Purpose: The purpose of the workbook is to provide hands-on written exercises that will guide you in the exploration of the major themes and issues of each book of the Old Testament. Often the processes used in the explorations will also instruct you on helpful Bible study methodologies.
1. Significance of names and naming in Genesis

Your mission: Discover two instances in Genesis when a person/place receives a special name that is significant. Explore its meaning, the one naming and its significance in the context in Genesis. What is the relevance of such naming for today?

Personal Name:

Name: _________________________ Reference: ______________
Meaning: ______________________
One Naming: ______________________
Significance of the name in Context:
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Personal Name:

Name: _________________________ Reference: ______________
Meaning: ______________________
One Naming: ______________________
Significance of the name in Context:
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Place Name:

Name: _________________________ Reference: ______________
Meaning: _______________________
One Naming: ____________________
Significance of the name in Context:

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Place Name: Reference: ______________

Name: _________________________
Meaning: _______________________
One Naming: ____________________
Significance of the name in Context:

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What is the significance of names and name changing in Genesis?
What is a special personal or place name for you? Why is it special?

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2. Genesis Duplicates and Triplicates

**Your mission:** Explore the similarities/contrasts and significance between duplicate stories in Genesis.

Make sure one of your lines treats the contexts.

*Ah, would you believe she's my sister? (Gen. 12, 20, 26)*

**Similarities**

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**Summary/Conclusions**

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Meeting God at Bethel (Gen. 28; 35)

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Two Creations (Gen. 1:1-2:4a; 2:4b-25)

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Two ways of Loosing a Son (Gen. 21; 22)

Similarities

Gen. 21:8-20

Gen. 22:1-19

Contrasts

Summary/Conclusions

Your duplicate stories: when have you had something sort of happen twice and what was its significance?

Genesis

3. Blessings and Curses

Your mission: Trace three major blessings and one curse in Genesis. What is the significance of such blessings in their context in Genesis? What is the significance of such blessings in our culture? Do we even have the concept?

Blessing #1

Blesser: ________________________ Reference: _______________

Blessed: ________________________

Blessing: _____________________________________________________

Context & Significance:

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Blessing #2

Blesser: ________________________ Reference: _______________

Blessed: ________________________

Blessing: _____________________________________________________

Context & Significance:

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**Blessing #3**

Blesser: ________________________  Reference: _____________

Blessed: ________________________

Blessing: _____________________________________________________

Context & Significance:

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**Curse**

Curser: ________________________  Reference: _____________

Cursed: ________________________

Curse: _____________________________________________________

Context & Significance:

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**When have you been blessed or cursed?**  By whom?  What was its significance for you?

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Genesis

4. Promises

*Your mission:* Explore the promises made in the book of Genesis. What are four major promises? How do they arise in the context? How are the promises actually made? How do they fit into the contextual flow of the Genesis story? What things block the fulfillment? etc.

**PROMISE #1**

Promiser: ______________________  Reference ________________
Promisee: ______________________  Blocks _________________
Promise: ______________________  Fulfillment? _____________
Context and Significance: _______________________________________
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**PROMISE #2**

Promiser: ______________________  Reference ________________
Promisee: ______________________  Blocks _________________
Promise: ______________________  Fulfillment? _____________
Context and Significance: _______________________________________
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PROMISE #3

Promiser: ______________________  Reference ________________

Promisee: ______________________  Blocks ________________

Promise:    ______________________  Fulfillment? ______________

Context and Significance: ________________________________________

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PROMISE #4

Promiser: ______________________  Reference ________________

Promisee: ______________________  Blocks ________________

Promise:    ______________________  Fulfillment? ______________

Context and Significance: ________________________________________

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5. Genesis Mesopotamia and Israel Maps

Locate the following sites on the Mesopotamia map: (know these)
- Babylon -- important later for Daniel/Nebuchadnezzar
- Ur - Abraham's original home
- Mari - Archaeological site with tablets
- Ugarit - Major tablet finding - time of Judges, like Hebrew
- Ebla - Major tablets from patriarchal times
- Nineveh - Assyria, Jonah goes there
- Haran - Abraham home where his father died, Laban
- Tyre - Important later Ezek, Alexander
- Damascus - Eliezer of Damascus, Abraham's servant
- Mount Sinai - Moses and 10 commandments
- Hazor - Famous large city in Israel
- Memphis - Home of Elvis and Egypt center
- El-Amarna - Archaeological tablet finds there
- Thebes - Major city south Egypt
- Trace the Tigris, Euphrates and Nile Rivers
- Write in regions: Babylonia, Assyria, Media, Persia, Egypt

Locate the following sites on the Israel map: (know these)
- Shechem - place of an altar
- Bethel - altar, Jacob's ladder
- Jerusalem - Melchizedek (Salem)
- Bethlehem - David and Jesus
- Hebron - Home of Abraham
- Beersheba - Abraham spent time here
- Gerar - Abimelech
- Gaza - Modern and ancient town
- Jericho - battle and walls, Joshua
- Sodom - place of sin and destruction
- Moab region - Lot's descendants
- Edom region - Esau's descendants
- Wadi Yarmuk
- Wadi Jabbok - Jacob's wrestling
- Wadi Arnon - Balaam, Moab boundary
- Wadi Zered - Northern boundary of Edom
- Salt Sea - Dead Sea, Sea of Arabah
- Sea of Galilee - Kinnerth, Jesus liked walk there
- Jordan River - Joshua crossing