St. Mary & St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church, Indiana



2026 Nativity Fast Bible Competition

A Study of the Book of

Genesis

The Book of Genesis

1. What does the Book of Genesis mean?

A. The book of the creation of the world and everything in it.
B. The book of the origins of things.
C. The book of beginnings, as it contains approximately seven beginnings.
D. All of the above.

2. The Book of Genesis is the book that:

A. Introduces us to God and to ourselves.
B. Presents the story of creation, the fall of humanity, death, redemption, the division of peoples, and the origin of languages.
C. Contains the history of the great patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.
D. All of the above.

3. Who wrote the Book of Genesis?

A. Moses the prophet.
B. Samuel.
C. The Holy Spirit through Moses the prophet, as Christ confirmed to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.
D. An unknown author.

4. Genesis begins with "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," and the Gospel of John begins with "In the beginning was the Word." Which beginning came first?

A. The beginning in Genesis.
B. The beginning in the Gospel of John.
C. Proverbs 8:22–31 explains the answer.
D. Both occurred together.

5. The first two verses of Genesis indicate that:

A. God is the only Creator.
B. God created matter, space, and water.
C. God created motion and power.
D. All of the above.

6. According to Genesis, the first thing God said was:

A. Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.
B. Let the earth bring forth living creatures.
C. Let there be light.
D. Let the waters under the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear.

7. What was the first thing in creation that God saw was good?

A. Dry land and seas.
B. Plants and wild animals.
C. Eve.
D. Light.

8. On which day of creation did God create humanity?

A. The second day.
B. The morning of the fourth day.
C. The sixth day.
D. None of the above.

9. Which Church sacraments are foreshadowed through symbols and references in Genesis?

A. The Sacrament of Baptism.
B. The Sacrament of Matrimony.
C. The Sacraments of Priesthood and Holy Communion.
D. All of the above.

10. What punishment did God say would come upon the person who ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

A. He would be expelled from the Garden of Eden.
B. He would discover that he was naked.
C. You shall surely die.
D. He would be cursed.

11. What was the nature of the serpent in the Garden of Eden?

A. The serpent was an ordinary animal.
B. It was more cunning than all the beasts of the field.
C. Satan entered the serpent and spoke through it with lies, deceit, and deception.
D. The devil, Satan, and the dragon are called the ancient serpent (Revelation 12:9), because he is a murderer and a liar.

12. What were the most dangerous weapons Satan, through the serpent, used to cause Eve to fall?

A. Isolating her from Adam.
B. Engaging her in a seemingly innocent discussion.
C. Casting doubt on God's words, denying their truth, and tempting her to become like God.
D. Breaking the fast.

13. The first divine commandment given to humanity was:

A. A commandment of love.
B. A commandment of fasting.
C. A commandment of giving.
D. All of the above.

14. On what occasions is Egypt mentioned in Genesis?

A. The Gihon River is the ancient name of the Nile and is the second river of the Garden of Eden.
B. Sodom and Gomorrah were described as green land, like the garden of the Lord and the land of Egypt (Genesis 13:10).
C. Abraham and Jacob went down to Egypt, and Joseph spent most of his life there.
D. All of the above.

15. While pronouncing humanity's punishment, God gave the first promise, prophecy, and symbol of salvation:

A. The seed of the woman would crush the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15).
B. God made garments of skin for Adam and Eve to cover their nakedness, symbolizing the sacrifice of the Cross (Genesis 3:21).
C. God placed cherubim to guard the tree of life so humanity would not eat from it and live forever under the curse.
D. A and B.

16. The following were reasons the Lord destroyed the earth by the Flood, EXCEPT:

A. The earth became corrupt and filled with violence, and humanity turned away from the knowledge of God.
B. The sons of God mingled with the daughters of men and produced giants and tyrants.
C. Human wickedness increased, and every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was continually evil.
D. The appearance of those who denied the faith and of atheists.

17. According to Genesis 7, how long did the floodwaters cover the earth?

A. 40 days.
B. 100 days.
C. 150 days.
D. 300 days.

18. Noah was a righteous man, perfect in his generations, and walked with God. What does this indicate?

A. Noah's righteousness and perfection were relative to the wicked generations in which he lived.
B. Noah and his family were saved through their righteousness, while the world perished through its wickedness.
C. God is not concerned with the majority but seeks faith, faithfulness, and obedience.
D. All of the above.

19. Noah's ark represents:

A. A divine plan.
B. A symbol of Christ as the only way to salvation from judgment and destruction.
C. A symbol of Baptism: those who accepted it and entered were saved, while those who rejected it perished.
D. All of the above.

20. The story of the Flood and the ark was:

A. A historical reality rather than merely a myth.
B. Confirmed by archaeology and geology, including the presence of the ark on Mount Ararat.
C. Confirmed by our Lord Jesus Christ when He said, “As it was in the days of Noah.”
D. All of the above.

21. What was the sign of God's covenant with Noah that He would never again destroy the earth by a flood?

A. A blood sacrifice.
B. A rainbow.
C. The construction of a high tower.
D. None of the above.

22. What two reasons were given for building the city and Tower of Babel?

A. To control their enemies.
B. To reach God and become like Him.
C. To make a name for themselves and avoid being scattered across the earth if another flood occurred.
D. A and B.

23. God confused the languages of the builders of the Tower of Babel and scattered them, demonstrating that:

A. The Creator rules over the kingdoms of humanity and intervenes in the affairs of nations.
B. God scatters the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
C. Languages originated and peoples spread across the earth from this event.
D. All of the above.

24. Abraham was exemplary in his obedience except on one occasion when his obedience led to disaster. Which occasion was it?

A. God called Abram to leave his land and family and go to an unknown land, and he obeyed.
B. God asked Abraham to offer his beloved only son Isaac as a burnt offering, and he obeyed.
C. Sarah asked her husband Abram to go in to her maidservant Hagar, and he obeyed.
D. God gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision and commanded him and his descendants to be circumcised, and he obeyed.

25. Abraham made several serious mistakes when he went down to Egypt during the famine:

A. He lied and made Sarah lie by claiming she was his sister.
B. He brought the maidservant Hagar back with him from Egypt.
C. He did not consult the Lord.
D. All of the above.

26. The first example of tithing appears in Genesis 14, when Abraham gave his tithe to whom?

A. Eli the priest.
B. Shem.
C. Melchizedek the priest.
D. None of the above.

27. For how long did the Lord tell Abraham that his descendants would be enslaved and afflicted in a foreign land?

A. 70 years.
B. 100 years.
C. 400 years.
D. 3 years.

28. How many righteous people did the Lord initially agree would spare Sodom, and to what number was this reduced after Abraham's intercession?

A. 1,000, then 500.
B. 500, then 200.
C. 100, then 50.
D. 50, then 10.

29. What did Abraham offer instead of his son Isaac?

A. Two pairs of doves.
B. The fatted calf.
C. A ram caught by its horns.
D. A lamb from his servants [uncertain wording in source].

30. Isaac's life was exemplary and honorable in all the following respects, EXCEPT:

A. He lied to Abimelech, claiming Rebekah was his sister rather than his wife.
B. He was peaceful and gentle and did not like quarrels.
C. He went against God's will by intending to give the blessing to Esau rather than Jacob because of the food he ate.
D. A and C.

31. To whom did God declare, "Two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; one people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger"?

A. Rebekah.
B. Rachel.
C. Hagar.
D. Lot's wife.

32. The Lord appeared to Jacob in the wilderness at the top of a ladder extending from heaven to earth, with angels ascending and descending on it. What does the ladder symbolize?

A. The Lord is near and gives His angels charge over His children.
B. The saving divine Incarnation, for Christ is the only way to heaven.
C. Angels do not need a ladder because they fly, but they ascend with prayers and descend with answers.
D. All of the above.

33. When Jacob blessed Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh, his eyesight had failed. He crossed his hands, placing his right hand on younger Ephraim and his left on older Manasseh. Joseph tried to move his hands, but Jacob refused. What does this mean?

A. The birthright is not always a matter of age; it may be spiritual.
B. The crossed hands were a symbol and foreshadowing of the Cross, the mystery of blessing.
C. Jacob himself was younger and received the birthright from his older brother Esau.
D. A and B.

34. Joseph the righteous was a type of Christ, with more than forty similarities between them. All the following are examples EXCEPT one:

A. Joseph was pure, faithful, wise, and forgiving.
B. Joseph was sold as a slave and went to Egypt.
C. Pharaoh named Joseph Zaphnath-Paaneah, meaning savior of the world.
D. Joseph took revenge on Potiphar's wife.

35. How did Joseph derive his interpretations of the dreams of the chief butler and chief baker?

A. He said the chief butler would be cleared and restored to the royal palace because he saw a vine and three branches of grapes, which he pressed and served. The vine represents Christ, and its juice symbolizes Christ's blood, the cause of our salvation.
B. The chief baker's destruction was indicated by his dream of three baskets [word unclear in source] of baked goods.
C. Joseph was wise and discerning, and the Spirit of God was in him.
D. All of the above.

36. How many dreams were there in the life of Joseph the righteous?

A. 2.
B. 4.
C. 6.
D. 7.

37. In Jacob's final blessing of Joseph, he summarized Joseph's life as follows:

A. “Joseph is a fruitful bough by a well.”
B. “His branches run over the wall.”
C. “The archers have bitterly grieved him, shot at him and persecuted him.”
D. All of the above.

38. Jacob's blessing of Judah contained remarkable and precise prophecies about Christ approximately 2,000 years before His coming:

A. “Judah is a lion's whelp.”
B. “He bows down, he lies down as a lion and as a lioness; who shall rouse him?”
C. Shiloh came after the royal scepter departed from Judah with the arrival of the Romans.
D. All of the above.

39. Jacob's blessing of his sons, the tribes, in Genesis 49 differed from Moses the prophet's blessing in Deuteronomy 33 for the following reasons, EXCEPT:

A. Jacob focused on his sons' characteristics and past, while Moses focused on the future.
B. Jacob spoke of his sons' faults as he saw them, while Moses spoke of them in light of God's grace and what they should become.
C. Jacob and Moses were contemporaries and met each other [uncertain wording in source].

40. The last word in Genesis was the name of a great nation. Which one?

A. America.
B. Russia.
C. Egypt.
D. Greece.

41. What did God say to Israel in the visions of the night?

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42. How many people of the household of Jacob came to Egypt?

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43. How did Joseph purchase all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh?

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44. Why did Jacob call his sons to gather together?

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45. For how many days did the Egyptians mourn for Israel?

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46. Why did the Canaanites call the threshing floor of Atad Abel Mizraim?

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47. What were Joseph's brothers afraid of?

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48. What did Joseph prophesy would happen to him after his death?

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49. What oath did Joseph require the children of Israel to take?

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50. Joseph reassured his brothers, saying: ...

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