

Welcome to the Northview Summer Genesis Study.

Incredibles 2 was recently released and it is a great movie. As is the case with all good sequels, people could watch Incredibles 2 without any knowledge of the first movie and still engage with the story. Those of us who have seen the first movie dozens of times, however, have a deeper appreciation for the humor and plot because we know the characters and relate to them on a variety of levels.

From September 2018 until March 2019, Northview Men and Women will be studying the biblical story contained in the book of Exodus. Exodus is the sequel to Genesis. We will invite everyone to join the Exodus study regardless of their level of biblical knowledge and we are certain that they will be challenged and encouraged by God's word. However, we also know that people will appreciate the study at a deeper level if they know its history: the characters and storyline of Genesis.

With this in mind, we are inviting you to study Genesis along with us this summer.

In the following pages you will find a week's worth of study materials.

Our goal is to read through Genesis 1-25 in July and Genesis 26-50 in August; to this end we have divided the book into reading segments of 4-7 chapters per week.

If you have any questions, feel free to email us:

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Summer Study Format:

Our regular weekly bible study curriculum (September > May) is systematic and organized with specific questions regarding a section of scripture. Summer studies are quite different: they provide people with some structure and accountability to read God's word over summer in a more minimalist form. In summer, we aim to provide people with tools that teach them how to understand and reflect on the Biblical story without many additional prompts. We hope that practicing these tools repeatedly will make them familiar, and that you will use them as you study other Old Testament narratives in the future.

With this in mind, for each reading we will encourage you to:

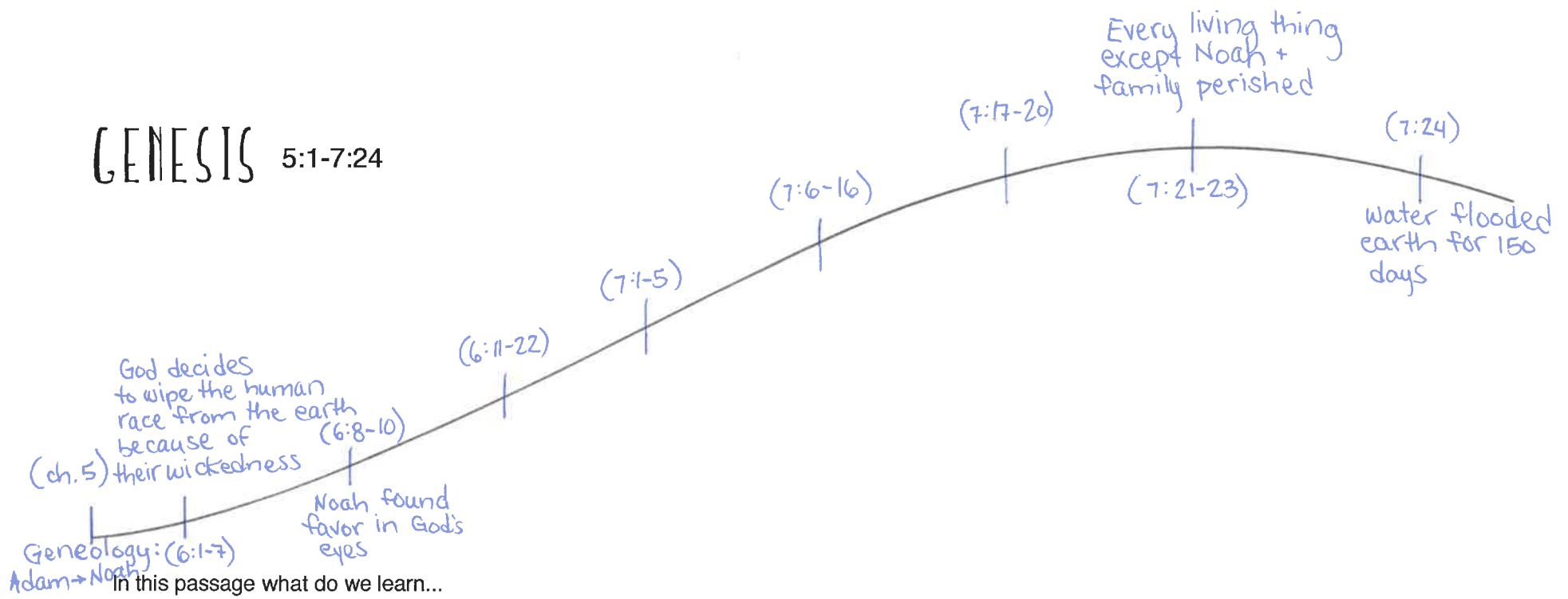
- 1) **Record the flow of the story on a Plot Diagram.** Every story (whether it's recounted in a modern novel, a movie or in the Bible) starts somewhere and ends somewhere, and individual stories within the larger story advance the action. You will understand the story better if you can identify:
 - a) The setting of the story
 - b) The conflict or situation which initiates the story
 - c) The 'rising action': how the story progresses
 - d) The climax of the story
 - e) The resolution and new setting as the story ends.

The importance of understanding the plot is explained here: <https://thebibleproject.com/videos/plot-biblical-narrative/>

2) Reflect on:

- **What this reading teaches you about God:** There is no difference in God's character between the New Testament and Old Testament. Whatever you learn about the character and nature of God in Old Testament narratives is still true of Him today, so write down what you learn about who He is and how He acts.
- **What this reading teaches you about people:** The Bible records God's purposes for people and also recounts their successes and failures. With the exception of Jesus, biblical characters are all fallible, and you will see characteristics of yourself / your family members / your friends in their responses to God and to other people. Write down what you observe.
- **What this reading teaches you about sin and our need for a Savior.** The more we read about God's holiness and people's rebellion, the more we understand how and why we need Jesus to save us from our own sin and restore us to right relationship with God. Record what each story teaches you about the nature of sin and why we need a savior.

GENESIS 5:1-7:24



...about God?	...about people?	...about sin and our need for a Saviour?

GENESIS 8:1-9:29

(9:17)

God makes covenant between Himself + all living creatures

God preserved Noah + animals

(8:1)

In this passage what do we learn...

...about God?	...about people?	...about sin and our need for a Saviour?

GENESIS 10:1-11:26

God confused
language +
scattered
people

Genealogy
of Abram

Genealogy
of Noah's
sons

whole world had
1 language + settled together
(Gen. 10)
In this passage what do we learn...

...about God?	...about people?	...about sin and our need for a Saviour?