

GENESIS

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1. ESSENTIALS

What Do You Need to Know First to Study Genesis Well?

DATE: 1440 BC: Written in the wilderness period

GENRE: Torah: Law (also known as Pentateuch)

AUTHOR: Moses: All 5 Books of the Law

SETTING: Wilderness: Summarizing Oral History

PURPOSE: Origins: Man's Beginning & God's Covenant

AUDIENCE: Israel: God's People in all Generations

2. STORYLINE

What Do You Need to Know First to Study Genesis Well?

From the Very Beginning to Joseph

- God's Eternal Existence
- The Beginning of All Creation
- Mankind's Formation and Fall
- The Seed of Israel Introduced
- God's Earliest Covenants

KEY VERSES

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

- Genesis 12:1-3

3. THEMES & IDEAS

What Major Biblical Concepts Do We Find in Genesis?

God's Eternal Triune Nature & Power

Man Made in God's Image & Likeness

Man's Rebellion & Results of the Fall

God's Holy Judgment & Saving Grace

God's Faithfulness Through Generations

Call of Abraham & Promise of Blessing

Following the Promised Seed to Joseph

Gospel Glimpses & Covenant Promises

4. STRUCTURE

What are the major sections of Genesis?

CH 1-11: 1. 4 Key Events: Creation, Fall, Flood & Babel

Establishes the core foundations of the entire Bible and of the Christian faith

CH 12-50: 2. 4 Key People: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & Joseph

Follows the covenant Seed through the Patriarchal line, with an emphasis on faith



4. STRUCTURE - EXPANDED

4. What are the major sections of Genesis?

5. What do we learn about God from each of these sections?

6. What do these sections offer our Christian life?

CH 1-11: 1. 4 KEY EVENTS: CREATION, FALL, FLOOD & BABEL

The nature of God & man, our rebellious fall, the promised Seed, and God's plan of salvation

CH 1-2: God's Glory in Creation

God creates and fills the heavens and the earth, with a focus on His covenant relationship with man in marriage

CH 5-9: Man's Depravity & God's Grace

Wickedness increases, leading to God's judgment by the flood, while God saves & preserves mankind through Noah's ark

CH 3-4: Man's Sinful Fall & Aftermath

Satan's deception leads to Adam & Eve's disobedience, bringing death and corruption into the human race, now separated from God

CH 10-11: Table of Nations & Tower of Babel

Noah's descendants fill the earth, the nations pridefully build a tower in their name, God interrupts and sets the stage for Abram

CH 12-50: 2. 4 KEY PEOPLE: ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB & JOSEPH

Faith tested through trials, revealing types & shadows of the future gospel fulfilled in Christ

CH 12-22: Abraham: Covenant & Testing

God calls Abram out of a house of idolatry to begin a lineage for His promised Seed, a covenant tested through faith

CH 28-36: Jacob: From Deceiver to "Israel"

An insecure man who schemes for his own destiny, while God deals with him in dreams and wrestling to convert his heart

CH 23-27: Isaac: His Bride & His Blessing

Isaac, the miraculous son of promise, receives a prepared bride and unintentionally blesses his deceitful son by God's sovereign hand

CH 37-50: Joseph: From Dreamer to Deliverer

Joseph's God-given dream leads to his brothers' jealousy and slavery in Egypt, until God makes him a deliverer to the nations

5. HOW GENESIS POINTS TO CHRIST

- The first gospel glimpse (3:15) points to the "seed" fulfilled in the Virgin Birth
- Noah's ark pictures Christ: those in the ark are saved, like those "in Christ"
- Abraham's offering of Isaac mirrors the Father's future offering of Christ
- Like Jesus, Joseph was falsely accused, no sin mentioned, positioned as Savior of His people

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