

Old Testament Introduction

The Book of Genesis

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INTRODUCTION

- 1) "Genesis tells us the beginning of everything but _____."
- 2) Genesis has been termed the "_____ of the Bible."
- 3) "Genesis is the _____ on which the whole superstructure of Divine revelation rests."
- 4) Genesis is the first book of the _____. The Jewish designation is _____ or _____.
- 5) Genesis contains _____ chapters.

AUTHORSHIP

- 1) **The Traditional view:** _____ wrote the Pentateuch.
 - A. The Old Testament confirms this view. (*Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 31:9*)
 - B. The New Testament confirms this view. (*John 1:45; John 5:45-47; Acts 7:37, 38*)
- 2) **The Critical view:** Moses did not write the Pentateuch.
 - A. The critical view says that it was not completed until about _____ years after Moses' death.
 - B. The critical view says that it is the work of various "scholars" and "editors" who used _____ documentary sources to compile the Pentateuch.
 - C. This view is the product of 19th century _____, which is unbelieving skepticism.

RECIPIENTS

The recipients of Genesis are not specifically stated, but it was presented originally to the _____.

DATE OF WRITING

- 1) The book of Genesis was probably written around ____ B. C.

- 2) The book of Genesis covers approximately _____ years. Chapters 1-11 about _____ years. Chapters 12-50 about _____ years.

PURPOSE OF BOOK

- 1) The book of Genesis was written to furnish an account of the beginning of all things.

→ _____ Genesis 1:1
→ _____ Genesis 1:26, 27
→ _____ Genesis 2:21-25
→ _____ Genesis 3:1-7
→ _____ Genesis 3:15, 21; 4:1-7
→ _____ Genesis 10:32

- 2) The book of Genesis was especially written to show the origin of the nation of Israel as God's chosen people--the nation through which the _____ would come.

THEME OF THE BOOK

The theme of the book of Genesis is _____ or _____.

OUTLINE

- I. The Primeval History of Humanity (1:1-11:26)
 - A. Creation (1:1-2:25)
 - B. Fall to the Flood (3:1-5:32)
 - C. Flood (6:1-9:29)
 - D. Flood to Abraham (10:1-11:26)
- II. The Patriarchal History of Israel (11:27-50:26)
 - A. Abraham (11:27-25:10)
 - B. Isaac (25:11-28:9)
 - C. Jacob (28:10-36:43)
 - D. Jacob's sons, especially Joseph (37:1-50:26)