

Critics of the Bible have denied the historicity of the cities of the Plain (Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim and Zoar) and the victory of Abraham over the kings of the five cities. The Ebla archives supports the biblical account by referencing all five cities, affirming their historicity. What is even more interesting, one tablet lists all five cities in the exact same sequence that they are found in Genesis 14. The other historical information found in these tablets is also consistent with the Genesis record.

## OUTLINE OF GENESIS

- I. The History of Creation (1-2)
  - A. The Creation of the Heavens and the Earth (1:1-25)
  - B. The Creation of Mankind (1:26-2:25)
- II. The History of the Fall to the Tower of Babel (3:1-11:32)
  - A. The Fall (3:1-24)
  - B. Cain and Abel (4:1-26)
  - C. Noah and the Flood (5:1-10:32)
  - D. The Tower of Babel (11:1-32)
- III. The History of the Patriarchs (12:1-50:26)
  - A. Narratives During Abraham's Life (12:1-25:18)
    - 1. The calling of and covenant with Abram (12:1-9)
    - 2. Abram and Sarah in Egypt (12:10-20)
    - 3. Abram and his nephew Lot (13:1-14:24)
    - 4. God's covenant with Abram repeated (15:1-21)
    - 5. Strife between Sarah and Hagar (16:1-18:15)
    - 6. God's dealings with Sodom and Gomorrah (18:16-19:38)
    - 7. Abraham's dealings with Abimelech (20:1-18)
    - 8. The birth of Isaac (21:1-7)
    - 9. The casting out of Hagar and Ishmael (21:8-21)
      - 10. Abraham's treaty with Abimelech (21:22-34)
      - 11. Abraham's offering of Isaac as a sacrifice (22:1-24)
      - 12. The death and burial of Sarah (23:1-20)
      - 13. Isaac's meeting of and marriage to Rebekah (24:1-67)
      - 14. Abraham's death (25:1-18)
  - B. Narratives During Isaac's Life (25:19-27:46)
    - 1. The birth of Jacob and Esau (25:19-28)
    - 2. Esau's selling of his birthright to Jacob (25:29-34)
    - 3. God's promise to Isaac (26:1-5)
    - 4. Isaac and Abimelech (26:6-35)
    - 5. Jacob's deceit (27:1-46)
  - C. Narratives During Jacob's Life (28:1-36:43)
    - 1. Jacob flees to Laban for his life (28:1-22)
    - 2. Jacob marries Leah and then Rachel (29:1-30)
    - 3. Jacob's many children (29:31-30:24)
    - 4. Jacob's wealth (30:25-30:43)
    - 5. Jacob flees from Laban along with his family and possessions (31:1-55)
    - 6. Jacob's interactions with Esau (32:1-33:20)
    - 7. Jacob's daughter, Dinah, is raped (34:1-7)
    - 8. Jacob's sons take matters into their own hands (34:8-31)
    - 9. Jacob is given a new name (35:1-15)
      - 10. The deaths of Rachel and Isaac (35:16-29)
      - 11. The lineage of Esau (36:1-43)
  - D. Narratives During Joseph's Life (37:1-50:26)
    - 1. The dreams of Joseph (37:1-11)
    - 2. Joseph sold into slavery (37:12-36)
    - 3. The story of Judah and Tamar (38:1-30)
    - 4. Joseph in Potiphar's household (39:1-23)
    - 5. Joseph in jail (40:1-23)
    - 6. Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams (41:1-36)
    - 7. Joseph becomes a man of influence (41:37-57)
    - 8. Joseph's interactions with his brothers and father (42:1-46:34)
    - 9. The famine of Egypt (47:1-31)
      - 10. Jacob's blessing of his sons (48:1-49:27)
      - 11. The death and burial of Jacob (49:28-50:21)
      - 12. The death of Joseph (50:22-26)