

**GENESIS 4 - 50**  
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**Genesis Outline:**

**Matter and Man (Gen. 1, 2): We know where we come from and why we are here!**

**Sin and Salvation (Gen. 3): God's word our standard; we are going where it directs!**

**Death and Deliverance (Gen. 4-9): We are living under the reign of death.**

**Confusion and Covenant (Gen. 10-50): God is building his church: Family→National→International!**

**Death and Deliverance (Gen.4-9):**

1. Two kinds produced (4:3-8). What is the difference between Cain & Abel's offerings? (Heb.11:4-6).
2. Through Seth's line (Gen. 4:25-26), man called on the Lord in faith. Still in Adam's image (5:1-3). Is the majority view that man is basically good or bad?
3. God blots out evil with the flood (Gen. 6:5-9). Why this story?
4. The flood was worldwide (Gen. 7:19-20). It did not cleanse man's heart (Gen. 9:20-27).
5. Good news: A righteous family was preserved by God's covenant (Gen. 9:8-13).

**Confusion and Covenant (Gen.10-50):**

1. Man's selfish ways lead to confusion (11:4-9).
2. God's Covenant established with Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3; Gal. 3:6-9) and sons (26:1-5; 28:10-15).
3. God is faithful, so, what are our responsibilities of his covenant (Gen. 18:19)?
4. God begins building his church through families which is the story of the rest of Genesis: Noah (Gen.6-10); Abraham (Gen.12-23); Isaac (Gen.24-26); Jacob (Gen.27-35); and Joseph (Gen.37-50).

**Consider God's love for families/households starting in Genesis:**

- Genesis 6:8-9, Noah finds favor with God; God saves his entire household.
- Exodus 12:3 God promises to save whole households out of Egypt if in faith they would apply the blood of the Passover lamb to their homes.
- Acts 16:14-15, Lydia and her entire household were baptized.
- Acts 16:31-34, The Philippian jailer and his entire household were baptized.
- 1 Corinthians 1:14,16, The household of Stephanus was baptized.
- 1 Corinthians 7:14, God declares that the unsaved children of believing parents are not part of the world but part of the church.
- Genesis 17:7, 11, 12, God promises to be the God of the believer and the God of the believer's children. Our children are not to be treated as pagans waiting to choose a god. The sign of circumcision was to remind the parent as well as the children that God had marked them out to receive his special love. Baptism now does this (See Colossians 2:11,12).

It seems we often miss the above passages and focus on Acts 2:38 for individualism while missing that Acts 2 is not about individual salvations through repentance and baptism but about God expanding his covenant as he promised from a national theocracy to an international theocracy; from a nation to every nation through households (Acts 2:5).

5. The sustaining power of God's family covenant is what gives hope to man's "genesis" (beginnings) that it will continue to a happy and heavenly destiny even to a "new covenant" (international) in Christ.