

GENESIS



“The Book of Beginnings”

- **Theme:** *God’s plan begins here — creation, covenant, redemption — and everything ends as He promised.*
- Why Genesis Matters
- **Genesis is the Foundation:**
- First book of the Bible, first word in Hebrew = *Bereshith* (“beginning”).
- All major doctrines find their roots here: **creation, sin, salvation, marriage, prophecy, Israel.**
- Jesus affirmed Genesis as literal history (Matt. 19:4–6; Luke 17:26–29).

Important for us today?

- **Identity Crisis:** Our culture is confused about what it means to be human, male/female, marriage, right/wrong. Genesis answers these questions.

- **Foundation for the Gospel:** Without Genesis 3, we don't understand why we need a Savior.

- **Worldview War:** Evolution, secular humanism, gender theory, transhumanism — all assault Genesis as myth.

If the foundation is destroyed, the whole house falls (Ps. 11:3).

- **End-Times Preparation:** Genesis explains the rise of Babel (global rebellion), the corruption of the human race, and God's judgment — all patterns Jesus said would repeat at the end of the age (Matt. 24:37, "as in the days of Noah...").

Answers life's big questions: **Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where are we going?**

Yes it is!

- Without Genesis, we can't explain:
- Where we came from (origins).
- Why the world is broken (sin/fall).
- Why we need a Savior (redemption).
- Luke 24:27; John 5:46–47.
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Historical Background

- **Human Author:** Moses (Luke 24:27; John 5:46–47).
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- **Date of Writing:** Likely 1446–1406 BC (during wilderness wanderings).
- **Sources:**
 - Ancient genealogies (“these are the generations of...” statements).
 - Direct revelation from God (especially creation account).
 - Hebrews Chapter 11.
- **Audience:** Israel, freshly redeemed from Egypt — needed identity and a theological foundation.
- **Purpose:** Reveal God’s sovereignty, man’s purpose, and the plan of redemption.

Book Overview (Big Picture)

- **Ch. 1–11:** Universal History — Creation → Fall → Flood → Nations.
- **Ch. 12–50:** Patriarchal History — God's plan through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph.

Major Themes:

- God as Creator (Gen. 1–2) – everything begins with Him.
- Man's Fall & Sin (Gen. 3) – explains pain, death, and the curse.
- God's Promise (Gen. 3:15) – first prophecy of Messiah.
- God's Judgment & Mercy (Flood, Babel).
- God's Covenant Plan (Abraham to Joseph).

Major Threads from Genesis Through the Bible

- **Creation → New Creation** (Gen. 1–2 → Rev. 21–22)
- **Image of God → Restored Image** (Gen. 1:26–27 → Col. 3:10)
- **Sabbath Rest → Eternal Rest** (Gen. 2:2–3 → Heb. 4:9–11)
- **Marriage → Bride of Christ** (Gen. 2:24 → Eph. 5:32, Rev. 19)
- **Fall & Curse → Redemption** (Gen. 3 → Rom. 5, Rev. 22:3)
- **Protoevangelium (“First Gospel”) → Messiah** (Gen. 3:15 → Gal. 4:4)
- **Sacrifice & Covering → The Cross** (Gen. 3:21 → Heb. 9–10)
- **Flood & Ark → Salvation** (Gen. 6–9 → 1 Pet. 3:20–21)
- **Nations & Babel → End-Times Globalism** (Gen. 11 → Rev. 17–18)
- **Abrahamic Covenant → Gospel & Kingdom** (Gen. 12, 15, 17 → Gal. 3:8)
- **Chosen People → Prophetic Future** (Gen. 25–35 → Rom. 9–11)
- **Joseph → Christ** (Gen. 37–50 → Zech. 12:10)

Apologetics: Genesis vs. Evolution

- **Genesis is History:** Hebrew grammar uses narrative style (not myth).
- **Genealogies:** Connect Adam → Noah → Abraham → Christ (Luke 3).
- **Scientific Evidence:**
 - Design in DNA, fine-tuned universe point to Creator.
 - Fossil record better fits catastrophic flood model.
- **Why This Matters:**
 - If no real Adam, no real fall — no real need for Christ (Romans 5:12–19).

Key Pictures and Foreshadows

- **Creation → New Creation** (Rev. 21–22)
- **Tree of Life → Restored Tree of Life** (Rev. 22)
- **Marriage of Adam & Eve → Marriage Supper of the Lamb** (Rev. 19)
- **Noah's Ark → Salvation in Christ** (John 10:9)
- **Joseph's Life → Christ's Redemptive Work**

Current Trends & End-Times Parallels

- **Cultural Confusion:** Genesis clarifies identity, gender, marriage.
- **Days of Noah:** Violence, corruption, genetic tampering → mirrored today in AI, CRISPR, transhumanism.
- **Globalism:** Tower of Babel repeat — prepping world for antichrist system (Rev. 13).
- **Israel:** Regathered after 2,000 years — fulfilling covenant promises (Ezek. 37).

Application & Challenge

- **Genesis calls us back to the foundation.**
- *Ask: Am I living according to God's design as His image-bearer?*
- **Challenge:** Memory Palace to memorize Genesis.
 - Find 10 rooms in your house.
 - 5 items in each of the 10 rooms.

Room 1: Genesis 1–5 (Creation to Genealogy)

- **1** **Creation** – Light switch turns on, world comes alive (Gen 1)
- **2** **Garden** – Lush wedding arch, Adam & Eve in Eden (Gen 2)
- **3** **Fall** – Snake hissing, bitten fruit drops (Gen 3)
- **4** **Murder** – Cain’s bloody altar & slain brother (Gen 4)
- **5** **Generations** – Hallway lined with framed family portraits (Gen 5)

Room 2 – Genesis 6–11: Flood & Nations

- 6 **Wickedness** – Graffiti-covered walls, violence everywhere (Gen 6)
- 7 **Flood** – Water rising, ark bobbing inside the room (Gen 7)
- 8 **Restoration** – Dove flies by carrying olive branch (Gen 8)
- 9 **Covenant** – Rainbow stretches across ceiling (Gen 9)
- 10 **Nations** – World map with people spreading out in every direction (Gen 10)

Room 3: Genesis 11–15 (Babel to Covenant)

- **1 1 Babel** – Half-built tower crumbling (Gen 11)
- 1 2 Call** – Abram with suitcase leaving through door (Gen 12)
- 1 3 Division** – Abram & Lot at a fork in the road (Gen 13)
- 1 4 Rescue** – Abram saving Lot, priest-king Melchizedek with bread & wine (Gen 14)
- 1 5 Promise** – Starry night sky overhead (Gen 15)

Room 4: Genesis 16–20 (Ishmael to Abimelech)

- **1 6 Barren** – Hagar crying, baby Ishmael in arms (Gen 16)
- 1 7 Circumcision** – Bold “COVENANT” signpost (Gen 17)
- 1 8 Visitors** – Three angels at table with bread (Gen 18)
- 1 9 Destruction** – Window shows fire & brimstone raining down (Gen 19)
- 2 0 Deception** – Abimelech holding shield, Sarah standing nearby (Gen 20)

Room 5: Genesis 21–25 (Isaac's Story)

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Isaac – Laughing baby in crib (Gen 21)
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Test – Altar with ram caught in thicket (Gen 22)
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Burial – Cave tomb with flowers (Gen 23)
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Provision – Camel caravan bringing Rebekah (Gen 24)
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Birthrights – Two infants: hairy Esau & smooth Jacob (Gen 25)

Room 6: Genesis 26–30 (Jacob’s Early Life)

- **2 6 Conflict** – Men fighting over wells of water (Gen 26)
- 2 7 Deception** – Blind Isaac blessing disguised Jacob (Gen 27)
- 2 8 Vision** – Ladder stretching up to heaven (Gen 28)
- 2 9 Love & Labor** – Two veils on chairs, Jacob working hard (Gen 29)
- 3 0 Growth** – Baby cribs filling the room, flocks multiplying (Gen 30)

Room 7: Genesis 31–35 (Jacob's Return)

- **3 1 Flight** – Packed suitcases, Jacob sneaking out (Gen 31)
- 3 2 Wrestling** – Wrestling match in corner, Jacob limping (Gen 32)
- 3 3 Reunion** – Nervous embrace between two brothers (Gen 33)
- 3 4 Defilement** – Sword & bloodstained garment (Gen 34)
- 3 5 Bethel** – Glowing altar and Rachel's grave nearby (Gen 35)

Room 8: Genesis 36–40 (Esau to Dreams in Prison)

- **3 6 Edom** – Scroll listing Edomite kings (Gen 36)
- 3 7 Dreams** – Sheaves & stars bowing (Gen 37)
- 3 8 Scandal** – Signet ring & staff on table (Gen 38)
- 3 9 Integrity** – Joseph’s cloak on floor, resisting temptation (Gen 39)
- 4 0 Interpretations** – Two prisoners holding baskets (Gen 40)

Room 9: Genesis 41–45 (Joseph’s Rise & Reveal)

- **4 1 Elevation** – Pharaoh’s crown placed on Joseph (Gen 41)
- 4 2 Test** – Brothers accused of spying, standing before Joseph (Gen 42)
- 4 3 Provision** – Banquet feast, Benjamin given special portion (Gen 43)
- 4 4 Loyalty** – Silver cup pulled from grain sack, Judah pleading (Gen 44)
- 4 5 Revelation** – Joseph weeping, embracing brothers (Gen 45)

Room 10: Genesis 46–50 (Migration to Legacy)

- **4 6 Migration** – Wagons loaded, family traveling (Gen 46)
- 4 7 Wealth** – Storehouses full of grain (Gen 47)
- 4 8 Adoption** – Jacob crossing hands over Ephraim & Manasseh (Gen 48)
- 4 9 Prophecy** – Jacob speaking blessings over sons (Gen 49)
- 5 0 Legacy** – Joseph’s coffin with inscription: “God will visit you.” (Gen 50)