

In the Beginning – Introduction to Genesis

Follow up from last week:

Memory verse: Psalm 119:105

Genesis: from the Greek meaning origins

Author: Moses (approximately 1445 to 1405 BC)

Acts 7:22 And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds.

Numbers 33:2 Moses wrote down their starting places, stage by stage, by command of the LORD, and these are their stages according to their starting places

Joshua 8:31 just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, "an altar of uncut stones, upon which no man has wielded an iron tool." And they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD and sacrificed peace offerings.

Mark 12:26 And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?

Luke 16:29 But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'

John 5:46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.

John 7:22 Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. (from Genesis 17)

Key People in Genesis

God (Father, Son, Spirit)

Adam and Eve

Satan

Noah

Abraham and Sarah

Isaac and Rebekah

Jacob

Joseph

Much of the introductory material adapted from:

MacArthur, John. The MacArthur Bible Handbook. Thomas Nelson. Kindle Edition.

Key Doctrines in Genesis

“Genesis tells us who God is, who we are, how things went wrong, and the plan that God has put in place to return the earth to the way it was meant to be.” Mitchell M. Kim: Genesis: a 12-Week Study

The Trinity: the authority of God, the agent of God, the presence of God

Human Beings: created in God’s image

Sin: rebellion toward God

Redemption: rescue from sin

Covenant/Promise

Satan

Angels

Revelation

Israel

Judgment

Blessing

God’s Character in Genesis

Creator

Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Faithful

Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Just

Gen 18:25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

Long-suffering

Gen 6:3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years."

Loving

Gen 24:12 And he said, "O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham.

Merciful

Gen 19:16 But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

Omnipotent

Gen 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,

Gen 18:14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

Provident

Gen 24:48 Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.

Purposeful

Gen 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

Truthful

Gen 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, (17) but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Wrathful

Gen 7:21-23 And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. (22) Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. (23) He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark.

Gen 19:24 Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven.

Modern Challenges

Evolution
Historical Adam
Babel
Global Flood

Worldview Implications

Supernatural events
Age of the Earth
Mankind or animal
Authority
Judgment
Gender roles
Marriage
Euthanasia
Racism

Next Week

Read Genesis 1

Memory Verse

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.