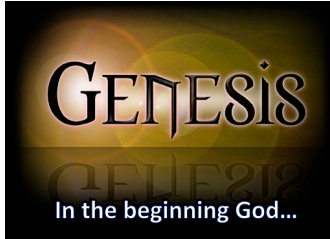


Day 1: Introduction and Genesis 1:1-2: “In the beginning, God”



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Genesis: from Greek: *geneseos*: origins; used in Genesis to describe the particulars about a man and his descendants

First book of the Pentateuch (Greek: five-volumed) **and the Bible:** foundational to the Torah (law, instruction) and the rest of the Bible with an account that spans from creation to c. 1800 B.C.

Author: Moses, may have been written about 1450-1410 B.C or about 200 years later: Luke 24:44

Key concept of blessing vs. cursing: consider God's response to man's actions in the fall, at the time of the flood and at the Tower of Babel: Rev. 22:3

Theme: creation, sin, and re-creation (redemption), ultimately through a descendant of Abraham

In the beginning, God: created: *bara*: formed something new and perfect and used only of God in the Bible: John 1:1-3, 10; 4:34; 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:15-20; Heb. 1:2; 11:3; Rev. 4:10

Earth without form and void: lacked order and content; Jer. 4:23

Spirit of God: hovering

Assignment:

As we study this foundational book ask:

What does Genesis tell us of the origin of the world, the human race, the Jewish people and of sin?

How do we know the account of these origins (the world, humans, sin) in the book of Genesis is true?

How is man responsible to the Sovereign Creator of everything that exists?