

Genesis 01 - Introduction

1. Purpose of Studying Genesis

- a. It is the first and in many ways the most important book in the Bible.
- b. It contains the origins of life, death, world, man, sin, language, nations, salvation
- c. Every important Biblical doctrine stems from the seed planted in Genesis
- d. The Bible is built on the promises in Genesis – Deu 27:3, Neh 9:23, Lu 1:72, 2 Pe 3:4
 - i. The Bible stands or falls upon what is written in Genesis.
- e. Studying Genesis will strengthen our faith in the rest of the Bible as inspired.

2. What to Expect

- a. Details – 50 chapters; 1533 verses; 38,262 words; 4th longest in the Bible
 - i. Genesis means ‘origin’, ‘in the beginning’
 - ii. Part of the law, *Torah*, or *Pentateuch*. Written in historical narrative.
- b. Author – Moses: Joh 7:22, Ex 17:14, De 31:24-26, Lu 24:27, Ac 15:1; Gal 4:21, Ps 103:7
- c. Dispensational Context – Rom 16:25 says the mystery was secret from the beginning
 - i. Peter speaks of the times of restitution of all things – Acts 3:21
 - ii. When? During the wilderness wanderings of Israel ~15c. B.C. – Num 33:2
- d. Audience – The oracles were given to Israel – Acts 7:38, Rom 3:2, 9:4, 15:4, 15:8
- e. Purpose – To describe the origins of the world, sin, promises, and God’s people
 - i. Divinely inspired description of how the world came to be.
- f. Themes – Starts with life; ends with death – Gen 1:20, 1:30, 2:7; & Gen 50:26
 - i. Faith in God, God’s grace toward the fathers – Gen 6:8, Heb 11, Rom 4:16
 - ii. Institutional origins: marriage, family, nations, government, Israel.
 - iii. The miraculous, the mundane, over the course of millennia.
- g. Our Approach: “Thy word is true from the beginning” - Psa 119:160

3. Connections to Other Scripture

- a. God made all things – creation found in many other passages of the Bible also:
 - i. Proverbs 8:22-31, Prophets quote it – Isa 40:12, 21, 28; Isa 45:12, Psa 104
- b. People, places, events mentioned throughout - Sodom, Adam, Noah - Matt 24:37
 - i. Fathers of Israel, enemies of Israel, land of Israel – Psa 105:6,42, Acts 3:13
- c. Genealogy that matches the rest of the Bible – Gen 5, Gen 10, Luke 3, Matt 1
- d. Genesis and Romans – beginning of prophecy vs. beginning of the mystery
 - i. Romans 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 15 all have doctrines originating in Genesis
- e. Genesis and Revelation – origin of all things vs. end of all things
 - i. The Lord of all - Rev 4:11, 10:6; Paradise restored Rev 21:4, 22:14

4. Brief Outline

- a. Four major sections (some say 12 divisions) all based on “generations”
- b. Gen 1-12 (12 chapters) - The beginning generations – Gen 2:4, 5:1, 6:9, 10:1, 11:10
- c. Gen 12-25 (13 chapters) - The generations of Terah (Abraham, Lot) – Gen 11:27, 25:12
- d. Gen 25-36 (11 chapters) - The generations of Isaac – Gen 25:19, 36:1, 36:9
- e. Gen 37-50 (14 chapters) - The generations of Jacob – Gen 37:2

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