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# ON THE BIBLE NARRATIVE.

# PERIOD I.

# FROM THE CREATION TO THE DELUGE.

#### SECTION 1.

WHO wrote the first five books in the Holy Bible? Name them. Why is the first book called Genesis? What is related in this section? How much of the Book of Genesis does it contain? How many years before the birth of Christ had the world been created? What was its original state? In how many days did God make the present universe? What was his work on the 1st day? on the 2d? on the 3d? on the 4th? on the 5th? on the 6th? What did God say of the things that he had made? How did God make them? What did God say of the making of man? How did the Lord God form man? Where did God put the man? What did he command the man? How was Eve formed? What did God say to Adam and Eve, when he blessed them? On what day did God end his work? What did God do to the seventh day? Why?

#### SECTION 2.

What is related in this section? How much of Genesis does it contain? Who tempted Eve? How? With what success? How came Adam to disobey God? What was the first effect of their disobedience? What did God say to the serpent? What promise did his words contain? How did God punish man? How was Adam a type of Christ?

#### SECTION 3.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? Who were Adam's first children? What were their employments? What crime did Cain commit? Why? How did God punish him? Whither did he go? What other son had Adam? For what was Enoch remarkable? For what Methuselah? Whose son was Noah? What relation to Adam?

# SECTION 4,

What, &c.? How much, &c.? What is said of the sons of God? [Explain from Note B.] What did the Lord threaten to do? Why?

What was the character of Noah? What did God command Noah to do? When did Noah enter the ark? With how many other persons? How long did the rain last? How long were the waters on the earth? Of what was the ark a type? How so?

#### PERIOD II.

#### FROM THE DELUGE TO THE CALL OF ABRAHAM.

# SECTION 1.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? Where did the ark rest? When B.C.? How did Noah know when the waters were abated? What did he wait for before he left the ark? How long had he remained in it? What was Noah's first act on leaving the ark? What commands did God give to Noah? How was murder to be punished? What promise did God give to Noah? What token? Who were the sons of Noah? Who was the son of Ham? How old was Noah when he died? When B. C.?

# SECTION 2.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? What nations of the earth are the descendants of Shem? of Ham? of Japheth? Who founded the first kingdom at Babel? What did the "children of men" attempt to do? where? why? How did the Lord frustrate them? why?

# SECTION 3.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? When was Abram born? where? who was his father? who his brothers? who his nephew? who his wife? What relation was he to Shem? Where did Terah emigrate?

# PERIOD III.

FROM THE CALL OF ABRAHAM TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE ISRAELITES OUT OF EGYPT.

# SECTION 1.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? What was God's command and promises to Abram? Point out Abram's journeys till he came to Bethel. What caused Lot to separate from him? Where did Lot go? Where did Abram afterwards pitch his tent? What misfortune happened to Lot? How was he rescued? Who met Abram on his return? What passed between them? Of whom was Melchizedek a type? Heb. vii. explain. What passed between Abram and the King of Sodom? What promise did God repeat to Abram? By what ceremony did he confirm it? Explain. What did the Lord further prophesy respecting Abram's posterity? Explain.

#### SECTION 2.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? Who was Hagar? What child did she bear to Abram? How old was Abram when God renewed his covenant with him? How did he change his name, and his wife's? Explain. What rite did he appoint as a mark of Abraham's posterity? Of what typical? Explain. What promise of issue did He give him? What did Abraham desire for Ishmael? What did God promise concerning him? With whom did God say He would establish his covenant? What visit did Abraham receive in the plains of Mamre? How did he address the visitors? Explain. What promise did they repeat to him?

# SECTION 3.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? Why did the Lord say he would not hide his counsel from Abraham? What did God inform him concerning Sodom and Gomorrah? How did Abraham intercede with God for them? What visit and warning did Lot receive at Sodom? What happened to the cities of the plain? Explain. What became of Lot's wife? Explain.

# SECTION 4.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? Show where Abraham next so-journed. When was Isaac born? What was done to Hagar and Ishmael? How were they relieved? Where did Ishmael dwell? Explain. How did the Lord try Abraham's faith? Where? Of whom was Isaac a type? How? Where did Abraham dwell afterwards?

# SECTION 5.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? How old was Sarah when she died? Where was she buried? Where did Abraham seek a wife for his son Issac? Why? By what sign did the servant intreat God to point out to him the appointed wife of Isaac? Who was shown to him? What was her relationship to Isaac? What twin children did she bear? How old was Abraham when he died? Where buried? When B. C.?

# SECTION 6.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? What was the prophecy of the Lord concerning Esau and Jacob, before they were born? Was it fulfilled in them or their posterity? How? How came Esau to sell his birthright? What was it? Where did Isaac dwell? How was he obliged to migrate? Where did he go? On whom did Isaac wish to bestow his blessing? What was it? How was his purpose frustrated? What moral lessons are we to draw from this narrative? Why did Jacob fly? Whither?

# SECTION 7.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? For what purpose did Isaac send Jacob to Padan-aram? What happened to Jacob on his way to Haran? Why did he call the place Bethel? What did he pray for, and promise? Whom did he meet with at the well in Mesopotamia?

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What agreement did Laban make with Jacob? How did he break it? What children had Jacob by Leah? by Bilhah? by Zilpah? by Rachel? Why was Laban unwilling to let Jacob depart? What wages did Jacob stipulate for? What was the conduct of Laban's sons? How long was Jacob with Laban?

#### SECTION 8.

What, &c.? How much, &c. What did the Lord command Jacob? What river did Jacob cross? What had Rachel done? Explain. Where did Laban overtake Jacob? What prevented him from molesting Jacob? With what covenant did they part at last? What vision had Jacob? In what fear was he? What was his prayer? How did he seek to appease Esau? When and why was Jacob's name changed to Israel? How did Esau receive him?

# SECTION 9.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? Point out the course of Jacob's journey. What happened at Ephrath? Explain. How old was Isaac when he died? Where and when? Where did Esau go and dwell?

# SECTION 10.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? What made Joseph hated by his brethren? What dream did he tell them? What other dream? Where was Joseph sent to seek his brethren? Where did he find them? What did they purpose to do? Who dissuaded them? What did they do with him? Whither was he taken? What story did they take home? Who became master of Joseph? How did he use him? Who tempted him to sin? What did she do in her rage? How did Potiphar revenge himself on Joseph? How was Joseph treated in prison?

# SECTION 11.

What, &c.? How much, &c? Who were put in the same prison with Joseph? How did Joseph interpret the chief butler's dream? How that of the chief baker? Were they fulfilled? How came Joseph to be sent for by Pharaoh? How did he interpret Pharaoh's dreams? What advice did he give? How did Pharaoh exalt Joseph? How old was Joseph? What children had he?

# SECTION 12.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? For what purpose did Jacob send his sons into Egypt? Whom did he keep at home? What passed between them and Joseph? On what conditions did he let them go with corn? Whom did he keep as a hostage? What liberality did he show them? Was Jacob willing to send Benjamin? Who persuaded him?

# SECTION 13.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? How did Joseph treat them the second time? How did he distinguish Benjamin at the feast? What did he have placed in his sack? For what purpose? What did Judah say to Joseph? What was Joseph moved to do? How did he encourage his brethren, when they were troubled at his presence? What message did he send to Jacob? What did Pharaoh offer? What did Jacob say when he heard that Joseph was alive? What moral lessons does the history of Joseph teach?

#### SECTION 14.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? What vision had Jacob at Beersheba? How many were his family that went into Egypt? Where did Joseph meet him? Where did Pharaoh allow them to dwell? What did Jacob say to Pharaoh? In what part of Goshen did Joseph settle his family? How did Joseph increase the power and revenues of Pharaoh? When B. C.?

#### SECTION 15.

What, &c.? How much of Genesis and Exodus does it contain? Why is the second book called Exodus? How long did Jacob live in Egypt? At what age did he die? Where did he desire to be buried? How did Jacob bless the sons of Joseph? Explain. Did Joseph bless his other sons? Mention what he said of them, and especially his prophecy of the Messiah. How fulfilled? Whither did Joseph journey? Why? How long did Joseph live? What did he predict on his deathbed? How did the Israelites prosper in Egypt?

# SECTION 16.

What, &c.? How much of Exodus does it contain? What new king of Egypt arose? Explain. What did he say to his people? How did he treat the Israelites? Did they nevertheless increase? What cruel mandate did Pharaoh issue? Who disobeyed it? How? What became of her child? What caused Moses to fly from Egypt? Whither? By whom was he received? Whom did he marry?

#### SECTION 17.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? What vision had Moses? Where? Whom does 'the angel of the Lord' signify? iii. 6. For what purpose does our Saviour quote this verse? What did God command Moses? By what name did He reveal Himself? What does that name signify? What did God predict concerning Pharaoh and the Israelites? What objection did Moses make? What miracles did God work in his presence? Why? What is a miracle? What further objection did Moses make? How did the Lord answer it? Whom did He appoint to accompany Moses? For what purpose? Explain the passage. How did the children of Israel behave when they received the message from God? When?

#### SECTION 18.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? What did Moses and Aaron say to Pharaoh? How did he reply? How did he increase the burdens of the Israelites? How did he answer their remonstrances? What did they say to Moses and Aaron? What did Moses do? What did the Lord declare and promise? What did He say concerning his Name? Explain from Note C. What is meant by the Lord's hardening Pharaoh's heart? When did He first execute this threat?

## SECTION 19.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? What did Aaron do before Pharaoh and his servants? Who did the same? How were they able? For what purpose? What fact showed this? What was the 1st Plague of Egypt? the 2d? the 3d? the 4th? the 5th? the 6th? How many could the magicians imitate? At which did they fail? What mercy was shown to the Israelites?

### SECTION 20.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? What was the 7th Plague? the 8th? the 9th? How did Pharaoh act on these occasions? What is remarkable in the nature of the plagues? How were they directed against the superstitions and idolatries of Egypt?

#### SECTION 21.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? What did the Lord tell Moses he would do? What did Moses say to Pharaoh? What preparations were the Israelites commanded to make? What was this institution called? What was its design? What festival in the Christian Church corresponds to it? What were the time and ceremonies of its observance? What was the difference between the civil and sacred year of the Jews? See Note D. What circumstances in the Passover were typical, and of what antitypes? What was the last Plague of Egypt? How did the children of Israel leave Egypt? How did they spoil the Egyptians? Why? Show the justice of this. What were their numbers? How long had they dwelt in Egypt? Whither did they march? Point out the places they passed through. How was God present with them? What did Moses take out with him? Why? What were to be consecrated to the Lord? How? Explain. When was the Exodus B.C.?

# PERIOD IV.

FROM THE DEPARTURE OF THE ISRAELITES OUT OF EGYPT TO THEIR ENTRANCE INTO THE LAND OF CANAAN.

# SECTION 1.

What, &c.? How much, &c.? How did Pharaoh act on the departure of the Israelites? How did the Lord prevent the Egyptians from overtaking the Israelites? How did He destroy the former and save the latter? How did Moses and the people celebrate their deliverance? Trace their journey from the Red Sea to Elim? What happened at Marah?