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GENESIS

Overview

- 1- origin of the world
 - 2-11 the origins of the nations
 - 12-50 the origins of Israel
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GENESIS

Overview

Genesis- What does it mean?

In the beginning

Genesis is part of the Pentateuch

- Pentateuch is a name given to the first five books of the Bible.
- Pente meaning five and teuchos meaning volumes.
- Pentateuch means five volumes. 1 book in five parts.



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About the Author

Moses is the author Jn. 5:45-47, Mk 12:26.

Perhaps also the compiler, with Ezra helping.





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The Theme:
God





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Be Encouraged

- Moses writes Genesis about 1400 yrs before birth of Jesus.
- Today we are about 3500 from the date of Genesis.
- Genesis has been shared orally and hard copy for 3,000 yrs.



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Putting Genesis into Perspective

Danger in reading this book:

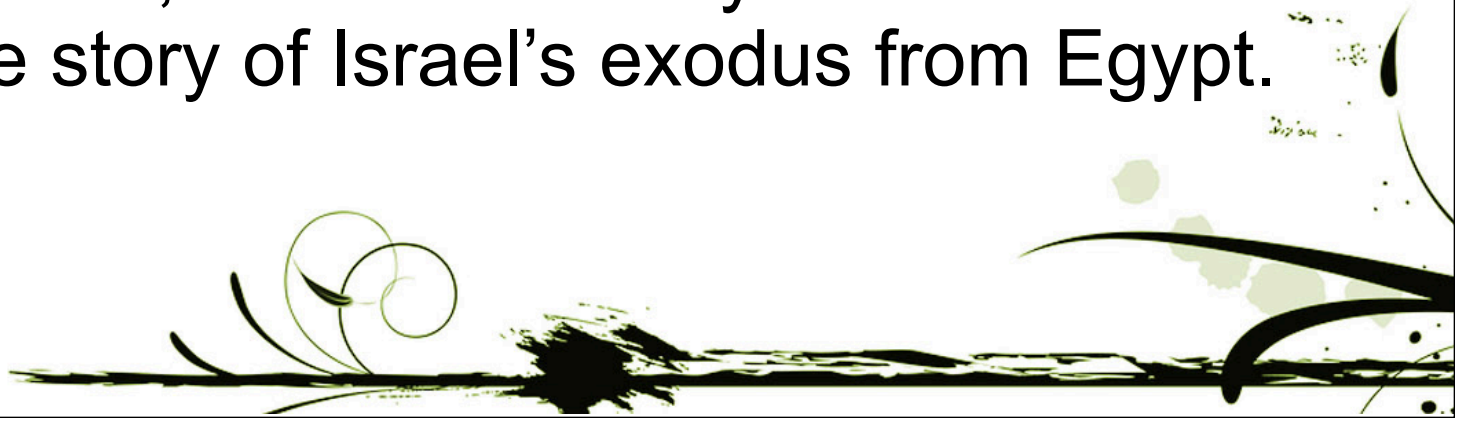
- This is not an exhaustive book (selective history)
- Genesis covers 2,000 yrs of redemptive history (more than the rest of the canon)
- Four other books cover 120 yrs.



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Theology of Genesis

Our goal is to discover the original meaning of Genesis, what it meant to its final editor and its first readers

- God is the creator God
 - Genesis 1-11 serves as background to the subsequent story of the patriarchs, and their history is in turn background to the story of Israel's exodus from Egypt.
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Theology of Genesis

- Presents an alternative world-view to those generally accepted in the account Near East. i.e. Sumerian flood, Athrahasis epic.
- Challenging ancient assumptions about the nature of God, the world, and mankind i.e. The Mesopotamian, Sumerian Tale.
- Affirmative and optimistic view of existence vs. Things perfect in Gods hand and then growing worse because of man's sinfulness.



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The Big Picture

1. That God is the Creator God and everything else is created.
 2. How the world originated and operated.
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Faith is key for all

Revelation of the Holy Spirit

Us



Moses





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

“Beginning”

How old is the earth?

New earth 6-10,000 yrs old.

Old earth 4.5 billion yrs old.





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Be-re-SHIYT meaning "head, start, or beginning,"
at some point (initial period of time)

His point is that history has a beginning point

- The Cosmological argument
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V.1 In the beginning--God.

There are two main names used for God. General versus personal names.

Yahweh- Speaks of God in relationship

Elohim- when speaking universally

Point: Scriptures assumes existence of God (Ps. 14:1).



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There are two Hebrew words for Gods creating activity.

1. **Bara** (create) i.e. Doctrine of exnihilo

1:1 matter/energy (heavens and earth/universe)

1:21 where life comes into existence< living creatures in the waters and in the air (sea life and fowl)

1:27 where human beings are brought into existence.

2. **Asa** (make) in the sense of preparation 1:7, 16, 25-26, 31

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Key lie:

Microevolution vs. macroevolution





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Genesis 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

What does formless and empty mean?

Refers to barren wasteland like a desert (nothingness)

Point: God created out of that which did not exist. Ps. 104:





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Literal six days? God is saying there was six days when God is working and one when God is resting.

Seven Standard Formulae

“Then God Said” v.3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, 29 (10)

“Let there be” v.3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26

“And God Made” v.4, 7, 12, 16, 21, 25, 27,

“An God saw that it was Good” v.4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31 (very good).

“And it was so” scholars call this the command execution formula. V. 3, 7, 9, 11, 15, 24, 30.

Seven day structure v.5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31, 2:2

Naming or blessing being given v.5(2), 8, 10(2), 22, 28

No morning or evening on seventh day.



The Days of Creation

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Made	Day 1	Sunday	Space	Light created and divided from darkness...
	Day 2	Monday	Sky & Sea	Atmosphere created and divided from the oceans...
	Day 3	Tuesday	Land	Land is created and divided from the oceans, seas, rivers, etc... Vegetation made.
Filled	Day 4	Wednesday	Space Filled	Sun, moon and stars are created to fill the sky, hold the light, serves as signs...
	Day 5	Thursday	Sky and Sea Filled	Water is filled with creatures; Sky is filled with creatures...
	Day 6	Friday	Land Filled	Land is filled with creatures, Man is created as the pinnacle of creation...
Rest	Day 7	Saturday	Rest	God rested from all His work.