

# Genesis: The Book of Beginnings



## What Does “Genesis” Mean?



The word Genesis means beginning or origin. This book tells us how many important things began:

- The world
- People
- Sin
- Marriage
- Nations
- Languages
- God’s covenant people
- The need for a Savior



*Genesis is the first book of the Bible and lays the foundation for everything that follows.*



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## Who Wrote Genesis?



The human author of Genesis is traditionally believed to be Moses.

Moses likely wrote Genesis around 1440 to 1400 BC while leading the Israelites after they left Egypt.

God guided Moses by the Holy Spirit so that what he wrote was true and trustworthy.

Even though Moses lived long after the events in Genesis, God revealed these truths to him.



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## What Was Happening ?



When Moses wrote Genesis, the people of Israel had just been rescued from slavery in Egypt.

They needed answers:

- Who is the true God?
- Why are we here?
- Why is the world broken?
- Why do we suffer?
- Why did God choose Israel?
- What promises has God made?



Genesis gave them identity, hope, and history. It reminded them that they were not random people in a desert. They belonged to the God who created everything.



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## Main Theme of Genesis



Genesis shows that:

- God is the Creator
- Man fell into sin
- God judges evil
- God shows grace
- God keeps His promises
- God begins His rescue plan



Genesis is about beginnings, but it is also about redemption



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## Simple Outline of Genesis



Chapters 1 to 11

*Creation and the early world*

- Adam and Eve
- The fall into sin
- Cain and Abel
- Noah and the flood
- Tower of Babel



Chapters 12 to 50

*The patriarchs (fathers of Israel)*

- Abraham
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Joseph



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## Key Stories in Genesis



### 1. Creation

God made the heavens and the earth in six days and rested on the seventh.

He made people in His image.

This means every person has value and purpose.

### 2. Adam and Eve Sin

Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

Sin entered the world.

Pain, death, shame, and separation followed.

### 3. Noah and the Flood

Because wickedness spread everywhere, God judged the earth with a flood.

But He saved Noah and his family through the ark.

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## Key Stories in Genesis



### 4. Tower of Babel

People became proud and tried to make a name for themselves. God confused their languages and scattered them.

### 5. Abraham's Call

God chose Abraham and promised:  
A great nation, A land, Blessing - That all nations would be blessed through him

### 6. Joseph in Egypt

Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, sold as a slave, falsely accused, then raised to power. God used evil for good and saved many lives.



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## How Genesis Points to Jesus

*Genesis is full of pictures and promises about Jesus Christ.*

### 1. The Seed of the Woman

After Adam and Eve sinned, God promised that one would come who would crush the serpent. This is the first promise of Jesus defeating Satan. (Genesis 3:15)

### 2. Animal Skins for Adam and Eve

God covered their shame with sacrifice. This points to Jesus covering our sin through His blood.



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## How Genesis Points to Jesus



### 3. Isaac on the Mountain

Abraham was asked to offer Isaac, but God provided a ram instead. This points to God giving His own Son as our substitute.

### 4. Joseph as a Picture of Christ

Joseph was rejected, suffered, then exalted and used to save others. Jesus was rejected, suffered, rose again, and saves the world.

### 5. The Promise to Abraham

God said all nations would be blessed through Abraham's family line. Jesus came through that line and brings salvation to all who believe.

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## Important Lessons from Genesis



### God Is Powerful

He created everything from nothing.

### Sin Is Serious

One act of rebellion brought pain into the world.

### Grace Is Greater

Even after sin entered, God made a rescue plan.

### God Keeps His Promises

Many years passed, but God never forgot His word.

### God Uses Broken People

Abraham doubted. Jacob deceived. Joseph suffered.

Yet God still worked through them.

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## Why Genesis Still Matters Today



Genesis answers questions people still ask:

- Where did I come from?
- Why does evil exist?
- Why do families struggle?
- Why do people long for purpose?
- Is there hope after failure?

Genesis says yes. There is hope because God has had a plan from the beginning.

### Key Verse

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

This verse tells us everything begins with God.

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## Insight in Simple Words

If you understand Genesis, you understand the roots of the whole Bible.

- Without Genesis, the cross makes less sense.
- Without Genesis, sin makes less sense.
- Without Genesis, covenant makes less sense.
- Without Genesis, Jesus as Savior makes less sense.

Genesis plants the seeds. The rest of the Bible shows them grow.

Genesis is the story of how everything began, how sin broke the world, and how God began His plan to save it through Jesus Christ.