

Genesis

**“In the beginning God created
the heavens and the earth.”**

Genesis 1:1

Before Genesis..

- Satan attempted to take God's authority and position "Angelic Rebellion".
- God judged Satan and those angels who joined him and put His redemption plan into action. He restored the earth and created mankind.
- When man sinned, He worked His redemption plan through the seed of Eve to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- He will demonstrate His perfect character to mankind.

Making of Genesis

- Genesis
 - The first of the First Five books of Scripture (Torah, Pentateuch), the five books of Moses
 - The Book of Beginnings: universe, life, human being, sin, death, faith—answers to these fundamentals of our lives.
- Author: Moses (Exodus 17:14; Deut 31:24-26)
- Date of writing : During his stay in Egypt or Median (before 1445 B.C.) or soon after the Exodus (after 1445 B.C.)

Genesis OUTLINE

- Creation of the Universe(1-2:25)
- The fall of man(3:1-4:26)
- The Flood(6:1-9:29)
- Patriarchs(12-50)

Creation of Universe

- God the Creator (Genesis 1:1-2:3)
- Making of the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:4-25)
 - Man and woman, of spirit and body, distinct from all other creature, at the image of God and His utmost joy
 - Steward of God's creation
 - Place of utmost peace and happiness for man
- Character: God of love, God of Holiness, goodness, personal, and providence

The fall of man

- Genesis 3
- Tree of Knowledge of good and evil
- Disobedience/unthankful, disputed God's wisdom, justice, truth => root of sin and fall
- God's judgment on disobedience---death
- Cain and Abel => a practical outcome of such judgment (Genesis 4)
- *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel. (Genesis 3:15)*

Flood

- Genesis 6:1-9:29
- Proliferation of Man's sin and Judgment of God
- Noah and his ark—hope of God, hope of salvation
- New order of creation

Patriarchs

- Abraham (21:1-25:18)
- Isaac (25:19-26:35)
- Jacob (27:1-37:2a)
- Joseph (37:2b-50:26)

Patriarchs-I

- Abraham, Father of Israel (21:1-25:18)
 - Establish faith that God requires in the utmost test of obeying God to slaughter Isaac his son
 - God's promise is originated, anchored in him
 - Seal of faith and seal of promise manifested in God's covenant: *On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram... (Genesis 15:18).*
 - Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "*To your descendants* I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD who had appeared to him.

Patriarch II

- Isaac (25:19-26:35)
 - God establish Isaac's family (23:1-24:67)
 - Distress in transmission of Blessing (25:19-34)
 - Test of faith and God's Blessing in Isaac's family (26:1-35)

Patriarch III

- Jacob (27:1-37:2)
 - Personal encounter with God and receiving God's promise (27:1-28:22)
 - Jacob's Marriage (29:1-30:24)
 - Jacob's struggle for blessing (30:25-31:55)
 - New Beginning of Jacob's faith (32:12-33:20)
 - Reaffirmation of God's promise (34-35)
 - Esau, a twin without God's promise (36-37:1)

Patriarch IV

- Joseph (37:2-50:26)
 - Joseph, a flickering light of God, among sinful brothers (37:2-36)
 - Judah, a man of sin (38)
 - Joseph's righteousness in distress (39)
 - God's sovereign will in Joseph (40-41:57)
 - Saving of Israel (42-50:26)

Lessons from Genesis

1. God is the creator of all things and all life.
2. God defeated Satan and paid the penalty for sin through His redemptive plan.
3. The biblical worldview centers on creation, fall, redemption, resurrection, and judgment.
4. God always keeps His Word.
5. God turns bad things into blessings for those who believe in Him (e.g. Joseph).

Christ in Genesis

1. **Gen 1:1**; “In the beginning, God (ELOHIM) created ...” => EL=God, IM=>plural ==> Trinity

Colossians 1:16; “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created by Him and for Him”

Hebrews 1:2; “...by whom also He made the worlds”

Christ in Genesis

2. **Gen 1:3**; “God said...” (the Word of God)

John 1:14; “And the **Word** became flesh”

Hebrews 11:3; “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God”

Christ in Genesis

3. **Gen 3:8**; “And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden” => God is walking!

God is Spirit and Christ is the only person of the Holy Trinity takes a Form

John 1:14; “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us”

Christ in Genesis

4. **Gen 14:18**; “Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine: he was the priest of God Most High” => NT Eucharist!

Hebrews 7:1-3; “For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him. To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, that is king of peace. Without father, mother, genealogy, having no beginning nor end of life, but made like the Son of God”

Christ in Genesis

6. And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, “I *am* the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I *am* with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham’s sake.

Gen 26:24 => Isaac sees the Lord

Christ in Genesis

7. . ²⁴Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. ²⁵ Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. ²⁶ And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" ²⁷ So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob."²⁸ And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell *me* Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it *that* you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." **Gen 32:24-30 => Jacob wrestled with the Lord**