

**Introduction to the Bible**  
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**GENESIS**

**Introduction:**

- Genesis means “origin, source, beginnings”
- It is the story of God’s purpose and plan for his creation
- It reveals the person and nature of God
- It shows the tragedy and consequences of sin – the fall
- Shows the promise of salvation – forgiveness, promised Messiah
- Tells the beginning of everything except GOD
  - Created world
  - Man and woman
  - Sin
  - Redemption
  - Family life
  - Civilization
  - Nations
  - Chosen people

**Outline of Genesis**

- I. Covers Four Major Events – Ch. 1-11**
  - a.** Creation - (1-2)
  - b.** Fall of Man – (3-4)
  - c.** Flood – (5-9)
  - d.** Tower of Babel – (10-11)
  
- II. Lives of Four Men – Ch 12-50**
  - a.** Abraham – (12-23)
  - b.** Isaac – (24-26)
  - c.** Jacob – (27 – 36)
  - d.** Joseph – (37-50)

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**Key Verses:** 1:27 and 12:2-3

## **1. Creation (1-2)**

- v.1 – No definition of God – just a declaration of the truth
- Gap Theory
- Seven literal days
- Man – crown of creation
- God rested

## **2. Fall of Man (3-4)**

- Temptation - Satan casting doubt on God's word (3:1-6)
- Yielding – (v.6)
- Results – (v. 7-24)
  - Self conscience
  - Shame and fear
  - Cursed – thorns, sweat
- Grace of God (3:9, 15)
  - Promise of a redeemer – 3:15
- Fruit of Sin – murder – ch. 4

## **3. The Flood – (5-9)**

- Judgment for man's sin (ch7)
- God makes a covenant with Noah – 9: 8-17

## **4. Tower of Babel - (10-11)**

- Babel means “confusion”
- God scatters because people refuse to obey Him (10:4)

## **Lives of four Men – (12-50)**

### **1. Abraham (12-23)**

- God makes a covenant with Abraham – (12:1-3), confirmed it 6 times
- Abraham was a man of faith – Heb 11:18-19

### **2. Isaac – (24-26)**

- Beloved and obedient son – 22:1-8
- Husband of Rebekah – ch. 24
- Father of Esau and Jacob – two nations – 25:23-26
- Abrahamic covenant confirmed to Isaac – ch. 26

### 3. Jacob – (27-36)

- Jacob means “trickster, supplanter”
- Stole blessing of his father – ch. 27
- Abrahamic covenant confirmed to Jacob – 28:13-15
- Had 12 sons – heads of the tribes of Israel
  - Reuben                      Gad
  - Simeon                      Asher
  - Levi                          Issachar
  - Judah                        Zebulun
  - Dan                          Joseph
  - Naphtali                      Benjamin
- Changed name to Israel – 32:28, after wrestling with God
- Jacob blessed all his sons – ch 49

### 4. Joseph (37-50)

- Never a negative word spoken of Joseph
- He was the favored son – 37:3
- Sold into slavery – 37:20-26
- Humiliated and exalted by God – ch 39-48
- Jacob goes to Egypt with whole household – 70 people
- Israel (the nation) stays until Moses leads them out 400 years later
- Joseph is a picture of Christ
  - Both were loved by their fathers – (Gen 37:3; Mt. 3:17)
  - Both were shepherds – (Gen 37:2; John 10:11-14)
  - Both were severely tempted – (Gen 39:7; Mt. 4:1)
  - Both were taken to Egypt – (Gen 37:36; Mt. 2:14-15)
  - Both were sold for price of a slave – (Gen 37:28; Mt 26:15)
  - Both were highly exalted after suffering – Gen 41:41; Phil 2:9-10)
  - Many more...