

Genesis

OT Order

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Chapters

50

Section

The Law

Historical Setting

The beginning of things
The seed plot of the Bible

OVERVIEW:

Written by:

Moses:
The man of God

Written to:

Primarily to Israel
but also, it is
God's Word
to all mankind.

Written for:

To teach that
God is sovereign:
seen in creation
and in choosing Israel

Key Theme or Verse

In the beginning God created
the heaven and the earth.
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Adam and the Fall

Chapters 1-5

Beginnings

Creation: God's Work
God creates the world
The beginning of mankind
The garden of Eden
God and man in communion

The Fall: Satan's Work
Adam and Eve disobey God
(called the fall of man)
Sin enters into the world
Everything changes

The Aftermath: Man's Work
Cain kills his brother Abel
Men become evil and wicked

2

Noah and the Flood

Chapters 6-11

Developments

The State of the World
Mankind becomes corrupt
The earth is filled with evil
God is grieved in his heart

The Flood
Judgement is announced
Noah finds grace in God's sight
God has a plan for salvation

The Rainbow
God gives a promise

The Tower
Languages are confused
People are scattered

3

Abraham and his Faith

Chapters 12-25

Intervention

The Progress by faith:
Abraham obeys the call of God
He follows faithfully, God leads
God gives to his descendants
the land of Caanan

The Promise to faith:
Abraham is promised a son
Abraham believes God
Isaac is eventually born

The Proof of faith:
Abraham's faith is tested
Abraham obeys unconditionally
He is told that all nations will
be blessed in his seed.

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Jacob and his Family

Chapters 25-36

Difficulties

In the house of Isaac:
Jacob takes Esau's birthright
Jacob takes Esau's blessing
Jacob flees from Esau

In the house of God:
He dreams of a ladder to heaven
Jacob makes a vow

In the house of Laban:
Jacob marries Leah and Rachel
He serves as a shepherd
Jacob flees from Laban

In the house of Israel:
He wrestles with an angel of God
Jacob's name is changed to Israel

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Joseph and his Fruitfulness

Chapter 37-50

Progress

As a Brother:
Joseph is hated by his brethren

As a Slave:
Joseph is bought by Potiphar

As a Prisoner:
Joseph is falsely accused
He is put in prison
In prison he interprets dreams

As a Saviour:
He interprets Pharaoh's dream
Joseph make provision for all

As a Governor:
Joseph made 2nd ruler in Egypt
His revelation to his brethren



Practical:

We are all created in God's image, yet we acknowledge that actions have consequences