

Genesis

1. Titles:

- A. Genesis = in the beginning, origin, births
- B. The Book of Beginnings

2. Author:

Written by Moses, who also wrote Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. These five books make up the Pentateuch which was called “The Law of Moses” or “The Book of Moses” in the New Testament.

3. Date:

- A. Covers approximately 2400 years from Adam to Joseph.
- B. Written about 1440 B.C.

4. Key Words:

- A. Begat – 67
- B. Seed – 58
- C. Generation (s) – 21
- D. Begin (an, ing) – 12

5. Key Verses: 1:1, 3:15

6. Purpose:

- A. To give an account of the origin of all things.
- B. To show God as the originator of creation and redemption.
- C. To show the origin of all nations and the choice of the Hebrew nation as God’s peculiar people from whom the Redeemer would come.

7. Message:

- A. It is necessary for man to know by failure his own weakness and insufficiency, before he will voluntarily choose God.
- B. Under every condition the failure of man is met by the salvation of God.

8. Outline:

- 1. The Beginnings of the Universe and Man Ch. 1-11
Four Outstanding Events;
Creation/Fall/Flood/Babel ----- All Nations
- 2. The Beginnings of the Hebrew Nation Ch. 12-50
Four Outstanding Persons
Abraham/Isaac/Jacob/Joseph ----- Chosen Nation

9. Summary:

Genesis is the “seed-book” of the whole Bible, the source of all the streams of truth that run through all the Scripture and consummate in the Book of Revelation. Genesis and Revelation are the beginning and ending of all things pertaining to creation and redemption. Genesis gives us the beginning of: the universe (1:1), man (1:26,27), marriage (2:21-24), sin (3:1-7), blood-sacrifice (3:21; 4:1-7), nations (10:32), the Hebrew nation (12:2), and the covenants of redemption (3:15; 17:7).

10. Christ Seen:

Christ is seen as the Creator (Gen. 1; Col. 16), the Beginning (Rev. 1:8), “The Seed of the woman” (Gen. 3:15; Mt. 1:23), the Ark of Salvation (Gen. 6-8, Lk. 2:30), our Isaac; the Only Begotten Son (Jn. 3:16), and our Joseph; the Beloved Son (Mt. 3:17). Christ is also seen in numerous other types throughout the book.