

A Tour Through the Divine Library (Genesis)

I. General Introduction to Genesis

-Book one of five in the Pentateuch: the law, the book of the law, the book of Moses, the law of Moses, the law of the Lord, other variations (Josh. 8:34; Ezra 6:18; Dan. 9:11; 2 Chron. 31:3; Matt. 12:5; Gal. 3:10; Mark 12:26; John 7:23; Luke 2:23, 24)

-Title: “origins” “beginnings”

-Purpose/Theme: The Founding of the Hebrew Nation

-Authorship/Date: Moses, by 1405 BC (Ex. 17:14; 24:4; 34:27; Num. 33:2; Deut. 31:9, 24; Josh. 22:9; Judges 3:4; Matt. 19:8; Luke 5:14; Acts 3:22; Rom. 10:5)

-Structure: “these are the generations of...” (2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10, 27; 25:12, 19; 36:1, 9; 37:2)

II. General Overview of Genesis

-Three Distinct, Sequential Geographical Settings: Mesopotamia (1–11); The Promised Land (12–36); Egypt (37–50)

-Part 1: Four Great Events: Creation (1, 2); Fall (4, 5); Flood (6-10); Dispersion (11)

-Part 2: Four Great Men (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph)

III. Prominent Doctrines and Themes in Genesis

-God’s Character (goodness, holiness, sovereignty, justice, mercy, grace, faithfulness); Anthropology; Creation (see Christian Apologetics series, Parts 60-64 on Cosmogony); Marriage and the Family; Work; Rest; Satan; Sin; Death; Judgment; Grace; Election; Covenants; Redemption (justification by Faith – see Gen. 15:6 with Rom. 4; Gal. 3:6; James 2:23); Worship; Garden of Eden and the Land Promises

IV. Christ in Genesis

-Adam (Rom. 5:12-21; 1 Cor. 15:21, 22, 45; Eph. 5:31, 32); seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15); Noah’s ark; Melchizedek (Heb. 5-7); theophanies (Gen. 21:17, 18; 32:24-30); seed of Abraham (Gen. 12, 15, 17, 22 Luke 1:55 Gal. 3:16); Isaac (Gen. 22:12 John 3:16 Rom. 8:32); Joseph

Practical Lessons

1) God has a plan and purpose.

2) We all need the salvation that Jesus came to bring.