



BIBLE BEGINNINGS: AN OVERVIEW OF GENESIS THROUGH EXODUS

Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1

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Introduction:

PENTATEUCH — first _____ books of the Bible written by _____.

Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

OLD TESTAMENT—The long and clear case that humanity is an absolute mess without God.

THE GOSPELS—Jesus and what God's grace looks like up close.

NEW TESTAMENT—the product both in human community (the church) and human heart (personally) when the life of the gospels (Jesus) is allowed to transform—when God's grace is unleashed and yielded to. How God's grace transforms you and make you live.

It's all about Jesus, all about salvation, all about redemption, all about God's faithful covenant-keeping loving heart pursuing mankind in personal relationship made possible by redeeming grace!

1. Genesis—_____ God

The big idea of Genesis is God's holy _____ and faithful _____ in spite of humanity's fall.

GENESIS COVERS THE LARGEST PERIOD OF TIME

OF ANY BIBLE BOOK—The first 11 chapters have no real time measurement. Last 48 chapters begin around 2100 BC and ends around 1800 BC

CHAPTERS 1-11—Early history of humanity in sweeping terms and accounts. Eternal God creating everything and calling it good.

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Man immediately choosing sin over God and falling from relationship with Him.

CHAPTERS 12-50— God begins to deal personally with a man (Abram) and his family to rescue humanity and redeem all of His fallen creation.

Genesis 12:1-3 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

Genesis 18:18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

Genesis 49:18 I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.

Genesis 50:19-21 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. 21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

GENESIS PROVIDES US WITH FOUNDATIONAL FRAMEWORK AND UNDERSTANDING OF:

Who we are, where we came from, what's wrong with us

Who God is, how he relates to us, what is eternal plan and promises are

Why we are here, what we are doing, and where we are going

GENESIS GIVES A WORLD-VIEW THAT LAYS THE FOUNDATION FOR
THE REST OF THE BIBLE!

Genesis gives us an understanding that redemption will result
from the COVENANTS of God not the behavior of men!

Genesis clearly establishes the deep flaws of humanity and the
only hope in God's grace.

Genesis is an early account of God's ultimate dependability
and faithfulness, and man's absolute sinfulness and brokenness.

2. Exodus—_____ God

The big idea of Exodus is _____!

This book picks up at about 1500 BC and covers about 80
years of critical history of the family of Abraham becoming
the Nation of Israel.

*Exodus 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still,
and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for
the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more
for ever.*

*Exodus 15:2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my
salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's
God, and I will exalt him.*

TWO PARTS

Chapters 1-18 - God delivering and redeeming his people out
of slavery.

Chapters 20-40 - God giving the ten commandments and the establishment of the tabernacle worship (sacrificial system.)

Chapter 15—The Nation of Israel sings the first song of worship to celebrate God’s salvation!

Chapter 19—(connector) God invites Israel as a nation into a unique relationship of close fellowship with Him, and to represent Him to all the peoples of the earth!

Chapters 20-23 —God’s laws for national behavior.

Chapters 25-31—Instructions for the tabernacle

Chapters 32-34—The plan is halted because of idolatry.

Chapters 35-40—The plan is put back in motion, completed, but Moses cannot enter the tabernacle...the book ends there! Man cannot enter into God’s presence!

Conclusion:

Exodus 6:6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

