

Genesis p.3.

God shows Abraham how to make sacrifices which are to be a picture of the eternal sacrifice that God himself will eventually provide through Jesus Christ (15:9).

All through the life of Abraham we find this picture of man moving about among people who have shut God out of their lives, but he is walking in communion with God, and looking for the fulfillment of God's promises.

Another fine picture of redemption is given in the life of Joseph; a terrific famine comes in the land of Canaan; the people are starving, and it looks as if the family of Israel may come to an end; but long before the coming of the famine God has already prepared a way of redemption for them; Joseph's brothers had sold him as a slave into Egypt; down there, through the blessing of God, he becomes head of the whole land, subject only to Pharaoh himself, and is able eventually to bring his brothers and his father down into Egypt. Joseph is able to see the hand of God in redeeming the race that he has chosen. His brothers are very much afraid that he will kill them because of the evil they have done to him, but he sees even in the evil that they did they were unconsciously working out the wonderful plan of God.

(45: 5,7,8.).

A convenient way to summarise the content of the Book of Genesis is in accordance with the prominent individuals. After the story of the creation in the first chapter, we have the account of the life of Adam. <sup>Adem</sup> ~~In the second chapter, Cain~~ and his descendants cover <sup>three</sup> ~~the~~ chapters. Then Noah and the events of his lifetime cover chapters six to nine. Abraham is the principal subject of chapters 12 to 25. We have events about Jacob in chapters 25, and following, up to chapter 37; from that time on Jacob is living during <sup>most of</sup> ~~the~~ the rest of the book, but the rest of the book is the account of the life of Joseph.

The name Joseph is the key for most of chapters 27 to 50, with a few parentheses. These names are convenient divisions for the book according to principal characters, and probably 4/5ths of the material can be grouped around these particular names.