

Series "Fixed On 66"
"Genesis"
Book 1
Study-5

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

But Genesis is not only a book of history. It is a book with a profound message that can be summed up in a single statement: **Human beings are inadequate without God.**

Genesis - "*The Beginnings*" or "*The Generation*" "*The Book of Beginnings*"

Genesis – Deuteronomy "The Law"

The Pentateuch – word *Penta-* (Five) *teuchos* – (Scroll or Book)

The Author – Moses, is never said to have written this book within Genesis. Moses was born three centuries after Genesis ended. **Exodus 17:14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a memorial, Daniel 9:11-13 ("Written in the Law of Moses")**

Genesis is quoted over 200 times in the New Testament.

When Written – It is during this period of 40 years of ministering to Israel that Moses wrote these five books. (1445-1405 BC)

Period of Time – Creation to Abraham 2000 Years (4004-2090 BC)

Abraham To Joseph 193 Years (2090-1897 BC)

Joseph To Egypt 93 Years (1897-1804 BC)

How Could Moses Author This Book, When he was not even born until the book of **Exodus 2:2? Which were some 2200 years after the fact!**

Revelation: From God to man (man hears that which God wants written).

Inspiration: From man to paper (man writes that which God wants written).

Illumination: From paper to heart (man receives the light of that which God has written).

Where Genesis Was Written – In Egypt, by Moses. Moses was 80 when he started in the ministry.

Purpose – To give us the origins of life itself.

1. *That Man was divinely created by God.*
2. *Man has fallen.* He has sinned and has become corrupted.
3. *Man needs redemption.*

Theme – "The Book of Beginnings," Where it all began.

Key Passage – Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. This book deals with the origin of all things.

The most important verse in the Bible. This determines how we will interpret the rest of the bible.

Origin Of The Material Universe -

Origin of Life -

Origin of Man -

Origin of The Family -

Origin of Sin -

Origin of Salvation -

Origin of Messiah -

Origin Judgment of God -

Origin of God -

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The Story of Faith Begins:

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

A. Creation of the heavens and earth (1-2)

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

In the beginning God This is the starting point of the book.

The Attributes of God (8)

1. The God Of Eternity: *Meaning.* God exists endlessly.

2. Omniscience Of God: *Meaning.* Omniscience means God knows everything, things actual and possible, effortlessly and equally well.

3. **The Omnipotence Of God: *Meaning.*** Omnipotence means that God is all-powerful and able to do anything consistent with His own nature.
4. **The Omnipresence Of God: *Meaning.*** Omnipresence means that God is everywhere, present with His whole being at all times.
5. **The Immutability Of God: *Meaning.*** Immutability means that God is unchangeable and thus unchanging.
6. **The Sovereignty Of God: *Meaning.*** The word means principal, chief, supreme. It speaks first of position (God is the chief Being in the universe), then of power (God is supreme in power in the universe). How He exercises that power is revealed in the Scriptures.
7. **The Transcendent God: *Meaning.*** Means that He is independent of His creatures and His Creation.
8. **The God Of Infinity: *Meaning.*** Infinity means that God has no bounds or limits. He is in no way limited by the universe nor by time-space boundaries.

Created the heavens and the earth. Hundred-billion-star galaxy, which is one among billions of galaxies in a universe that is vast beyond our comprehension.

Genesis 1:2-3 It all starts with God. That apart from God, all is formless and void. There is no purpose.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness,"

Genesis 1:4-5 God set into motion day and night! The seasons, the years.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; This divine conversation clearly is the first hint given to us that God consists of more than one person. (**Doctrine of Trinity**)

Genesis 2:18 God created marriage. God saw the need, and God met that need. (**Not simply Cultural but Creational**) **Genesis 2:21-25**

B. Adam and his family (3-5) The Fall of man (3)

Genesis 3:6-7 (This passage reveals that man knows that he is wrong but has no power to change)

The First Promise of the Savior. Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise you on the head, (Resurrection) And you shall bruise him on the heel.” (The Cross)

Genesis 3:21 And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. Redemption: There must be a sacrifice in order to be made right.

Genesis 4 First murder, first martyrdom, and first conflict of the seeds over religious service and human development.

Genesis 5 – Now, we see the fulfillment of what God told Adam would happen! Death is eminent to all of us. God said that sin would bring death. **Genesis 2:17 you will surely die.**” They would not only die spiritually, but also physically. **Genesis 5:5 and he died. 8X**

We are introduced to the **first genealogy of the bible.** It starts with Adam and continues to Noah. This is a period about 1600 years in time.

Antediluvian – Before the flood.

That this genealogy is not exhaustive by any means but hits the highlights that God wants us to hear. The term **beget (became)**– *became the ancestor of.*

C. Noah and his family (6-11) The Flood (6-10)

The fact of the flood: That there actually was a flood is proved by the Genesis record, as well as

By Jesus Christ (Matt. 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-27)
The Prophets (Isa. 54:9)
The Apostles (1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5; 3:6).

The Purpose of the flood: As stated in Genesis 6:5-13, because people had become corrupt, and the earth was filled with violence, God sent the flood in order to destroy humankind.

The Flood Considered Practically: six practical considerations:

- (1) God must punish sin. There must be death to the old before He can establish the new.
- (2) God gives warnings but eventually, His patience ends, and judgment comes.
- (3) God has always saved people the same way: by grace (6:8), through faith (Heb. 11:7).
- (4) True faith leads to obedience (6:22; 7:5).
- (5) True witness demands separation from sin, and Noah and his family kept themselves unspotted from the world.

(6) Whether "the sons of God" in 6:1-4 were angels or the family of Seth, the same lesson is seen: God condemns compromise and rebellion but rewards the separated saint.

The Babel Rebellion (11)

The Dictator: Nimrod was a grandson of Ham through Cush, and his name means "rebel." He was a mighty tyrant in the sight of God, the first dictator. The word "hunter" does not refer to the hunting of animals but rather to the hunting of men.

The Rebellion: God had commanded men to replenish the earth (9:1, 7, 9), but they decided to settle down on the plain of Shinar, where Babylon was located (10:8-10). This was a deliberate rebellion against God's Word. They journeyed "from the east," which suggests that they were turning their backs on the light.

The Judgment: Decision to confound the languages of the workers, thus making it impossible for them to work together. The name "Babel" comes from a Hebrew word which means "gate of God."

II. History of Israel in Particular (12-50)

A. Abraham – The Father who gave his son (12:1-25:18)

Abraham teaches us that we are justified by faith.

Genesis 12:1-3

Abraham's life had been marked by two things:

The Alter – That his life was based on the spiritual. **(A worshipper)**

The Tent – spoke that he was just passing through this life **(Temporal)**. **(2 Cor. 5:1-10 Body is a tent)**

Genesis 15:6 Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness. These important three words are given to us in this passage.

1. Believe -

2. Reckoned (Counted) – Financial

3. Righteous – Status or standing in God's eyes.

Genesis 16 Abraham's laps in faith: **(Peace in the home brought war)**

Genesis 18-19 Intercession of Abraham over God's judgment on the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Gross immorality will be dealt with by God. **(Lot the carnal Christian who lost his witness)**

Genesis 22 The offering of Isaac: It is a picture of the only Son of God being freely offered for the sins of the world.

Genesis 24 The Bride for Isaac. The servant that is sent is never named. It is the picture of the Holy Spirit that quietly is drawing the bride out for Jesus Christ.

B. Isaac—The son who took a bride (25:19-26:35)

Isaac is a picture of the Son ship. What it means to be a child of God. If ever a boy was spoiled and pampered by his father, it was Isaac. that God loves us, values us, and calls us the darlings of His heart. **1 John 3:2**

Genesis 25 The death of Abraham and the birth of Jacob and Esau. (**God balances our lives**)

C. Jacob—The Flesh vs. the Spirit (27:1-36:43)

Jacob – "*Trickster, supplanted, cheater, rip-off*" He was the rascal of Genesis. He was the schemer, the man who thought he could live by his own wits and his own efforts. He went out trying to deceive everybody and ended up being deceived.

Jacob's life can be seen in three distinct stages:

(1) His early years at home when he was basically a deceiver of others, epitomized by his theft of Esau's birthright. **Genesis 25:29-34**

(2) The middle period of his life, when Jacob learns what it is like to be deceived, as illustrated in the story where Jacob labors for seven years to win Rachel as his wife only to be tricked into marrying Rachel's sister Leah first. **Genesis 29:25-28**

Genesis 31 "Mizpah Blessing" between Jacob and Laban. It is 2 crooks that can't trust each other that say God sees what you are really doing.

(3) Finally, Jacob learns to live as a man devoted to the Word and will of God, when he wrestles with--and is blessed by--the angel of God.

Genesis 32:24-31

D. Joseph—The Providence of God (37:1-50:26)

Joseph is a Picture of Glorification. Joseph is the young man who was loved by his father, Jacob and mistreated by his brothers.

Genesis 37-38 The Corruption of Joseph's family. (The good, the bad, and the ugly) Joseph is exalted by God. His life is a roller coaster of highs and lows:

They throw him into a pit - and tell dad he was killed by wild beasts.
They sell him into slavery - yet even in the chains of a slave.

Joseph was purchased by Potiphar - chief bodyguard to Pharaoh.

Genesis 39 Joseph is then cast down into prison - by the lies of Potiphar's wife, who accuses him of attempted rape.

Joseph becomes head jailer - then is again exalted.

Genesis 40 Joseph interprets the dream - of the baker and cupbearer. He remains in prison for another two years.

Genesis 41 Joseph interprets the dream of Pharaoh - taken out of prison and made an advisor to the pharaoh of Egypt himself!

Hebrews 11:6 "Without faith it is impossible to please God,"

Genesis 42-45 Joseph draws repentance and restoration from his brothers.

Genesis 46-50 Joseph's family was safe in Egypt. Jacob and Joseph both die, setting the stage for Israel's bondage in Egypt.

Application:

- 1.** The thread that runs throughout all fifty chapters of Genesis is that there is a secret to living and that we will never experience the completeness of life until we have learned that **The secret to living is friendship with God.**
- 2.** Without God, you cannot understand the world around you. You can't understand yourself or your neighbor or God Himself. You will never have any answers without God. But with Him, everything comes into focus. Everything makes sense.
- 3. The secret of life is a personal, daily relationship with the living God** who was in the beginning, who made the heavens and the earth, who created the human race in His own image, and who wants to have fellowship and a living relationship with the people He has so lovingly created. From beginning to end, the Bible is a love letter to the human race.