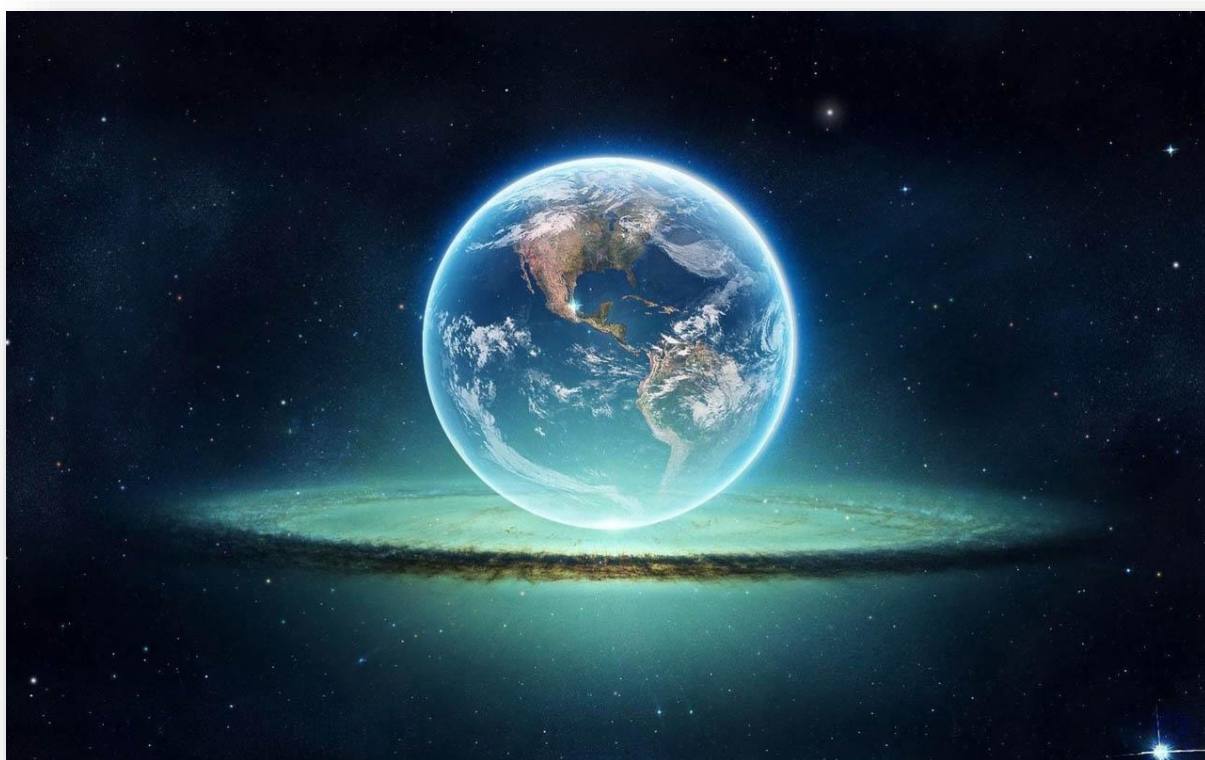


# Book of Genesis

## Synopsis



## Introduction

Book No	1
Name	Genesis
Written By	Moses
Testament	Old
Category	Pentateuch
Date Written	Approx. 1450 - 1410 BC
Place Written	Wilderness of Sinai
Audience	To the people of Israel
Purpose	To record the GOD's creation of the world and HIS desire to have a people set apart to worship HIM.
History Covered	2000 – 1640 BC
Chapters	50
Verses	1533
Key Verse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (1:27)</li> <li>❖ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (3:15)</li> <li>❖ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:  And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:</li> </ul>

	And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. (12:1-3)
Key People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Adam &amp; Eve</li> <li>❖ Noah</li> <li>❖ Abraham</li> <li>❖ Sarah</li> <li>❖ Isaac</li> <li>❖ Rebekah</li> <li>❖ Jacob</li> <li>❖ Joseph</li> </ul>
Key Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Ararat</li> <li>❖ Babel</li> <li>❖ Ur</li> <li>❖ Haran</li> <li>❖ Shechem</li> <li>❖ Hebron</li> <li>❖ Beersheba</li> <li>❖ Bethel</li> <li>❖ Egypt</li> </ul>

### Purpose of the Book

God. That's where Genesis begins. Genesis means "beginnings" or "origin," and it unfolds the record of the beginning of the world, of human history, of family, of civilization, of salvation. It is the story of God's purpose and plan for his creation. As the book of beginnings, Genesis sets the stage for the entire Bible. It reveals the person and nature of God (Creator, Sustainer, Judge, Redeemer); the value and dignity of human beings (made in God's image, saved by grace, used by God in the world); the tragedy and consequences of sin (the Fall, separation from God, judgment); and the promise and assurance of salvation (covenant, forgiveness, promised Messiah).

The people we meet in Genesis are simple, ordinary people, yet through them, God did great things. These are vivid pictures of how God can and does use all kinds of people to accomplish his good purposes—even people like you and me.

Genesis is remarkable for its exquisite narrative, highlighted by the inspiring account of Joseph and the divine preservation and multiplication of the people of God in Egypt.

It is a lesson in divine election, as Paul recounts in Romans 9. Genesis in many ways anticipates the New Testament: the very personal God, the Trinity, the institution of marriage, the seriousness of sin, divine judgment, and righteousness by faith. The Tree of Life, lost in Genesis, is restored in Revelation 22.

Genesis concludes with the blessing of Jacob upon Judah, from whose tribe was to come the Messiah: “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people” (49:10). Many centuries and many struggles will follow before this prophecy finds its fulfilment in Jesus Christ.

Read Genesis and be encouraged. There is hope! No matter how dark the world situation seems, God has a plan. No matter how insignificant or useless you feel, God loves you and wants to use you in his plan. No matter how sinful and separated from God you are, his salvation is available. Read Genesis . . . and hope!

### Overview

- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> book of the BIBLE, Old Testament and Pentateuch
- ❖ Genesis spends eleven chapters on the Creation, the Fall, the Flood, and the Babel account and then thirty-nine chapters on Abraham’s family history—fourteen of them for Abraham, three-and-a-half for Isaac, eight for Jacob, and fourteen for Joseph.
- ❖ The Hebrew name used for this books is “Bereshith”
- ❖ Genesis covers 2350 years of history.
- ❖ First 11 chapters covers 2000 years of history
- ❖ Last 39 chapters covers 350 years of history
- ❖ The events of Genesis end some three centuries before Moses’ birth
- ❖ Genesis spans more time than any other book in the Bible. Genesis covers more time than the remaining sixty-five put together.
- ❖ 4,100 years of recorded Bible history.

- ❖ Over one-half of it (2,286 years) is recorded in Genesis.
- ❖ The remaining 1,814 years are covered in Exodus through Revelation (65 books).
- ❖ WHY God chose Israel is explained in chapters 1-11
- ❖ HOW God chose Israel is explained in chapters 12-50.
- ❖ Genesis relates the beginning of almost everything, including:
  - ❖ Universe
  - ❖ Marriage
  - ❖ Redemption
  - ❖ Life
  - ❖ Sin
  - ❖ Prophecy
  - ❖ Mankind
  - ❖ Death
  - ❖ Language
  - ❖ Sabbath
  - ❖ Family
  - ❖ Sacrifice
- ❖ Total of 10 genealogies were given in this book
- ❖ It is the only book which describes God as resting (2:2, 3).
- ❖ It gives the first prophecy of the coming Messiah, of his suffering and eventual victory (3:15).
- ❖ It provides his first two names (Seed of the woman and Shiloh) (3:15; 49:10).
- ❖ It pin points the tribe from whence he would come (Judah) and is the first book to mention the city where he would be born (Bethlehem) . See 49:10; 35:19.
- ❖ The glory of God in creation (1:1) and the grace of God in salvation (Noah) (6:8) are both clearly seen.
- ❖ It provides the first illustration of the first example of divine redemption (the coats of skin) (3:7, 21).
- ❖ Jerusalem (a type of the heavenly) and Egypt (a type of the worldly) are first mentioned in this stage (13, 14)
- ❖ Here we first learn of a king called Melchizedek (14)
- ❖ Here the first of three great biblical covenants Abrahamic Covenant is introduced (12:1-3).
- ❖ History's first rebellion (Babel) and revival (Bethel) occurred in this book (11:4; 35:2-4).
- ❖ Genesis records humanity's first rebellion against God (3:1-6); Revelation records the final rebellion (Rev. 20:7-10).
- ❖ Genesis records the entrance of sin (3:1-6); Revelation records its exit (Rev. 20:10; 21:4-8).

- ❖ Genesis records the imposition of the curse (3:9-19); Revelation records the lifting of the curse (Rev. 22:3).
- ❖ Genesis records the beginning of death (3:19); Revelation records the end of death (Rev. 21:4).
- ❖ Genesis records the creation of the present heavens and earth (1:1); Revelation records the creation of the new heavens and earth (Rev. 21:1).
- ❖ Thus, the very first verse in Genesis gives us the theology of Creation, while the remaining 30 verses provide us with the chronology of Creation
- ❖ How glorious to realize the same blessed Holy Spirit who once “moved upon the face of the waters: (1:2), now actually dwells within the hearts of believers
- ❖ We note that as His creative work was well planned and perfect, so it is with His redemptive work in regard to us.
- ❖ According to Gen. 1:26, God made a “take charge” creature (man), assigning him to serve as king over creation, having dominion over all nature.
- ❖ Jesus came, not just to save us, but to restore our original destiny, namely, to rule over all things with Him
- ❖ Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were, for the most part, pilgrims.
- ❖ We see the people living long on earth in this book
- ❖ Genesis is quoted from over 200 times in the New Testament.
- ❖ In fact chapters 1-11 is quoted more than 100 times in the New Testament.
- ❖ It assures present day pilgrims of the following in regard to their journeys:
  - Where God leads—He feeds!
  - Where God guides—He provides!
  - Where God directs—He protects!

### Hebrew Names of GOD used in Genesis

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|-----------------|------------------|
| ❖ EL            | ❖ JEHOVAH-SHALOM |
| ❖ ELOHIM        | ❖ SHEPHERD       |
| ❖ EL-SHADDAI    | ❖ JEHOVAH-ELOHIM |
| ❖ ADONAI        | ❖ EL-ELYON       |
| ❖ JEHOVAH       | ❖ ABIR           |
| ❖ JEHOVAH-JIREH | ❖ SHAPHAT        |
| ❖ EL-ROI        | ❖ STONE          |
| ❖ EL-OLAM       | ❖ MELEKH         |

## Revelation of JESUS CHRIST

- ❖ The pre-existent Christ, the living Word, was very much involved in the creation.
- ❖ Jesus' ministry is anticipated in Genesis 3:15, suggesting that the "Seed" of the woman who will bruise the Serpent's (satan's) head is Jesus Christ
- ❖ Melchizedek is the mysterious king-priest of chapter 14. Since Jesus Christ is both King and High Priest, the letter to the Hebrews makes this appropriate identification (Heb. 6:20).
- ❖ The greatest revelation of Christ in Genesis is found in God's establishment of His covenant with Abraham in chapters 15 and 17. God made glorious promises to Abraham, and Jesus is the major fulfillment of those promises, a truth explained in detail by Paul in Galatians. Much of the Bible is built upon the Abrahamic covenant and its flowering in Jesus Christ.
- ❖ The dramatic story of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac at God's command bears a startling similarity to the crucial event of the New Testament. "Take . . . your only son Isaac, whom you love . . . and offer him there as a burnt offering" (22:2) reminds us of God's willingness to sacrifice His only Son for the sins of the world.
- ❖ Finally, Jacob's blessing upon Judah anticipates the coming of "Shiloh," to be identified as the Messiah. "And to Him shall be the obedience of the people" (49:10).

## Work of THE HOLY SPIRIT

- ❖ The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters" (1:2). Thus we find the Spirit involved in creation.
- ❖ The Holy Spirit also worked in Joseph, a fact obvious to Pharaoh: "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?" (41:38).
- ❖ We also perceive His working throughout the lives of the patriarchs as He protected them and their families and as He blessed them materially.

## Mega Themes of Genesis

### Beginnings

Genesis explains the beginning of many important realities: the universe, the earth, people, sin, and God's plan of salvation.

Genesis teaches us that the earth is well made and good. People are special to God and unique. God creates and sustains all life.

### Disobedience

People are always facing great choices. Disobedience occurs when people choose not to follow God's plan of living.

Genesis explains why people are evil: They choose to do wrong. Even great Bible heroes failed God and disobeyed.

### Sin

Sin ruins people's lives. It happens when we disobey God.

Living God's way makes life productive and fulfilling.

### Promises

God makes promises to help and protect people. This kind of promise is called a "covenant."

God kept his promises then, and he keeps them now. He promises to love us, accept us, forgive us.

### Obedience

The opposite of sin is obedience. Obeying God restores our relationship to him.

The only way to enjoy the benefits of God's promises is to obey him.

### Prosperity

Prosperity is deeper than mere material wealth. True prosperity and fulfillment come as a result of obeying God.

When people obey God, they find peace with him, with others, and with themselves.

### Israel

God started the nation of Israel in order to have a dedicated people who would

- (1) keep his ways alive in the world,
- (2) proclaim to the world what he is really like, and
- (3) prepare the world for the birth of Christ.

God is looking for people today to follow him. We are to proclaim God's truth and love



to all nations, not just our own. We must be faithful to carry out the mission God has given us.

### Life Lessons in Genesis

<b>Truth</b>	<b>Lesson</b>
<p><b>Keys to understanding GOD</b></p> <p>GOD is creator and only HE has self-existence. We are created beings. GOD created all living things to reproduce after their own kinds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Understand that as a creature you are ultimately accountable to your creator</li> <li>❖ Understand you can reproduce only what you are. Therefore pursue CHRIST likeness</li> <li>❖ Understand that GOD's nature is to provide for HIS creation. HE revealed Himself as "the LORD who provides"</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guidelines to avoiding sin</b></p> <p>Man fell by choice. The tempter is the father of lies (john 8:44) deceiving and seducing us to sin. The lie questions GOD's WORD giving our opinion absolute authority. Our opinions are easy prey to satan's deception</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Do not challenge GOD's WORD.</li> <li>❖ Ask instead what does GOD's WORD mean to me? How can I apply it to my life?</li> <li>❖ Suspect urgings that come from carnal appetites, visual enticements that invite acquisition and things that tug at personal ambition (1john 2:16)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Steps to hating sin</b></p> <p>GOD hates sin perfectly and thus it must be judged and punished. Civilizations have been judged for sin and collapsed as a result. Genesis teaches that faithfulness to GOD means hatred for sin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Avoid ungodliness (life that is unconscious of GOD. GOD destroyed the earth with a flood because of it</li> <li>❖ Turn away from all appeals to personal power and recognition. GOD confused human speech because of them</li> <li>❖ Flee from all immorality and impurity. Because of them GOD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Growing in Godliness</b></p> <p>Satan tempted Adam and Eve in the same ways he tempts people today: with “the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life” (1 John 2:16). They traded the eternal for the temporary, the truth for a lie.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Hold fast to the pure, inspired Word of God. Satan twisted God’s word and Eve added to it. This perversion of truth ultimately led to the fall of humanity</li> <li>❖ Recognize as temptation those things that activate the cravings of your flesh, the enticement of your eyes, and personal ambition. Resist them.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cultivating Dynamic Devotion</b></p> <p>The eternal, self-existent God is our Creator. We were created in the image of God, male and female, for high destiny intended for this lifetime and for eternal destiny in intimate relationship with our loving Creator. Understanding this truth leads to dynamic commitment and devotion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Understand the unique place given to men and women in creation. We are created for purpose in God and relationship with God.</li> <li>❖ Understand that you are created in the image of God. Therefore, pursue Christlikeness.</li> <li>❖ Recognize that we can learn of God’s nature through His names. His nature is to provide; thus He reveals Himself as “The LORD Who Provides.”</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pursuing Holiness</b></p> <p>God is holy—pure, perfect, and wholly separate from sin. Sin separates us from God, necessitates judgment, and grieves God’s heart. Genesis teaches that we must love God and hate sin.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Pursue righteousness. In a world confused and wicked, Noah found grace and was saved from the flood because God counted him “righteous . . . in this generation.”</li> <li>❖ Pray for the godly to increase in cities, and do not devalue even a small number. If only 10 righteous people had been found in Sodom, the city would have been spared.</li> <li>❖ Flee from immorality. Joseph chose to go to prison rather than sin against God.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Walk of Faith</b></p> <p>Abraham is called “the father of faith”; true faith was exemplified through his life. In the life of this</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Do not fear when God’s direction takes a turn you do not understand. He is completely trustworthy.</li> </ul>

<p>“friend of God” (James 2:23), faith is not defined as perfect character or behaviour, but simply believing what God says. Abraham’s life also demonstrates how we may grow in believing God’s word and encourages us to persist though we may grow slowly or not see our faith’s immediate fulfilment (Heb. 11).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Believe God’s promises to you. He is able to bring them to pass even though you may not see how.</li> <li>❖ Avoid striving to fulfill God’s promises in your own strength. Doing so always results in self-induced problems.</li> <li>❖ Trust that God will provide as He promises.</li> <li>❖ Remember that God’s provisions are strategically located along the pathway of faithful obedience.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Keys to Generous Living</b></p> <p>The lives of the patriarchs richly illustrate that generosity toward God and other people is the inevitable result of a life-changing encounter with God. The faithful act of tithing (giving a tenth) began as an act of faithful devotion to God to acknowledge that He alone is our source.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Recognizing that all we have comes from the Lord, we honor God by giving Him the tithe. Abraham tithed, thereby showing his allegiance to the Lord, the “Possessor of heaven and earth; . . . God Most High” (Gen. 14:19, 20).</li> <li>❖ Understand that, to the patriarchs, tithing was an expression of loyalty to and faith in God. It was also an expression of covenant relationship with God. It preceded the Law and today abides as a choice under grace.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Steps to Realize Fulfilled Vision</b></p> <p>The life of Joseph powerfully displays God’s sovereign ability to bring to pass His destiny for an obedient individual. In his youth, Joseph received a vision of God’s plan for his life. Shortly thereafter, it appeared that not only had the vision died, but that his life would be wasted away in slavery and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Ponder God’s vision. Do not share it prematurely, but ask God for His timing.</li> <li>❖ Expect God’s favor in the sight of others. God is able to make a way even when it seems impossible.</li> <li>❖ Remain faithful to God in all you do.</li> <li>❖ Do not compromise, especially when the vision is slow in coming.</li> <li>❖ Believe that God is sufficient. He has given you the gifts you need to realize His purpose through you.</li> </ul>

<p>prison. Nevertheless, Joseph remained faithful to God. That which had been meant for evil, God used to prepare and position His servant to realize the fulfilment of His vision for Joseph's life.</p>	<p>❖ Trust in God's sovereign providence. He causes all things to work for your good as you remain faithful to His calling and purpose for you.</p>
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### Praise Points in Genesis

- ❖ HIS creation of man and woman in his own likeness (1:26-27);
- ❖ The goodness of everything he has made (1:31);
- ❖ HIS compassion on those who disobey him (3:21);
- ❖ Christ's redemption of our fallenness (3:22-24);
- ❖ HIS covenant to preserve humanity and every living creature (9:8-16);
- ❖ The blessing shown to all people through Abraham's descendants (12:1-3);
- ❖ HIS ability to resolve any problem (18:14);
- ❖ HIS willingness to respond to appeals for mercy (18:23-32);
- ❖ HIS provision of a sacrifice to pay for our sin (22:10-13); and
- ❖ HIS plans to bless us even through failures and hardships (50:20).

### Worship Insights in Genesis

- ❖ Creation is an act of God's goodness; it continues to proclaim the Lord's power (1:12:25).
- ❖ Worship is more than ceremony; it is giving one's heart and life to God (4:2-7; 22:1-19).
- ❖ Worship begins with obedience (6:22; 12:4).
- ❖ True worship may lead us to give up possessions, status, and comfort in order to live in a covenant relationship with God (12:1-4; 13:18).
- ❖ Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob model for us joyful worship as a fitting response to God's revelation (17:3; 26:25; 33:20).
- ❖ God responds to our sinfulness with mercy and forgiveness. Worship is an appropriate response to that mercy (18:20-33).
- ❖ Giving to God and to his people is a gesture of worship (14:18-20).

- ❖ The sacrifice, the altar, the stone pillar, the drink offering, circumcision, the rite of purification, and the taking of vows are elements of worship that first appear in the book of Genesis.

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