

INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS

Genesis Series – Study # 1

Basic facts about Genesis

1. Hebrew title – “In the _____”
2. English title – Genesis – means “_____, birth or generation”
3. Genesis is the _____ to the Pentateuch, and to the rest of the Bible.
4. The author of Genesis is traditionally identified as _____.
5. The original audience of the Pentateuch was probably Israel in the _____.
6. Genesis is not a history book, but the accounts in it _____ history and _____ mythology.
7. Genesis is not a science book, but a proper understanding of its accounts are _____ in _____ with scientific truth.
Science and faith are not _____.

Themes of Genesis

The main theme of Genesis is creation, _____, and re-creation.

Key themes include:

1. _____: God created the world and commissioned humans, as his representatives, to fill it and care for it.
2. _____: Adam and Eve abandoned their duties and rebelled against God, profoundly changing human nature and the harmony of creation.

3. _____: God graciously announced and instituted a plan for redemption through the seed of the woman, traced through Abraham and his descendants.
4. _____: Although sin brings horrific consequences and the reality of deserved judgment, God graciously accepts and uses those who seek righteousness.

Outline of the book of Genesis

1. The primeval history of the world (1-11)
 - A. God created a good world for humanity (1-2)
 - B. Human sin & the ruin of God's good world (3-11)
2. The history of the patriarchs (12-50)
 - A. Abraham (12-25)
 - B. Isaac (26-27)
 - C. Jacob (28-36)
 - D. Joseph (37-50)

The purpose for writing

To help Israel understand ...

1. Their _____ and where they had come from as human beings and as a nation
2. The nature and _____ of the God who had delivered them and instituted a relationship with them
3. The consequences of _____
4. God's plan to _____ from sin
5. Their God-given _____ and _____ as revealed in God's covenant with Abraham