

## A SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT:

### Genesis

*"A Book of Beginnings"*

**Written by :** \_\_\_\_\_.

- The Old Testament refers to Moses as the one who recorded the events of \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex 17:14) and the law given by God (Josh 8:31).
- The New Testament mentions Moses as a Biblical author alongside the \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 16:29).
- Moses' background in \_\_\_\_\_ learning made him "mighty in words and deeds" (Acts 7:22).
- Moses might have had access to previous documents.
- Moses was divinely inspired by God.

#### **Key People**

- Adam and Eve
- Noah
- Abraham and Sarah
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Joseph

**Written in approximately:** \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Background**

- Genesis begins in a spaceless, timeless void in which divinity alone existed in a state of unchanging self-sustained \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 1:1-2).
- Genesis records the beginning of everything we humans know and understand.
- Genesis is set in several locations through and extensive range of time
  - The Garden of Eden and expanding outwards: \_\_\_\_\_ years
  - Mesopotamia: \_\_\_\_\_ years
  - Egypt: \_\_\_\_\_ years

#### **Key Doctrines**

- Doctrines of God (1:1-3)
  - God the Father (Theology Proper)
  - God the Son (Christology)
  - God the Spirit (Pneumatology)
  - The Trinity acting together.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Man)
  - Made in God's image (1:26)
  - Tainted by sin (3:1-19)

- In need of a Savior (3:15)
- Hamartiology (Sin)
  - Sin has destroyed the perfection of God's creation (2:16-17)
- Soteriology (Salvation)
  - God would crush the serpent's head through the woman's seed (3:15).
- Angelology (Angels)
  - Satan is the deceiver of humanity (3:1-15).
  - Angels were created to serve God's desires (3:24)

**Key Word:** \_\_\_\_\_

- The word means, "descendants, results, or proceedings of something."
- It is used throughout Genesis to distinguish major sections of the book, especially transitions to new patriarchs.

**Outline**

- In the beginning, God...(1:1)
- Creation (1:1-2:3)
- The "generations of the Heavens and the Earth (2:4-4:26)
  - Adam and Eve in Eden
  - Sin enters the world
  - The first murder
- The "generations" of \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1-6:8)
  - Genealogy of Seth until Noah
  - The world before the Flood
- The "generations" of Noah (6:9-9:29)
  - Preparing for the Flood
  - The story of the Flood
  - The Noahic Covenant
  - Noah's descendants
- The "generations" of Shem, Ham, and Japheth (10:1-11:26)
  - The nations after their dispersion
  - The dispersion of the nations
- The "generations" of Terah (11:27-25:11)
  - The Abrahamic Covenant
    - Ratified
    - Clarified
    - Fulfilled
  - Abraham's promised seed
- The "generations" of Ishmael (25:12-18)
- The "generations" of Isaac (25:19-35:29)
  - The blessings of the \_\_\_\_\_ passed to Jacob not Esau.
  - Jacob is blessed while working in a foreign land.
  - Jacob returns to the Promised Land and reconciles with Esau.

- The “generations” of Esau (36:1-37:1)
  - Esau’s descendants
- The “generations” of Jacob (37:2-50:26)
  - Joseph is sold into slavery.
  - Joseph becomes 2<sup>nd</sup> in Egypt.
  - Jacob and Joseph are reunited.
  - Jacob’s family moves to Egypt.

### **Challenges to Genesis**

Genesis has become one of the most heated battlegrounds in Christianity

- Day-Age Theory: Each “day” in the creation account was several eons long.
- Gap Theory: There was a lengthy gap of evolutionary proportions between the days of creation.
- Any attempt like the Day-Age Theory or the Gap Theory is doomed because evolution’s basis is \_\_\_\_\_, and God did not intend for death to be a part of His perfect creation.

### **Christ in the Book of Genesis**

- Genesis 3:15 promises Christ’s future coming into the world.
- Genesis 7:13-16 pictures Christ as the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Genesis 12:1-3 records the beginning of God’s special dealings with Abraham from whose line the Messiah would come.
- Genesis 22:1-18 foreshadows Christ’s substitutionary sacrifice for sin.
- Genesis 49:9-10 prophesies Christ’s coming from the line of Judah.

### **Themes in Genesis**

- Mankind fails to follow God’s instructions.
  - Adam and Eve sin (3:6-7).
  - Humanity is prevailingly wicked (6:1-5).
  - Noah’s descendants refuse to spread out over the earth (11:1-4).
- God judged mankind’s \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Because Adam and Eve sinned, the earth is cursed with death (2:17).
  - God destroyed a world completely given to corruption with the Flood (6:3).
  - God scattered Noah’s descendants by confusing their languages (11:1-4).
- God demonstrated \_\_\_\_\_ even while executing judgment
  - God sent the seed of the woman to crush the serpent who was directly responsible for bringing sin (3:15).
  - God provided the opportunity for salvation from the Flood through the ark (6:13-14).
  - God chose a single family unit through which He would send the promised seed to bless all nations of the earth (12:1-3).

**Application: If we allow sin in our lives, God will certainly judge us.**