

Introduction to Genesis

Author: Moses, Israel's God-ordained leader and great prophet

Date Written: Between 1445 – 1405 BC, after the Exodus, but before Moses' death.

Period of Time that the Book Covers: From Creation – 1804 BC.

Theme of the Book: Beginnings

Outline of the Book:

- I. Primeval History – Four Events (1-11)
 - o Creation (1-2)
 - o Fall (3-5)
 - o Flood (6-9)
 - o Nations (10-11)

- II. Patriarchal History – Four People (12-50)
 - o Abraham (12-24)
 - o Isaac (25-26)
 - o Jacob (27-36)
 - o Joseph (37-50)

Key Chapters:

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| 1 | Creation (broad perspective), God as Creator |
| 2 | Creation (focus on man; Adamic covenant) |
| 3 | Temptation; fall; curses |
| 4 | Cain and Abel; Cain's line – civilization |
| 6-8 | Flood; deliverance in the ark |
| 9 | Everlasting covenant; curse of Canaan |
| 11 | Babel; dispersion of nations |
| 18-19 | Sodom and Gomorrah |
| 22 | Isaac is offered up |
| 32 | Jacob wrestles with God |
| 37 | Joseph is sold by his brothers |
| 49 | Jacob blesses his sons |

Key Passages:

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| 1:24-27 | 6 th day of creation |
| 1:31 | Creation declared "very good" |
| 2:24 | A man shall leave and cleave |
| 3:15 | The promised seed |
| 6:1-4 | The "sons of God" |
| 12:1-3 | Abrahamic Covenant |
| 35:9-12 | Jacob becomes "Israel" |
| 50:20 | "God meant it for good" |

Summary Statement: Genesis is a book of beginnings. In Genesis, we find the beginning of the world in the creation story. We find the beginning of people, as they are created specially by God in His image, and we find the beginning of sin when Adam and Eve succumb to temptation and rebel against God. We find the beginning of language when God confuses the language and disperses the nations of the earth. We find the beginning of God's chosen people when God calls Abram (Abraham) to follow after Him and promises to make from His descendants a great nation.

Introduction to Psalms

Author: A multiplicity of authors: David, Asaph, Solomon, Moses and others

Date Written: Between 1410 – 600 BC

Period of Time that the Book Covers: The Psalms span from the time of Moses to the post-exilic period

Theme of the Book: Pattern of Personal Worship

Outline of the Book:

BOOK	PSALMS	AUTHORS
1	1-41	David
2	42-72	David and sons of Korah
3	73-89	Mainly Asaph
4	90-106	Mainly anonymous
5	107-150	David and anonymous

Key Psalms:

1	Godly and wicked contrasted
2	Messiah's reign
8	God's glory/man's rule
19	The works and Word of God
22	Messiah's sufferings
23	The Great Shepherd
32	Blessing of forgiveness
51	Confession of sin
73	Apparent prosperity of the wicked
90	Man's transitoriness
100	Call to worship
119	God's Word exalted
139	God and Holy Spirit are omniscient and omnipresent
150	"Praise the Lord"

Summary Statement: "The Psalter is fundamentally the hymnbook of the people of God at worship. The Psalms take the basic themes of OT theology and turn them into song. Thus, themes common throughout the Old Testament reappear in the Psalms. – *The ESV Study Bible, Crossway, 2001.*

Wednesday, June 3

Genesis 5-6

- What characterizes every person in this genealogy? (Hint: Notice how each section ends – vv. 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 27, & 31). Why is this the case? (Hint: Look at 2:17).

- Why did God decide to drown the whole world? What does 6:5 tell you about humanity?

Psalm 4

- What does this Psalm teach you about God?

Verse of the Week:

- **Genesis 1:1** – “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Friday, June 5

Genesis 9:18 – 10:32

- Did Noah curse his son or his grandson (Hint: 9:18, 22, 25)? What are some familiar cities that came out of Canaan (10:19)?

- Who was Nimrod? What familiar kingdoms was he the founder of (10:10-11)?

Psalm 6

- What does this Psalm teach you about God?

Verse of the Week:

- **Genesis 1:1** – “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Saturday, June 6

Review Day

Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

Sunday, June 7

Review Day

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Introduction to Job

Author: Unknown, but Moses, Solomon and Ezra have been suggested.

Date Written: Unknown, probably much later than the events of Job.

Period of Time that the Book Covers: It is likely that the story of Job occurs post-Babel (Gen 11) but before or during the time of Abraham (Gen 12-24).

Theme of the Book: Suffering and Sovereignty

Outline of the Book:

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| I. | The Disasters of Job | (1-2) |
| II. | The Dialogues of Job | (3-37) |
| III. | The Deliverance of Job | (38-42) |

Key Chapters:

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| 1-2 | Satan's accusation and Job's affliction |
| 3-37 | Job's friends' counsel |
| 38-41 | God's speech and Job's silence |
| 42 | Job's repentance and restoration |

Key Passage:

19:25-26 I know the my Redeemer lives

Summary Statement: Job is the story of a man greatly afflicted. Job was a righteous man that God was proud of, yet Satan obtained permission from God to test Job's faith without Job's knowledge and afflicted him terribly. He destroyed all of Job's possessions, killed his children and smote him with a miserable disease. The book records Job debating with his friends in an attempt to discern the reason behind his suffering. His friends claim that it is a result of his sin, but Job asserts his innocence over and over and demands an audience with God. Eventually, God answers Job directly, and Job recognizes his inferiority. The book gives answer to the question of suffering in this world, especially the suffering of the righteous. How is the righteous man to understand his suffering? That it all occurs under the sovereign rule of God, and the righteous trust in Him.

Saturday, June 13

Review Day

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Sunday, June 14

Review Day

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Monday, June 15

Job 11-12

- What does Job 11:7-12 teach you about God?

- What does Job 12:13-25 teach you about God?

Psalm 12

- How are the unrighteous described in this Psalm? How should you apply this to your life?

Verse of the Week:

- **Matthew 5:48** - "Therefore you are to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Wednesday, June 17

Job 15-16

- What does it mean for man to “drink iniquity like water” (15:16b)? What are the implications of this reality?

- Job had Satan, his friends, his wife, and his physical agonies against him, but who was ultimately responsible for his suffering according to 16:7-14? What does this teach you about God? Was Job right to complain as he did?

Psalm 15

- How is the righteous person described in this Psalm? How can you apply this to your life?

Verse of the Week:

- ***Matthew 5:48*** - “Therefore you are to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Thursday, June 18

Job 17-19

- Examine 17:4a. What is Job saying God did in the hearts of Job's friends?

- According to Bildad, what are the consequences of the wicked in 18:5-21? Is this always the case?

- What was Job's hope in 19:25-26? How is this connected to Jesus?

Psalm 16

- How is God's presence described in verse 11?

Verse of the Week:

- **Matthew 5:48** - "Therefore you are to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Friday, June 19

Job 20-21

- Sometimes the wicked live a long life, yet in comparison to eternity in hell, “the triumphing of the wicked is short” (v. 5a). What is true about the wicked in 20:5-26?

- Contrast Zophar’s description of the wicked in 20:5-29 with Job’s description of the wicked in 21:5-26. What is the difference between these descriptions? What in Job’s description is true about the wicked?

Psalm 17

- What does this Psalm teach you about God?

Verse of the Week:

- **Matthew 5:48** - “Therefore you are to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Saturday, June 20

Review Day

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Sunday, June 21

Review Day

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Monday, June 22

Job 22

- What does Eliphaz accuse Job of in 22:4-11? Was he right? What does this teach you about accusing others of sin without a proper basis?

- Although Eliphaz was wrong in his accusation of Job, he and his friends sometimes say things that are accurate. What is the message of 22:21-26? How can you apply this to your life?

Psalm 18:1-13

- What does this Psalm teach about God and His response to David's cry for help?

Verse of the Week:

- **James 2:10** - "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all."

Saturday, June 27

Review Day

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Sunday, June 28

Review Day

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Monday, June 29

Job 32-33

- Was Elihu right about his assessment of Job? Was his message the same as Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar? If not, what was his message?

- Examine 33:13-18 and 29-30. What does this teach you about God?

- How does 33:13 apply to you?

Psalm 20

- What is David relying on God to do in this Psalm? What does this teach you about God?

Verse of the Week:

- **Romans 3:10-** "As it is written, 'There is none righteous, not even one.'"

July Reading Schedule

- 1 Job 36-37, Psalm 22:1-13
- 2 Job 38, Psalm 22:14-31
- 3 Job 39-40, Psalm 23
- 4 *Catch up on missed reading*
- 5 *Catch up on missed reading*
- 6 Job 41-42, Psalm 24
- 7 Genesis 12-14, Psalm 25
- 8 Genesis 15:1-17:14, Psalm 26
- 9 Genesis 17:15-19:22, Psalm 27
- 10 Genesis 19:23-21:21, Psalm 28
- 11 *Catch up on missed reading*
- 12 *Catch up on missed reading*
- 13 Genesis 21:22-23:20, Psalm 29
- 14 Genesis 24, Psalm 30
- 15 Genesis 25-26, Psalm 31:1-9
- 16 Genesis 27, Psalm 31:10-24
- 17 Genesis 28:1-29:30, Psalm 32
- 18 *Catch up on missed reading*
- 19 *Catch up on missed reading*
- 20 Genesis 29:30-30:43, Psalm 33
- 21 Genesis 31, Psalm 34:1-8
- 22 Genesis 32-33, Psalm 34:9-22
- 23 Genesis 34-35, Psalm 35:1-11
- 24 Genesis 36, Psalm 35:12-18
- 25 *Catch up on missed reading*
- 26 *Catch up on missed reading*
- 27 Genesis 37-38, Psalm 36
- 28 Genesis 39-40, Psalm 37:1-11
- 29 Genesis 41, Psalm 37:12-23
- 30 Genesis 42, Psalm 37:24-40
- 31 Genesis 43-44, Psalm 38:1-8

2 Year Reading Plan – What we have already read:

- Genesis 1 – 11; Job 1 - 35
- Psalm 1 - 21