

## Intro to Genesis

### I. History of Humanity in General (1-11)

- Chapters 1-11 are generally considered to be a “preface” of sorts
- They predate history (obviously, as no one was present to write down what happened during creation) so this is a look back and it is undated
- The type of literature is in folklore/familiar/story based meant to be where you form or base your understanding of the world
- This preface deals with humankind in general and explains the origin of man and sin
- Includes history of:
  - A. Creation of the heavens and earth (1-2)
  - B. Adam and his family (3-5)
    - The Fall of man (Gen 3:1-24)
  - C. Noah and his family (6-11)
    - The Flood (6-10)
    - The Babel rebellion (Gen 11:1-32)
- The remaining chapters of Genesis (12-50) the literature changes and we have dated accounts of the History of Israel and in particular the major “characters” that God partners with

### I. Name

- “Genesis” is from a Greek word meaning “beginning” or “generation.” So Genesis is the book of generations, or beginnings.
- There are ten generations noted in the book: the heavens and earth (Gen 2:4); Adam (Gen 5:1); Noah (Gen 6:9); Shem (Gen 11:10); Terah (Gen 11:27); Ishmael (Gen 25:12); Isaac (Gen 25:19); Esau (Gen 36:1); and Jacob (Gen 37:2).
- As the seed-plot for the entire Bible, Genesis records for us the momentous beginning of the universe, human history, civilization, sin, salvation, sacrifice, marriage, and the family.

### II. Author

- It is generally agreed that Moses is the author of the first five books of the Bible (Pentateuch/Torah)
- Moses was not alive when the events in Genesis occurred, but the Spirit directed him in his writing (2Pe 1:20-21). Christ believed that Moses wrote the books assigned to him (see Joh 5:45-47), and that is good enough authority for us.

### III. Purpose

- Since we have the preface and then the introduction to Israel, it seems that the purpose is to explain the beginnings of man and his sin and Israel and God’s plan of salvation.

### IV. Genesis and Revelation

- The beginnings recorded in Genesis have their fulfillment in Revelation. God created the heaven and the earth (Gen 1:1) and will one day create a new heaven and new earth (Rev 21:1).

- Satan first attacked man (Gen 3:1-24) yet will be defeated in his last attack (Rev 20:7-10).
- God made darkness and light (Gen 1:5), but one day there will no longer be night (Rev 21:23; Rev 22:5).
- There will be no more sea (Gen 1:10; Rev 21:1), and the curse will be lifted from creation (Gen 3:14-17; Rev 22:3).
- God drove man out of the garden (Gen 3:24), but God's people will be welcomed into the heavenly paradise (Rev 22:1), and the tree of life will be restored to man (Rev 22:14).
- Babylon will be destroyed (Gen 10:8-10; Rev. 17-19) and the promised judgment of Satan fulfilled (Gen 3:15; Rev 20:10).