

The Chiastic Structure of Genesis
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1:1–2:3, Creation

2:4–4:26, Toledot of Heaven and Earth

5:1–6:8, Toledot of Adam

6:9–9:29, Toledot of Noah

10:1–11:9, Toledot of the Sons of Noah

11:10–26, Toledot of Shem

11:27–32, Genealogy of Terah

12:1–9, Blessing of Abraham: Land, Seed, Blessing

12:10–20, Sister Fib 1 (Exodus Preview)

13–14, Lot

15 Eliezer, Faith, Covenant, Exodus,

16 Hagar, Ishmael,

17, Circumcision, Covenant with Isaac

18–19, Lot

20:1–18, Sister Fib 2

21–22, Birth of Isaac, Offering of Isaac, Reiteration of Blessing

22:20–24, Genealogy of Nahor

23, Sarah's Death

24, A Wife for Isaac

25:1–11, Abraham's Death (see Isaac's death in 35:27–29)

25:12–19, Ishmael and Isaac Toledots (25:12; 25:19)

25:20–26:5, Rebekah's Children Struggle in Womb, God's Promise to Isaac

26:6–35, Isaac Deceives Philistines and Has Strife

27:1–28:9, Stolen Blessing and Flight to Paddan Aram

28:10–22, Jacob's Dream at Bethel

29:1–30, Laban Deceives Jacob

29:31–30:24, Jacob's Seed Born

30:25–43, Jacob's Flocks Born

31, Jacob Deceives Laban

32, Jacob Sees Angels and Wrestles with God

33, Jacob Blesses Esau and Returns from Paddan Aram

34, Sons of Jacob Deceive and Have Strife with Shechem

35, God's Promise to Jacob, Rachel Dies Birthing Benjamin

36:1–43, Esau Toledot (2x, 36:1; 36:9)

37:1–11, Joseph Dreams

37:12–36, Jacob Mourns "Death" of Joseph

38:1–30, Judah and Tamar

39:1–23, Joseph Sold to Egypt

40–41, Joseph, Savior of Egypt

42–43, Journeys of Brothers to Egypt

44, Joseph Tests His Brothers

45, Joseph Reveals Himself

46:1–28, Journey of Family to Egypt

46:28–47:12, Joseph, Savior of His Family

47:13–31, Egypt Sells Itself to Joseph

48:1–49:27, Blessing of Joseph and Judah

49:28–50:14, Joseph Mourns Death of Jacob

50:15–26, Joseph Provides