

How to Study the Bible

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Previously:

- Genesis 1-12 – 2000 years of literal interpretation gives us the Biblical model
- 3 Vantage Points in Bible Study:
 - **Synthesis** – big picture overview
 - **Exegesis** – examining the details
 - **Analysis** – handling topics Biblically

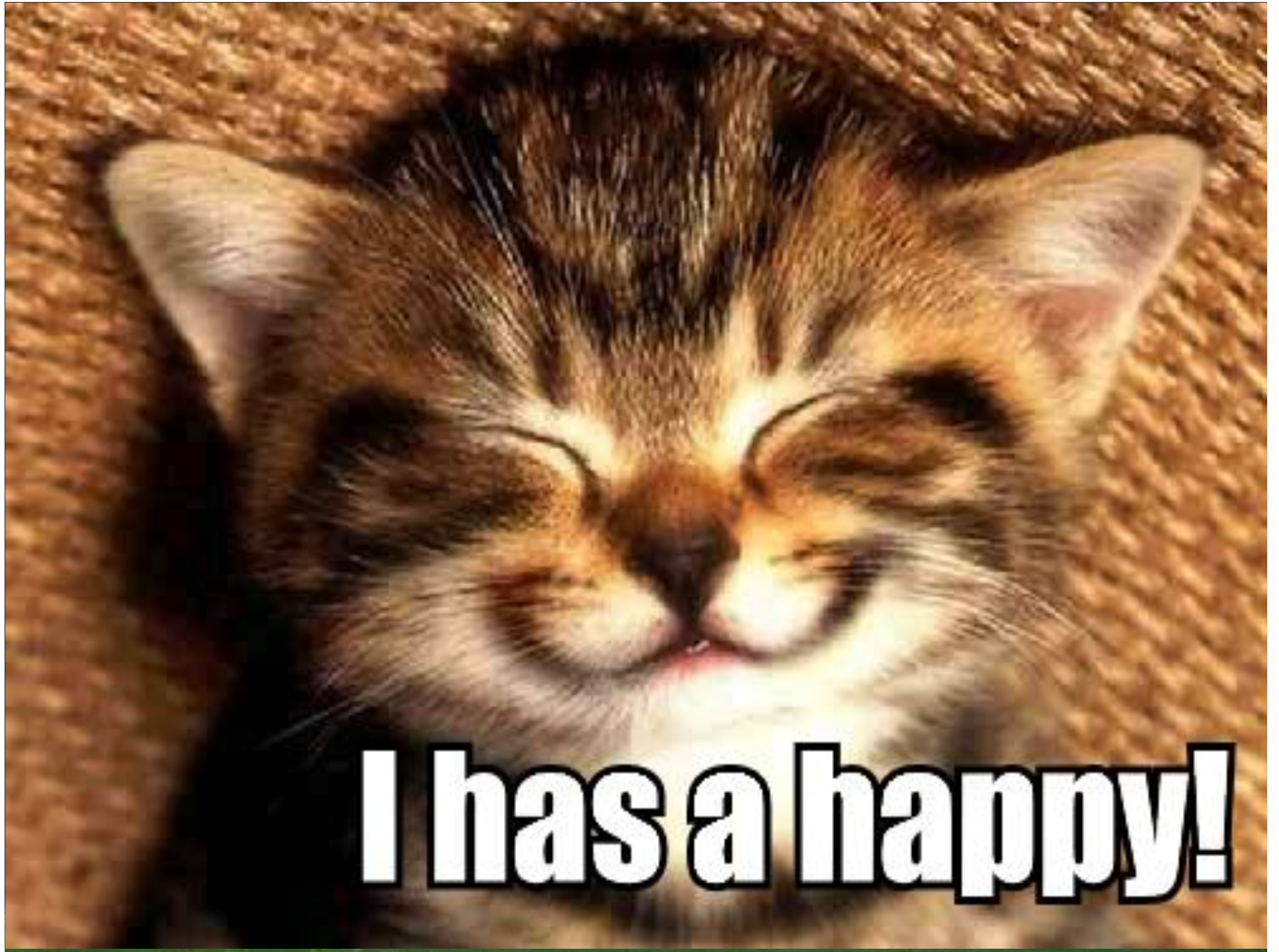
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Overview of Genesis

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Questions to Ask

- What kind of literature is it?
- What are the building blocks?
- What is the purpose?

Answering the Questions

- Read the book
- Observe, observe, observe

Question #1

Kind of Literature?

- Near East Myth?
- Poetry?
- Historical Narrative?

Question #2

Building Blocks?

- 11 Toledoth's
 - This is the account of...
 - These are the generations of...

The Building Block Outline

- 1:1-2:3 – Introduction (no toledoths)
- 2:4-4:26 – Heavens and Earth
- 5:1-6:8 – Adam
- 6:9-9:28 – Noah
- 10:1-11:9 – Sons of Noah
- 11:10-26 – Shem

The Building Block Outline

- 11:27-25:11 – Terah (father of Abraham)
- 25:12-18 – Ishmael
- 25:19-35:28 – Isaac
- 36:1-37:1 – Esau (2 toledoths)
- 37:2-50:26 – Jacob

Heavens and Earth

Adam (husband of Eve)

Noah

Shem

Ham

Japheth

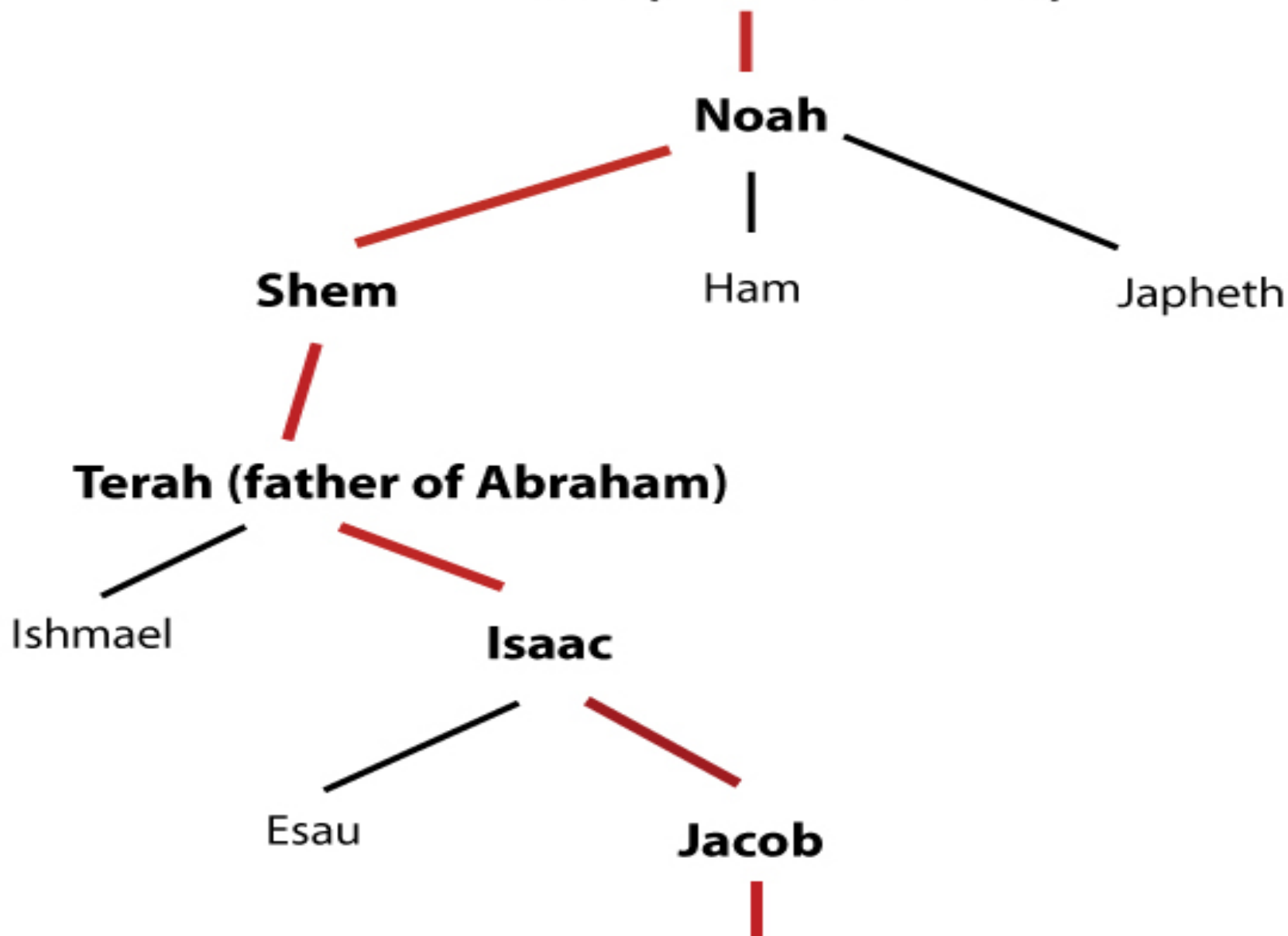
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**AND WE SHOULD CARE WHY
EXACTLY?**

Question #3

Purpose?

- Traces God's plan and promises from creation of the earth to the creation of His chosen nation, Israel
- Introduces the "machinery" God will use to glorify himself and bless all humanity (see 3:15, 12:2-3), and points us to Christ
- Shows us how important it is to understand God's promises and trust in Him, because **He is faithful!**

