

Introduction to the Old Testament

I. Why Study the Old Testament?

A. It Is Part of God's Inspired Word

B. It Is Foundational to the Rest of Scripture

C. To Know the Lord Better

II. Structure of the Old Testament

A. Hebrew Canon

Table 1: The Jewish (Masoretic) Canon

The Torah	The Nevi'im	The Kethubim
Genesis	The Former Prophets	Poetry
Exodus	Joshua	Psalms
Leviticus	Judges	Proverbs
Numbers	Samuel	Job
Deuteronomy	Kings	The Megilloth
	The Latter Prophets	Song of Songs
	Isaiah	Ruth
	Jeremiah	Lamentations
	Ezekiel	Ecclesiastes
	The Twelve	Esther
		History
		Daniel
		Ezra-Nehemiah
		Chronicles

The Septuagint Canon

B. Protestant Canon

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Table 5: The Anglo-Protestant Canon

The Pentateuch	History	Poetry and Wisdom	Prophets
Genesis	Joshua	Job	Major Prophets
Exodus	Judges	Psalms	Isaiah
Leviticus	Ruth	Proverbs	Jeremiah/Lamentations
Numbers	1 Samuel	Ecclesiastes	Ezekiel
Deuteronomy	2 Samuel	Song of Songs	Daniel
	1 Kings		Minor Prophets
	2 Kings		Hosea
	1 Chronicles		Joel
	2 Chronicles		Amos
	Ezra		Obadiah
	Nehemiah		Jonah
	Esther		Micah
			Nahum
			Habakkuk
			Zephaniah
			Haggai
			Zechariah
			Malachi

III. Historical Setting

IV. Geographical Setting

A. The Significance of the Geography of Israel

B. The Location of Israel

1. Secular Significance

2. Theological Significance

C. The Geography of Israel

1. Four Main Longitudinal Regions

a) Coastal Plain

b) Hill Country

c) Jordan Rift Valley

d) Transjordanian Plateau

2. Other Important Regions

a) Shephelah

b) Negev

c) Judean Wilderness

d) Jezreel Valley

Introduction to the Torah

I. Names for Genesis-Deuteronomy

A. Torah

B. Pentateuch

C. Other Names

1. Law of Moses (Luke 24:44; Acts 28:23)
2. Book of Moses (Mark 12:26)
3. Moses (Luke 16:29; 24:27)

II. Background of the Torah

A. Authorship

1. Documentary Hypothesis

2. Moses

B. Time of Writing

1. Conservative

2. Liberal

Introduction to Genesis

I. Title of the Book

II. Theme of the Book

III. Structure of the Book

Creation of the Heavens and the Earth (1:1-2:3)
The Generations of the Heavens and the Earth (2:4-4:26)
The Generations of Adam (5:1-6:8)
The Generations of Noah (6:9-9:29)
The Generations of the Sons of Noah (10:1-11:9)
The Generations of Shem (11:10-26)
The Generations of Terah (11:27-25:11)
The Generations of Ishmael (25:12-18)
The Generations of Isaac (25:19-35:29)
The Generations of Esau (36:1-37:1)
The Generations of Jacob (37:2-50:26)

Exposition of Genesis

I. Creation of the Heavens and the Earth (1:1-2:3)

A. Views of the Genesis Creation Account

1. It's Wrong and So Reject It

2. Theistic Evolution

3. Ancient Near Eastern Myth

4. Gap Theory/Day-Age Theory

5. Six Day Creation

B. Defense of a Literal Six Day Creation

1. Problems with Theistic Evolution

2. The Genesis Account is Anti-Myth

3. Grammatical Support

4. The Connection with the Sabbath Commandment

C. The Six Days of Creation (1:1-31)

1. The Purpose of the Account

2. The Six Days

3. The Image of God

4. The Blessing

D. The Seventh Day (2:1-3)