

STUDY OUTLINE OF GENESIS

TITLE OF THE BOOK: The title Genesis, which is Greek, means "Origin," and the first word in the Hebrew means "Beginning," words which indicate both the scope and the limits of the book.

As to Scope, Genesis tells us the beginning of everything, except God.
As to Limit, it is only the beginning; there is no finality.

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AUTHOR OF THE BOOK: The Jews always ascribed it to Moses -- this was confirmed by Christ in John 5:46,47. Moses probably wrote it after the name Jehovah had been revealed to him (Ex. 3:14; 4:2,3) since he uses it so often. *When 80 yrs old*

The Bible is not the earliest revelation from God. There were the oral traditions passed down from family to family, and later included in the Scripture. These oral teachings were just as inspired of God as was the written teachings.

PURPOSE OF THE BOOK: To prepare for the story of God's dealings with the Hebrew people, from whom the Saviour of the world was to come. All is made to converge and taper to that fact. Much that would have been interesting, but irrelevant, is dropped out of view, or mentioned in the slightest manner.

The Bible is not a book of geology, biology, ethnology, archaeology -- it is a religious book, a record of God's revelation to man.

DIVISIONS OF THE BOOK: Genesis divides itself naturally by the recurring phrase, "These are the generations ..." *Created series*

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| 1. Of the heavens and earth | 2:4 | " | <i>polytheism - many gods</i> |
| 2. Of Adam | 5:1 | " | <i>fatalism - chance</i> |
| 3. Of Noah | 6:9 | " | <i>evolution - becoming</i> |
| 4. Of Noah's sons | 10:1 | <i>Religion</i> | <i>Pantheism - God immanent</i> |
| 5. Of Shem | 11:10 | " | <i>identical</i> |
| 6. Of Terah | 11:27 | " | <i>Materialism - eternity of matter</i> |
| 7. Of Ishmael | 25:12 | | |
| 8. Of Isaac | 25:19 | | |
| 9. Of Esau | 36:1 | | |
| 10. Of Jacob | 37:2 | | |

At each division our attention is fixed on a narrowing area, until from the creation of the heavens and the earth it is left with one sad object of contemplation -- an enslaved race, and "a coffin in Egypt."

THERE ARE TWO MAJOR DIVISION IN GENESIS. The call and response of Abraham constitute a new departure in the story, and mark off the two main parts of the book -- the first part covering chapters 1-11, and the second part chapters 12-50.

In the first divisions we have four significant events; in the second part, we have four significant persons. Our study outline will revolve around these.

STUDY OUTLINE
THE FOUNDATIONS OF REDEMPTION

I. PRIMEVAL HISTORY (1-11)

Four Significant Events

1. The Creation --- Divine Sovereignty in the physical creation.
God's eternal priority
2. The Fall ----- Divine Sovereignty in human probation
God's moral authority
3. The Flood ----- Divine Sovereignty in historical retribution
God's judicial severity
4. The Babel Tower - Divine Sovereignty in racial distribution
God's governmental supremacy

II. PATRIARCHAL HISTORY (12-50)

Four Significant Persons

1. Abraham --- God's Call
2. Isaac --- God's Choice
3. Jacob --- God's Care
4. Joseph --- God's Control

man began at top & "fell up" -
fell to bottom

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THE FALL

I. THE FALL OF MAN

Temptation came to Eve in Satanism

→ The temptation was permitted!
for innocence to become righteousness
- But he could only tempt - not force!
1 John 2:16

1. Satan's Temptation to Eve:
 - (1) Changed the Word of God
 - (2) Added to the Word of God
 - (3) Subtracted from the Word of God "lest ... maybe"
2. The Nature of the Temptation:
 - (1) To the appetite -- the bread question.
 - (2) Beautiful to the eyes.
 - (3) Pride of Life -- "become as gods"
3. The Effects of Sin: the first principle of sin -- the fallen tries to get someone else to fall.
 - (1) Guilt -- they knew something had happened.
 - (2) Fear
 - (3) Flight
 - (4) Defense -- fig leaf covering.
 - (5) Attack -- "the woman thou gavest me."

The Tree a sign of the rule of the man

conscience born
- I had given ample warning 2:17
- I had given ample provision

II. THE CURSES

1. On Man: external, objective, in realm of productivity.
 - (1) Toil -- before work was effortless
 - (2) Tears
 - (3) Sweat
2. On Woman: internal, in her nature
 - (1) Woman sorrow
 - a. Physiological disorder
 - b. Psychological disturbance
 - (2) Mother Pain -- cursed in the realm of the highest and noblest; shows the enormosity of sin.
 - (3) Wife Subjection -- home is to be the center of her joys and affections.
3. On Satan:
 - (1) Degradation -- crawl - *formed a flying serpent* - only skeletal animal that crawls w/ non-skeletal "only mark for 3rd curse"
 - (2) Dust -- what happens to the serpent outwardly happens to the devil inwardly - - a prophecy of the death of the devil.
 - (3) Enmity
 - a. Personal -- between devil and woman (Abel)
 - b. Racial or social -- saved and lost, (and Cain)
 - c. Spiritual -- between seed of woman, Christ, and himself.

→ Driven out of Garden so they would not live forever in that condition

→ I clothed them - Heb. for atone

Gen 2¹⁷

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"THE INFINITIVE ABSOLUTE PUTS STRONGER STRESS ON THE IDEA CONTAINED IN THE VERB." - WESTERMANN

"THE INFINITIVE ABSOLUTE BEFORE THE FINITE VERB INTENSIFIES THE LATTER." - K¹ D

"THE USE OF THE INFINITIVE ABSOLUTE IS RESTRICTED TO THOSE CASES IN WHICH IT EMPHASIZES THE ABSTRACT VERBAL IDEA, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE SUBJECT OR OBJECT OF THE ACTION. IT STANDS MOST FREQUENTLY AS AN ADVERBIAL ACCUSATIVE WITH A FINITE VERB OF THE SAME STEM." § 45 (G)

"SPEAKS OF AN ACTION WITHOUT ANY REGARD TO THE AGENT OR TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF TIME AND MOOD UNDER WHICH IT TAKES PLACE." § 113 (G)

* { "EMPHASIS IN THIS WAY EITHER THE CERTAINTY OR THE FORCIBLENES AND COMPLETENESS OF AN OCCURRENCE." § 113 n - GESSENIUS USES GEN 2¹⁷ HERE AS THE EG. & TRANSLATES IT AS "THOU SHALT SURELY DIE."

THE TYPE TEACHING OF GENESIS

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I. OLD TESTAMENT TYPES IN GENERAL

PERSONS: Adam--Rom. 4:5:14
Melchizedek" Heb. 7:3

OBJECTS: "That rock...was Christ"--I Cor. 10:4
The first Tabernacle---Heb. 9:8,9

EVENTS: Noah saved by water --I Pet. 3:21
Abraham and Issac -- Heb. 11:9

Script: I Cor 10:6 --types
I Cor 10:11
Heb. 10:1

1. Value of Typology ;; has fallen into ~~dux~~ disrepute
 - (1) Gives O.T. wo nderderful new wealth of meaning.
 - (2) Furnishes proof of Divine Inspiration
 - (3) a form of prophecy

2. Principles of Interpretation

(1) No doctrine ~~or~~ theory should ever be built upon a type or types independently of direct teaching elsewhere in Scripture. Types are meant to amplify doctrine, not to originate it. They are illuminative, not foundational.

(2) The parallelism between type and antitype should not be pressed to fanciful extremes.. they are not meant to be exact replicas

DEFINITION OF TYPES:

Any person, object, event or institution Divinely adapted to represent some spiritual reality, or to prefigure some person or truth to be later revealed.

God has been ~~pleas~~ pleased to invest certain events, persons, etc., with a prefiguarative meaning, so that besides having a real relationship with their own times they have had a ~~xxx~~ significance reaching far forward into the future.

II. TYPES IN GENESIS

Persons: Adam --Christ

THE FLOOD SURVIVORS -- A TYPE OF THE CHURCH

1. Chosen-- 6:18, Eph.1:4
2. Called--7:1; Rom. 8:30
3. Believers =7:4,7; Heb, 11
4. Sepearted
5. Sealed 7:16; Eph. 1:13
6. Risen -- 7:17-19
7. Rewarded -- 8:15-19 possessed a new world.

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JOSEPH, A TYPE OF CHRIST

Life of Joseph in three periods. He is the most complete single type of Christ anywhere in the Bible.

I. THE BELOVED SON

1. Preeminent in the love of the father. 37:3, Matt.3:17
2. Preeminent in filial honor -- 37:3, John 5:36,37; 3:35
3. Preeminent in the Divine Purposes. His dreams were prophetic 37:5-11
Heb. 1:2; Eph. 1:9,10
4. Preeminent as the father's messenger -- 37:13,14 Luke 4:18, Heb. 1:1,2

II. THE REJECTED SERVANT

1. Hated-- 37:4, John 15:24
2. Sold by his brethren to Gentiles, Stripped of his coat
3. Suffering 37:23,24
4. Dead (in intent and figure) He was accounted dead 37:31-34

THE EXALTED SAVIOUR

1. Exalted as the wisdom and power of God to salvation. 41:38,9, New name-41:45; Becomes world's bread supplier, 41:57. Administrator of affairs 41:40 with 47:14-26.
2. Exalted to the right hand of the throne. 41:39-44
Given Gentile bride 41:45
3. Exalted among his own brethren. 42:6. 43:26. Revealed to repentant brethren, 45. Becomes special succourer of Israel, 47:11,12. Consummates wonderful divine plan, 45:5-9. Becomes virtually resurrected, 45:28
4. Exalted to an everlasting preeminence. 49:26. Scripture levels not one charge against Joseph, although more space given to him than any other person in Bible Genesis. His exaltation was both a vindication and a reward.