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Introduction to Genesis

1. Genesis covers the origins of:

the universe, order and beauty, life, man, marriage, evil, God's plan to save us through Jesus

2. How important is Genesis to the <u>rest</u> of the <u>Bible</u>?

- Abraham is mentioned by name in <u>15</u> Old Testament books and <u>11</u> New Testament Books.
- Jacob is named in 20 Old Testament books and 17 New Testament books.
- There are <u>165</u> passages in the New Testament that are quotations of the old and <u>200</u> quotations/allusions.
- All other biblical references to Genesis consider the book factual.

3. Genesis is not just about the past, it is about the future.

- Genesis 1:4 God separated light from darkness; Revelation 21:25 There is no more night.
- Genesis 1:10 God separated the land from the sea. Revelation 21:1 There is no more sea.
- Genesis 1:16 God made the sun and moon to rule day and night. Revelation 21:3 There is no more need for a sun or moon because Jesus is the light.
- Genesis 2:8-9 Man is placed in a prepared garden. Revelation 21:2 Man is placed in a prepared city.
- Genesis 1:10 River flowing out of Eden. Revelation 2:1 River flowing from God's throne.
- Genesis 2:9 The tree of life is in the center of the garden. Revelation 22:2 The
 tree of life is throughout the city.

- Genesis 3:8 God walked with Adam and Eve in the Garden. Revelation 21:3 God lives with his people in the city.
- Genesis 3:17 The ground was cursed. Revelation 22:3 Describes life in the New Jerusalem as without a curse.
- Genesis 3:17 Life will be daily sorrow. Revelation 21:4 There is no more sorrow, crying or pain.
- Genesis 3:19 We will experience death and returning to the dust. Revelation 21:4 No more death.
- Genesis 3:24 We are barred from the tree of life. Revelation 22:14 Full access to the tree of life. Neighbor Relationships

For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly...But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3:5–7, 13 (ESV)

3. Who wrote Genesis?

Moses!

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:27 (ESV)

4. How is Genesis organized?

- Genesis 1-11 Early history of our planet
- Genesis 12-50 Early history of Israel
- There are <u>10</u> "generation of" sections in the book. <u>5</u> cover the history of our planet <u>5</u> cover the history of Israel. <u>5</u> introduce Bible stories and <u>5</u> introduce genealogies. Genesis is carefully put together.

Genesis 1:1 — Who Created Everything?

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." Revelation 4:11 (ESV)

Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. Psalm 148:5 (ESV)

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. Hebrews 11:3 (ESV)

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. John 1:3 (ESV)

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."... Psalm 14:1 (ESV)

5. When did God create the universe?

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them. and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Exodus 20:11 (ESV)

6. Is evolution true?

7. Is the gap theory true?

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. Romans 5:12 (ESV)

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2 (ESV)

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6 (ESV)



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