

**Genesis: Creation, Fall and Redemption**

1. A book of beginnings – the beginning of creation as well as the beginning of the people of God.
2. Covers the period from creation to the end of the patriarchs (Joseph).
3. Establishes God as the Creator of all things and therefore sovereign over all things.
4. Reveals God to be the divine judge as well as gracious and merciful to his people.
5. Establishes the Abrahamic Covenant as the foundational biblical covenant of the covenant of grace and Abraham as the father of all who believe the gospel (Rom. 4:11)
6. Reveals that God is patient and remembers his covenant promise.
7. By the end of Genesis, we know that a redeemer-king is coming to deliver his people from the curse, that he will do so by dying in our place as a sacrifice, and in so doing will lift the curse – all of which his people will hear about and believe, putting their faith in the promised messiah as their only hope.

**Outline:**

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| Gen 1-2   | Creation                |
| Gen 3     | Fall                    |
| Gen 4-5   | Cain, Abel, Seth        |
| Gen 6-10  | Noah and the Flood      |
| Gen 11    | Genealogy of Abraham    |
| Gen 12-25 | Abraham and Sarah       |
| Gen 21-35 | Isaac and Rebekah       |
| Gen 25-49 | Jacob and His Family    |
| Gen 37-50 | Joseph and His Brothers |

**Some Key Themes:**

1. Seed and posterity/genealogy
2. Family and Inheritance/Blessing
3. Covenant (especially w/ Abraham and his offspring)

**Some Key Passages:**

1. Gen 1:28-30; 2:15-17 The Covenant of Works
2. Gen 3:15 The Protoevangelium
3. Gen 8-9 The Noahic Covenant
4. Gen 12, 15, 17 The Abrahamic Covenant
5. Gen 22 The Sacrifice of Isaac
6. Gen 38 Judah and Tamar
7. Gen 49 Jacob Blesses His Sons

**Where is Christ in Genesis?**

- He is the Tree of Life in the Garden. Gen 2  
 He is the Seed of Eve who will crush the serpent. Gen 3  
 He is the animal slain to cover our nakedness. Gen 3  
 He is Noah who delivers from the curse. Gen 5  
 He is the ark in which salvation alone is found. Gen 7  
 He is Abram through whom all the nations of the earth will be blessed. Gen 12  
 He is Melchizedek, the King and Priest of Peace. Gen 14  
 He is the one who is cut off for his people. Gen 17  
 He is Abraham who intercedes for his people. Gen 18  
 He is the One who brings judgment on the wicked. Gen 19  
 He is Isaac, the only son who is given. Gen 22  
 He is the ram caught in the thicket, who gives his life for Isaac. Gen 22  
 He is Isaac, coming for his bride. Gen 24  
 He is the birthright which Esau despised. Gen 25  
 He is Jacob, blessed of his father. Gen 27  
 He is Jacob who works for his bride. Gen 28  
 He is the One with whom Jacob wrestled. Gen 32  
 He is Joseph, beloved of his father and sold by his brothers. Gen 37  
 He is the Lion of Judah from whom the scepter will not depart. Gen 49

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**Book Recommendations:**

1. *Creation and Blessing* – Allen P. Ross
2. *A Study Commentary on Genesis, 2 Vols.* – John D. Currid
3. *The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis* – Nancy Guthrie

# Genesis Study Guide

## Basics

Author: Moses

Date: mid-15<sup>th</sup> C. BC

Original Audience: Israelites

Major Section: Pentateuch

## Outline

Genesis 1-2 Creation

Genesis 3 Fall and First Promise of the Gospel (Protoevangelium)

Genesis 4-50 Redemption

Genesis 4-5 Cain, Abel, and Seth

Genesis 6-10 Noah and the Ark

Genesis 11 Babel and the Nations

Genesis 12-50 The Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob)

Genesis 37-50 Narrative of Joseph

## Lists to Memorize

### Days of Creation

Day 1: Day and Night

Day 2: Heavens

Day 3: Earth and Seas, Plants

Day 4: Sun, Moon, and Stars

Day 5: Fish and Birds

Day 6: Land Animals and Mankind

Day 7: The Lord Rested

### Twelve Sons of Jacob (by birth order)

1. Reuben (Leah)

2. Simeon (Leah)

3. Levi (Leah)

4. Judah (Leah)

5. Dan (Bilhah, Rachel's Servant)

6. Naphtali (Bilhah, Rachel's Servant)

7. Gad (Zilpah, Leah's Servant)

8. Asher (Zilpah, Leah's Servant)

9. Issachar (Leah)

10. Zebulun (Leah)

11. Joseph (Rachel)

12. Benjamin (Rachel)

### Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3 (The Covenant Promised)

Genesis 15:1-21 (The Covenant Cut)

Genesis 17:1-14 (The Sign of the Covenant)

## Verses to Memorize

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." Genesis 1:1-2

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." Genesis 3:15

"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

## Recommended Commentaries and Works Reflecting on Genesis

*Genesis* by Derek Kidner (Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries)

*The Gospel in Genesis: From Fig Leaves to Faith* by Martyn Lloyd-Jones

*Genesis: Beginning and Blessing* by R. Kent Hughes (Preaching the Word)