

# 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