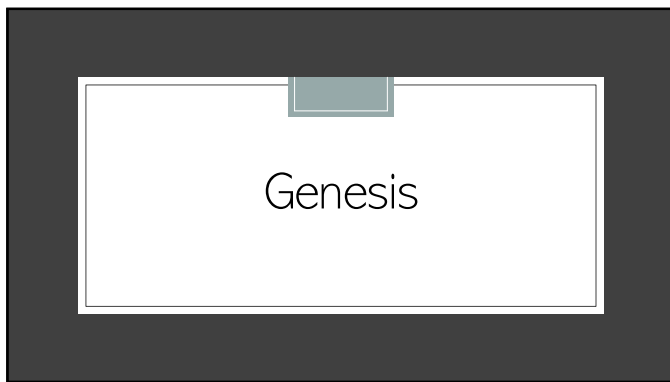
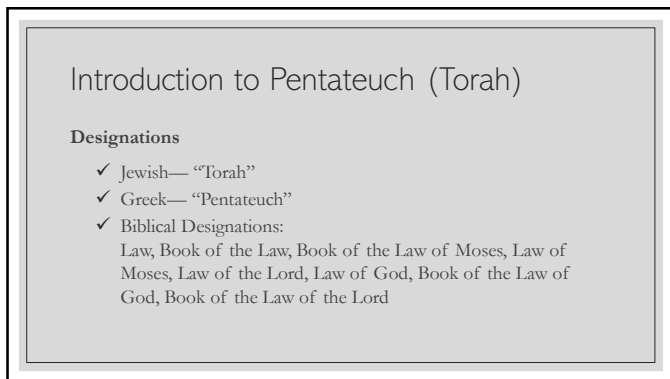


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Introduction to Torah (Pentateuch)

Importance

- ✓ Foundation of spiritual insight (Ps 1:1-2)
- ✓ Points to Christ (Luke 24:27, 44)

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Major Themes of Torah

- ✓ God
- ✓ Covenant—Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Priestly
- ✓ Seed
- ✓ Sin
- ✓ Election
- ✓ Exodus
- ✓ Law
- ✓ Tabernacle / Priesthood / Sacrifice
- ✓ The Land

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Purpose of Torah

God chose Israel as the seed of Abraham to be the priestly nation that would restore mankind to its proper role as rulers for God over His created earth.

“And you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

Exodus 19:6

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Introduction to Genesis

Title

- ✓ Hebrew = *Bereshith* (בְּרֵאשִׁית; “In the beginning”)
- ✓ Greek = *Genesis* (ΓΕΝΕΣΙΣ; “Origin, Source, Generation, Beginning”)

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Introduction to Genesis

WHO—Authorship

- ✓ Moses (John 5:45 –47; Exod 17:14)

WHO—Audience

- ✓ Second Generation Israel

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Introduction to Genesis

WHEN

- ✓ Approximately 1406 BC
- ✓ 40 years after the exodus from Egypt
- ✓ 1446 BC = Exodus from Egypt (**key date!**)

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Introduction to Genesis

WHERE

- ✓ First part of a five-part series
- ✓ Wilderness of Sinai / Plains of Moab
- ✓ Israel poised to take the Promised Land
- ✓ Dates of Genesis events span from Creation to the Death of Joseph

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Introduction to Genesis

WHY

- ✓ This book is the **WHO** of God's Kingdom Plan for Israel
- ✓ The Seed is the "WHO"
- ✓ Corporate Solidarity

To instruct Israel (and the world) on the history of creation and the origins of their nation and how the one and only God, Yahweh, is raising up Israel and their Seed to destroy sin and the curse and restore the world to the paradise of the Garden of Eden.

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HOW—Terminology and Themes

- ✓ Seed (12:7, 13:15, 16; 15:3, 5, 13, etc.)
- ✓ Covenant (6:18; 9:9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17; 14:13, 18, etc.)
- ✓ Name (2:11, 13, 14, 19, 20; 3:20; 4:17, 19, 21, 25, 26, etc.)
- ✓ Blessing (1:22, 28; 2:3; 5:2; 9:1, 26; 12:2, 3; 14:19, etc.)
- ✓ Land (Earth; 1:1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17; 6:5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 17; 12:1, etc.)
- ✓ Kingly or Regal terms (1:16, 28; 3:16; 4:7; 14:18; 17:6, 16; 35:11; 49:20, etc.)
- ✓ Generations (2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1, 32; 11:10, 27; 25:12, 13, 19; 36:1, 9; 37:2)

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HOW—Literary Structure

- ✓ Introduction (1:1 – 2:3)
- ✓ Generations of the Heavens and the Earth (2:4 – 4:26)
- ✓ Generations of Adam (5:1 – 6:8)
- ✓ Generations of Noah (6:9 – 11:9)
- ✓ Generations of Shem (11:10 – 26)
- ✓ Generations of Terah (11:27 – 25:11)
- ✓ Generations of Ishmael (25:12–18)
- ✓ Generations of Isaac (25:19 – 35:29)
- ✓ Generations of Esau (36:1 – 43)
- ✓ Generations of Jacob (Israel; 37:1 – 50:26)

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