

GENESIS PART ONE: CHAPTERS 1 THROUGH 11



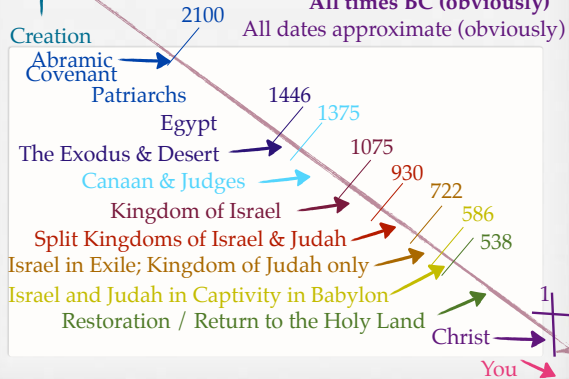
Book of God's Original Plan

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TIMEFRAME

All times BC (obviously)

All dates approximate (obviously)



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TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch ✓
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets

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AUTHOR

- Acts 15:1
- Refers to Genesis 17
- "Historically, Jews and Christians alike have held that Moses was the author/compiler of the first five books of the OT...The Bible itself suggests Mosaic authorship of Genesis..." CSSB 2

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READERS & RECIPIENTS

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- “Compiled” by Moses as inspired by God
- A history of the world, written for anyone who had or has questions about it’s origin.
- A history of God’s relationship with man; a study of the nature of God, written for anyone interested.

STORYLINE

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- Creation
- Adam & Eve
- Cain & Abel
- Flood
- Noahic Covenant
- Babel

Major OT Themes found in this Book:

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1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God’s Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God’s Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Ch
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

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THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION: WHAT DOES THIS BOOK ADD TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD?

- "The book focuses on God primarily in two areas: He is the Creator of the universe, and He is the one who initiates (starts) covenant with His people. Genesis ties creation and covenant together in a stunning manner: the God who initiates covenant is the same God who has created the entire universe." -- CBH

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SECULAR CONTRIBUTION: THINGS PEOPLE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THIS BOOK

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| Adam and Eve & Cain and Abel is one of the most famous stories of the Old Testament | The Flood is one of the most famous stories of the Old Testament |
| The Creation is one of the most famous stories of the Old Testament | The Tower of Babel is one of the most famous stories of the Old Testament |

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KEY VERSE

- God talking to the serpent: "I will make you and the woman enemies to each other, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will [only] strike his heel." [ERV, and NIV84]
- You'll be powerful for a while on earth, Satan, and win a small battle against me, but in the end, a son of Adam & Eve will crush you.
- 3:15

REQUIRED READING

- Chapter 1-- Creation
 - 1:27
 - 1:31
- Chapter 2-- Adam & Eve
 - 3:13
 - 4:8
 - 6:8
- Chapter 3-- The Fall of Man
 - 9:8-9
 - 11:4

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WHEN TO TURN HERE

- Who is God?
- Where did I come from?
- How was the world made?
- Why do I struggle with sin?
- Why is the world difficult and complicated?

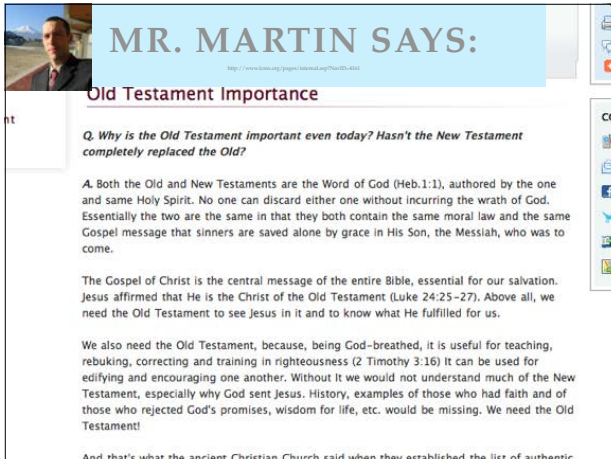
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LUTHER SAYS:

- "In his first book Moses teaches how all creatures were created, and ...whence sin and death came...But immediately thereafter..he teaches whence help is to come...namely, not by the law or men's own works...but by 'the seed of the woman,' Christ, promised to Adam...Genesis, therefore, is made up almost entirely of illustrations of faith and unbelief, and of the fruits of faith and unbelief bear. It is an exceedingly evangelical book." --LW 35:237

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MR. MARTIN SAYS:
<http://www.bible.org/page.do?id=3102>

Old Testament Importance

Q. Why is the Old Testament important even today? Hasn't the New Testament completely replaced the Old?

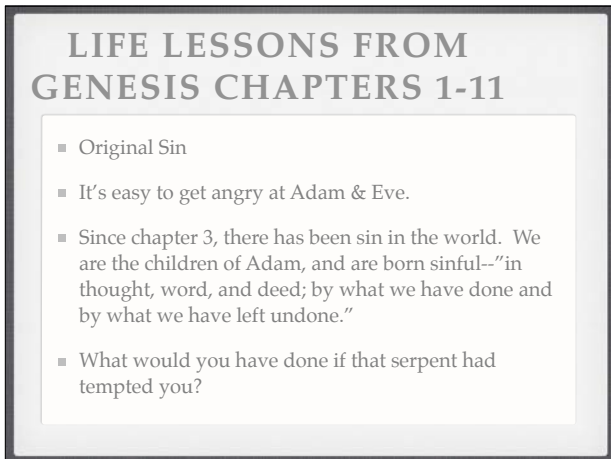
A. Both the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God (Heb.1:1), authored by the one and same Holy Spirit. No one can discard either one without incurring the wrath of God. Essentially the two are the same in that they both contain the same moral law and the same Gospel message that sinners are saved alone by grace in His Son, the Messiah, who was to come.

The Gospel of Christ is the central message of the entire Bible, essential for our salvation. Jesus affirmed that He is the Christ of the Old Testament (Luke 24:25-27). Above all, we need the Old Testament to see Jesus in it and to know what He fulfilled for us.

We also need the Old Testament, because, being God-breathed, it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16) It can be used for edifying and encouraging one another. Without it we would not understand much of the New Testament, especially why God sent Jesus. History, examples of those who had faith and of those who rejected God's promises, wisdom for life, etc. would be missing. We need the Old Testament!

And that's what the ancient Christian Church said when they established the list of authentic

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LIFE LESSONS FROM GENESIS CHAPTERS 1-11

- Original Sin
- It's easy to get angry at Adam & Eve.
- Since chapter 3, there has been sin in the world. We are the children of Adam, and are born sinful--"in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone."
- What would you have done if that serpent had tempted you?

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ACTIVITIES

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