

# Genesis: A First Glance

## Title

“Beginning” / “Origin”

## Brief Overview

- \***1-11** - Primeval History
  - \***1-3** - Creation, Paradise, Fall
  - \***4-11** - Beginnings of Human History
- \***12-50** - Patriarchal History
  - \***12-25** - Abr
    - \***25-26** - Isaac & Ishmael
    - \***27-35** - Jacob & Esau
    - \***36-50** - Joseph & brothers

## Tracing the Storyline & theme

- \*Note the repeated “*good*” and “*blessed*” in Gen.1:
  - “*good*” \***4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31**
  - “*blessed*” \***1:22; 1:28; 5:1-2; 2:3; 6:8** (echo)
- \***Gen.4ff** → progression of human sin
- \***Gen.12** - turning point:
  - \*Promises to Abraham
    - Land
    - Great Nation
    - Blessing to Abraham
    - Blessing to all the nations through Abraham
- \*cf. “*seed*” theme

## Content Outline

- \***1-11** = background / setup: blessing given & lost
- \***12-50** = blessing promised & restored

## Literary Outline “These are the generations of ...” / “This is the account of ...” (*toledoth*)

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| * <b>2:4</b> - heaven & earth | * <b>11:27</b> - Terah   |
| * <b>5:1</b> - Adam           | * <b>25:12</b> - Ishmael |
| * <b>6:9</b> - Noah           | * <b>25:19</b> - Isaac   |
| * <b>10:1</b> - Noah's sons   | * <b>36:1</b> - Esau     |
| * <b>11:10</b> - Shem         | * <b>37:2</b> - Jacob    |

## The Developing “Seed” Theme - “*offspring / descendants / children / family*”

- \***3:15** - the woman’s seed
  - \***12ff** - Abraham’s seed
  - \*Special attention given to the “royal” line
    - \***17:6; 17:16; 35:11; 49:10**
  - \*Challenges to the promise
- Purpose of the Patriarchal narratives  
cf. \***Mt.1:1; Jn.12:31; Gal.3:16**

## The Role of Genesis in the Biblical Canon

“Foundational”