

## The Characters of Genesis

<b>God</b>	First person of the triune God of the Bible; the Father, the Sovereign Being perfect in power, wisdom, and goodness who is worshipped as creator and ruler of the universe
<b>Spirit of God</b>	Third person of the triune God; distinguished from God in Gen 1:2
<b>LORD</b>	English word for Yahweh/Jehovah in the OT—the proper name of the one true God
<b>Adam</b>	First man created by God; given dominion of the garden of God; husband to Eve; his name means man; father of Cain, Abel, Seth and others; failed to protect his wife from being deceived
<b>Eve</b>	Wife of Adam; mother of Cain, Abel, Seth and others; her name means mother of the living, deceived by the Serpent and ate the fruit
<b>Serpent</b>	Satan, the devil, the fallen angel who opposes God and actively works to thwart God's will
<b>Cain</b>	Firstborn son of Adam and Eve; a farmer, lived as a fugitive on the earth after murdering Abel
<b>Abel</b>	Second son to Adam and Eve, a keeper of sheep; murdered by Cain
<b>Seth</b>	Third son of Eve, the father of the line from whom Jesus, the Son of God, would descend
<b>Noah</b>	Builder of an ark to the saving of his soul, a great man of faith and a 'preacher of righteousness'
<b>Shem</b>	Firstborn son of Noah, the son of the line from whom Abraham and Jesus would descend
<b>Ham</b>	Second son of Noah and the father of the Canaanites
<b>Japheth</b>	Third son of Noah whose descendants settled in Asia Minor and Europe
<b>Terah</b>	Father of Abram from the Ur of Chaldeans
<b>Abram/Abraham</b>	Father (patriarch) of the Jews (Hebrews) and the father of a multiple of nations including but not limited to Israel; the only man in the Bible described as a 'friend of God'
<b>Sarai/ Sarah</b>	Wife of Abram and mother of Isaac; her only son, the child of promise
<b>Lot</b>	Nephew to Abram, son of Haran, grandson of Terah; a herdsman, settled in Sodom; became the father of the Moabites and Ammonites
<b>Pharaoh</b>	Generic name for the king of Egypt
<b>Melchizedek</b>	King of Salem and priest of God Most High, a very mysterious character in Genesis having neither a beginning nor end in the narrative; the priestly lineage of Jesus
<b>Hagar</b>	Sarah's Egyptian female servant and mother of Ishmael by way of Abraham
<b>Ishmael</b>	Outcast son of Abraham by way of Hagar; considered to be a prophet in Islam
<b>Angel of the LORD</b>	Second person of the triune God; a preincarnate appearance of Jesus, the Son of God in the OT
<b>Isaac</b>	Only son of Abraham and Sarah; the inheritor of all the promises of the Abrahamic covenant; the husband of Rebekah and father of Esau and Jacob; a herdsman, envied for his wealth
<b>Rebekah</b>	Great granddaughter of Terah, sister of Laban, wife of Isaac, mother of Esau and Jacob
<b>Laban</b>	Father of Leah and Rachel, brother to Rebekah and great grandson of Terah
<b>Esau</b>	Firstborn twin son of Isaac and Rebekah; despised his birthright to the Abrahamic Covenant
<b>Jacob/Israel</b>	Twin son of Isaac and Rebekah, father of the 12 sons of Israel, the inheritor of all the promises of the Abrahamic Covenant; deceived his father to gain the blessing
<b>Leah</b>	Daughter of Laban, wife of Jacob, and mother of six of the sons of Israel and Dinah
<b>Rachel</b>	Daughter of Laban, younger sister to Leah, the love of Jacob, the mother of Joseph and Benjamin
<b>Reuben</b>	Firstborn son of Jacob and Leah
<b>Judah</b>	Fourth son of Jacob and Leah, the father of the tribe from whom King David and Jesus will descend
<b>Dinah</b>	Only daughter born to Jacob and Leah; sister to the 12 sons of Israel
<b>Joseph</b>	Beloved son of Jacob whose mother was Rachel; hated by his older brothers, used by God to save his family from starvation as the governor in Egypt, second only to Pharaoh
<b>Potiphar</b>	Captain of the Egyptian guard who bought Joseph as a slave
<b>Asenath</b>	Egyptian wife of Joseph and mother of Manasseh and Ephraim
<b>Manasseh</b>	Firstborn son of Joseph and Asenath; becomes one of the 12 tribes of Israel
<b>Ephraim</b>	Second son of Joseph and Asenath; becomes one of the 12 tribes of Israel and received the greater blessing from his grandfather Jacob