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The Book of Beginnings

Probably written by Moses, on the 40 year journey through the desert, God showing him what to write about the past events.

Main players in Genesis

- God
- Adam
- Eve
- Cain
- Abel
- Noah
- Abram
- Lot
- Hagar
- Ishmael
- Abraham
- Sarah
- Isaac
- Rebekah
- Jacob
- Esau
- Leah
- Rachel
- Reuban
- Simeon
- Levi
- Judah
- Issachar
- Zebulun
- Joseph
- Benjamin
- Dan
- Naphtali
- Gad
- Asher
- Manasseh
- Ephraim

Most of the major doctrines / beliefs we get from the Bible are introduced in the Book of Genesis:

Along with the fall of man, God's promise of salvation for all and the redemption of the sinner begins in Eden. The doctrines of God's creation, consequences of sin, justification, atonement, depravity, wrath, grace, sovereignty, responsibility, and many more are all addressed in this book of origins called Genesis.

Many of the great questions people have of life are answered in Genesis:

Where did I come from? (God created us). Why am I here? (We are here to have a relationship with God). Where am I going? (We have a destination after death). Genesis appeals to the scientist, the historian, the theologian, the housewife, the farmer, the traveller, and the man or woman of God. It is a fitting beginning for God's story of His plan for mankind, recorded for us in the pages of our Bible. There is no effort on the part of the author to defend the existence of God; he simply states that God is, always was, and always will be, almighty over all. In the same way, we have confidence in the truths of Genesis, despite the claims of those who would deny them. All people, regardless of culture, nationality or language, are accountable to the Creator God. This theme is carried through the Bible, beginning to end.

Genesis can be divided into two sections:

- 1) Age of Humanity / Covenant of Creation. This includes the Creation, the Fall of man; The Judgment of all mankind for their evil heart, and the Flood to start again through Noah's family.
- 2) Age of Israel / Covenant of Promise. This era started with the promise of the Rainbow and the dispersion of the people at Babel. Then Abraham being called out and given the land of Canaan, with the promise of fathering a great nation. This continued through Isaac to Jacob, where God again promises a great nation and a blessing to all the world through Israel.



God created a universe that was good and free from sin. God created humanity to have a personal relationship with Him. Adam and Eve sinned and thereby brought evil and death into the world. Evil increased steadily in the world until there was only one family in which God found anything good. God sent the Flood to wipe out evil, but delivered Noah and his family along with the animals in the Ark. After the Flood, humanity began again to multiply and spread throughout the world, & God introduced the new plan of His Chosen People.



God chose Abraham, through whom He would create a chosen people and eventually the promised Messiah. The chosen line was passed on to Abraham's son Isaac, and then to Isaac's son Jacob. God changed Jacob's name to Israel, and his twelve sons became the ancestors of the twelve tribes of Israel.



In His sovereignty, God had Jacob's son Joseph sent to Egypt by the despicable actions of Joseph's brothers. This act, intended for evil by the brothers, was intended for good by God. In Genesis we start to see the way God interacts with people, and what He expects from us His creation. We are here at His good pleasure.