clan).  
Jacob tells Pharaoh of the harshness of his life.  
No bread in the land. Joseph becomes the bread of life.  
Joseph Program saved their lives (all Egypt).  
Jacob lived in Egypt 17 years. The age when Joseph was abducted.  
Makes J vow to bury him in Canaan

C-48

Joseph takes sons to Israel to be blessed. Jacob  
Jacob adopts Manasseh and Ephraim even as Reuben and Simeon. This restores two sons for the two who betrayed him.  
Israel switches his hands on the boys with knowledge.  
The Angel redeemed from all evil  
Joseph displeased about his father blessing the youngest more than the eldest. But it was prophetic that the younger would be more profound. (Excellent illustration of being to bound by tradition and custom).

Gen 49-Exodus 1

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C-49

Jacob's final words to assembly

Sons to listen to Israel

Reuben shall not excel because of his incest. (We see forgiveness and the lasting consequences of corporal sin).

Simeon and Levi remembered for their anger and wrath. (Consequences for undermining their father's treaty).

The (royal) scepter shall not leave this clan(Judah).

Zebulun - dwell in the sea.

Issachar - strong burden animal

Dan - judge his people

Gad - victorious fighter

Asher - resources (plenty)

Naphtali - power of a deer fully employed

Joseph- many enemies but prevailed. Fruitfulness beyond measure.

Benjamin - devours enemies and the most volatile.

Jacob gives up the ghost (Israel...Jacob dies but Israel never dies

C- 50

Forty days of mourning. The whole nation mourned.

They journey to Canaan to bury J. Father

The sons fulfill their father's desire.

Brothers fear J. will punish them.

... again Joseph repeats that it was God's plan and the need not fear (God operating thru human evil and anger is hard to fathom, but who can doubt j. Interpretation of his experience.)

J dies at 110.

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