

The Book Of: **Genesis**

Hebrew Name
bereshith
"in beginning"

I. Structure and Outline

The Beginning of Time

Creation	Chap. 1-2
Fall and Sin	Chap. 3-5
Flood	Chap. 6-9
Tower of Babel	Chap. 10-11

The Beginning of Israel

Abraham	Chap. 12-25
Isaac	Chap. 25-28
Jacob	Chap. 28-36
Joseph	Chap. 37-50

What is Genesis?

Genesis is the first book of the Bible. Its Hebrew title mentioned above is taken from the book's first word. However, the Christian title, "genesis," is a Latin term meaning "origin," which is appropriate, since the book chronicles the origins of creation, sin, and God's chosen people (Israelites). Genesis is the first book of the "Torah"

Who Wrote Genesis?

Traditional scholarship claims Moses as the author of the first five books of the Bible (known as the Pentateuch). While more modern scholars have questioned Moses' as the author, their arguments remain largely unsubstantiated.

Moreover, there are statements within the Pentateuch and the New Testament claiming Moses to be the author (See Numbers 33:2; Deuteronomy 31:24; Luke 20:28; John 1:45; 5:46).

Genesis (continued)

Why Was Genesis Written?

The book of Genesis was originally written to Jews laying the foundation of their faith and detailing the origins of their race. God is revealed to be the Creator. Mankind is shown to be God's greatest creation. The chapters chronologically follow the generations from Adam to Noah, Noah to Abraham, and Abraham to Joseph, showing God's divine providence on their behalf. For Christians, Genesis provides the foundations of the Gospel message with themes of sin, grace and redemption. In fact, Genesis 3:15 is known as the "protoevangelium," or the first announcement of the Gospel—the very first promise of the coming Savior, Jesus Christ.

Key Themes and Theology in Genesis

- **God's Creative Power**
Genesis 1-2 Only God Has The Power to Create
- **The Beginning of Sin and Its Progression**
*Genesis 3 Vanity, Disobedience, Passing Blame,
Genesis 4:1—16 Hatred, Lies, Murder
Genesis 4:17—24 Polygamy, Multiple Murders
Genesis 6:5 Man's Heart Is "...Evil Continually"*
- **God's Grace and Mercy**
*Genesis 3:14—22 God Disciplines But Does Not Destroy
Genesis 6:5—8:22 God Spares Noah from the Flood
Genesis 45: 4—10 God Spares Jacob's Descendants*
- **God's Covenant for Eternal Redemption**
*Genesis 3:15 First Gospel Pronouncement
Genesis 9:1—17 The Covenant of the Rainbow
Genesis 12 & 15 God's Covenant with Abram
Genesis 26:3—4 God's Covenant with Isaac
Genesis 35:9—12 God's Covenant with Jacob (Israel)*