

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE IN A NUTSHELL

GENESIS

The Book of Beginnings

Generation

"In the beginning God created the Heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

Degeneration

"Cursed is the ground for your sake..." Genesis 3:17

Regeneration

"So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth'." Genesis 9:1

God created a good and perfect world. Man's rebellion against the Creator introduced decay, disease, suffering and death into the world.

GENESIS was written by Moses, after the Exodus from Egypt (about 1445BC).

Genesis covers over 2,000 years of history - more than all other books of the Bible combined.

Theological foundations are laid in Genesis concerning every major Christian doctrine, including the doctrines of: God, Man, Sin, Judgement, Redemption and Covenant.

A BOOK OF FIRSTS

The first man – Adam, and woman – Eve,
 The first marriage,
 The first sin,
 The first promise of Redemption,
 The first family,
 The first murder,
 The first worldwide judgement,
 The first laws for society,
 The origin of nations.

THE FIRST MESSIANIC PROPHECY – Genesis 3:15

The *Protoevangelium* - The Gospel in seed form.

1. Salvation is initiated by and achieved by God: *"I will..."*
2. Salvation shall come through a Mediator related to mankind: *"The Seed..."*
3. Salvation will involve the suffering of the Redeemer – the enemy *"shall bruise His heel..."*
4. Salvation shall destroy satan: *"He shall bruise your head."*

ALL NATIONS IN GOD'S PURPOSE

After the Creation, Corruption, Condemnation and Confusion, the Call of God comes to Abraham to leave his home, country and family and go *"to a land that I will show you... and you shall be a blessing... in you **all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**"* Genesis 12:1-3

THE 6 MAIN PLACES IN GENESIS

Eden, Ararat, Babel, Ur, Canaan and Egypt.

SEEDS OF THE MID-EAST CONFLICT

The conflicts in the Middle East find their origins in the childless Sarah's foolish attempt to secure a descendent by having her husband Abraham take her servant Hagar for a concubine. The Ishmael born to Hagar was prophesied: *"he shall be a wild man; his hand shall be against every man and every man's hand against him..."* Genesis 16:12

THE 5 PATRIARCHS OF GENESIS

Noah - who built the Ark
Abraham - the father of the Faithful
Isaac - the son of the promise
Jacob - whose twelve sons formed the 12 tribes of Israel
Joseph - who was betrayed by his brothers into slavery, but whose integrity lifted him from prison to the palace.

6 TYPES OF CHRIST IN GENESIS

The Seed of the woman (3:15)
The Door to the Ark (7)
Isaac's sacrifice (22:1-24)
Jacob's Ladder that led to Heaven (28:12)
Joseph lifted from the pit of death to the throne (37-41)
Judah's Sceptre (49:10).

THE CREATION MANDATE

"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
Genesis 1:28

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