

Overview of Genesis

1. If you haven't done so already, read through the book of Genesis. What did you notice as you read? What did you find interesting, surprising, or confusing?
2. In no more than two short sentences, write what you think the book of Genesis is about. At the end of our study, we will come back to this question, and see how our impressions of the book have changed.
3. Watch these two short videos by The Bible Project which give an excellent overview of Genesis 1-11: [youtube.com/watch?v=GQI72THyO5I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQI72THyO5I) and Genesis 12-50: [youtube.com/watch?v=F4isSyennFo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4isSyennFo).
4. Flip through the book of Genesis in your Bible and read the headings (the uninspired part!) that summarize each section of the book.
5. Create an outline of the book of Genesis. No outline is perfect, so don't worry if yours is right. But think about where the major sections of the book may be, how each section may be divided up, and how those sub-sections may be divided up.

6. What do you think the phrase in 2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10; 11:27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1, 9; and 37:2 means? What might this repetition tell us about the book's purpose? How might this phrase relate to the many genealogies in Genesis?

7. Who wrote the book of Genesis? What does the Old Testament say about this? What does Jesus say about this? During what time period was the book written? How might knowing this help us understand the book better?

8. Does the book of Genesis record actual historical events? How do you know? Does any account of history record every detail of what happened? How do you think the author of Genesis chose which details to include and which to leave out?

9. Was the book of Genesis written to answer modern scientific questions? Does the Bible claim the world was created in six days (Exodus 20:11; Mark 10:6)? Does the Bible tell us exactly how old the earth is?

THE POINT



GENESIS



GOD'S PLAN TO RESCUE AND BLESS HIS REBELLIOUS WORLD

through Abraham's family
ISAIAH 41
PSALM 72
ISRAEL - "KINGDOM OF PRIESTS" TO SHOW OTHER NATIONS WHAT GOD IS LIKE. | FULFILLED IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM.

1-11 GOD & THE WORLD

12-50 GOD & ABRAHAM'S FAMILY

1-7 DARKNESS

HUMANS (MEREAD - ADAM)

GOD'S VOICE

TREE OF LIFE

CHOICE:

- TRUST GOD'S DEFINITION OF GOOD & EVIL
- OR
- SEIZE AUTONOMY AND DEFINE GOOD AND EVIL FOR THEMSELVES...?

BLESSING

- REFLECTION OF GOD'S CHARACTER
- REPRESENTATIVES OF GOD'S ROLE
- HARNESS CREATION'S POTENTIAL AND CREATE BEAUTY AND ORDER

12-25a ABRAHAM

12 ABRAHAM BETRAYS HIS WIFE (AND 20!)

16 ABRAHAM SLEEPS WITH HAGAR

15, 17 GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

ABRAHAM WILL BE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS AND A BLESSING TO THE WORLD... (GIVEN IN THE COVENANT - CIRCUMCISION)

ABRAHAM TRUSTS GOD (GENESIS 15-17)

25b-36 ISAAC AND JACOB

27 JACOB STEALS ESAU'S BIRTHRIGHT & BLESSING

27-31 JACOB DECEIVED BY LADAN

32 JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD

I WON'T LET GO UNTIL YOU BLESS ME!

YOUR NAME WILL NOW BE ISRAEL.

"WRESTLES WITH GOD"

37-50 JACOB'S SONS

37 JOSEPH HATED BY HIS BROTHERS

LET'S KILL HIM!

ABRAHAM & SONS' REPEATED FAILURE

3 CREATING RESISTANCE AGAINST GOD

3b WHY ARE YOU HIDING?

3c SNAKE'S DEFEAT & HUMANITY'S GRIEF

3d WOUNDED VICTOR

1 ABEL, CAIN, & LAMECH

6-9 THE FLOOD

11 BABYLON

LET'S MAKE A NAME FOR OURSELVES!

12-13 ABRAM

TERAH NAHOR SERAH REU PELEG

10a 'SONS OF GOD'

EVIL ANGELS OR KINGS WHO CLAIM DIVINE DESCENT

11 SCATTERED

16 LAND NATION 'BLESS'

"IN YOU, ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED."

16 ABRAHAM SLEEPS WITH HAGAR

BUILD A FAMILY THROUGH MY SLAVE!

27-31 JACOB DECEIVED BY LADAN

GET HIM!

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37-40 JOSEPH ENSLAVED & IMPRISONED

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41-50 ELEVATED, JOSEPH SAVES EGYPT & HIS FAMILY

YOU PLANNED THIS FOR EVIL, BUT GOD PLANNED IT FOR GOOD - TO SAVE MANY LIVES. (50:20)

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO RESCUE & BLESS

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