

**Loris First Baptist Church**  
***“Through The Bible Basics”***

Introduction to “The Book of Genesis”

1. The word *Genesis* means *origin, source, birth*, “beginnings”.
2. The book of Genesis was written to tell us of the “beginning” of everything (except God!):
  - a. The beginning of the Created World (Gen 1:1-25)
  - b. The beginning of Man and Woman (Gen 1:26-Gen 2)
  - c. The beginning of Sin (Gen 3:1-7)
  - d. The beginning of Promise of Redemption (Gen 3:8-24)
  - e. The beginning of Family Life (Gen 4:1-15)
  - f. The beginning of Civilization (Gen 4:16-Gen 9:29)
  - g. The beginning of Nations (Gen 10 & 11)
  - h. The beginning of a Chosen People (Gen 12 thru 50)
3. The book of Genesis can be divided into two major parts:
  - a. Four Major Events:
    - 1) The Creation (Chapters 1 & 2)
    - 2) The Fall of Man (Chapters 3 & 4)
    - 3) The Flood (Chapters 5 through 9)
    - 4) The Tower of Babel (Chapters 10 & 11)
  - b. Four Major Persons:
    - 1) Abraham – “the man of faith” (Chapters 12 through 23)
    - 2) Isaac – “the beloved son” (Chapters 24 through 26)
    - 3) Jacob – “whose name was changed to Israel” (Chapters 27 through 36)
    - 4) Joseph – “life of suffering and glory” (Chapters 37 through 50)
4. Author of the book of Genesis is Moses, according to Jesus Christ (John 5:46; Luke 24:27)
5. The book of Genesis was written for Israel so that all mankind could know three important things:

a. Origin of Man (Where did I come from?)

b. Purpose of Man (Why am I here?)

c. Destiny of Man (Where am I going?)

6. Genesis accomplishes three major Purposes:

a. Historical Purpose: *It encouraged Israel while this nation was wandering in the wilderness after being slaves in Egypt for over 430 years. It reminded them that they were inheritors of the PROMISES made to their ancestors (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob).*

b. Doctrinal Purpose: *Teaches all of mankind that God is the originator of all creation and that He created everything originally as “very good”. Genesis also teaches that it was man who “sinned” against God and brought death and evil into the world, so God begins to show how He is going to save mankind from their sins by sending a special “seed” (Gen 3:15) through a chosen “bloodline” (Gen 12:1-3).*

c. Christological Purpose: *Teaches that the promised “seed” ultimately points to Jesus Christ as being the Savior of the world who came from the “bloodline” of Seth (Gen 4:25), Shem (Gen 9:27, 11:10-26), Abraham (Gen 12:3), Isaac (Gen 21:12), Jacob (Gen 25:23), Judah (Gen 49:10), and a “virgin” (Luke 1:26-38).*

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Study Guide for “The Book of Genesis” (I)

1. Read the Intro to Genesis and Chapters 1-25 from the book of Genesis by next Wednesday.
2. Answer the following Questions from the Introduction to Genesis (handout):
  - a. What does the word “Genesis” mean? (Intro. “1”)
  - b. What is the “one” subject that the book of Genesis was NOT written to tell us of the “beginning”?
  - c. List the “8” major subjects that the book of Genesis WAS written to tell us of their “beginning”?
  - d. What are the two major parts that the book of Genesis can be divided into? (middle page 1)
  - e. Who is the Author of the book of Genesis? How can you know for sure? (bottom page 1, Intro)
  - f. The book of Genesis was written for Israel so that all mankind could know WHAT three important things? (top of page 2, Intro)
  - g. What Historical Purpose does the book of Genesis accomplish? (middle page 2, Intro)
  - h. What Doctrinal Purpose does the book of Genesis accomplish? (middle page 2, Intro)

3. Answer the following Questions about these **4 major events** in Genesis as you read:

a. **The Creation (Chapters 1 & 2)**

- 1) Where was the Holy Spirit “hovering” after God created the heavens and the earth? (Gen 1:2)
  
- 2) Why do you think that the term “God SAID” is used throughout Genesis Chapter 1 to describe how God was accomplishing His creation of the heavens and the earth?  
(Gen 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24; see also John 1:1-2)
  
- 3) True or False. The “US” God refers to in Genesis 1:26 includes the “angels”.
  
- 4) What are four major commands God gave to the “male and female” that He created? (Gen 1:28)
  
- 5) What did God do with the “seventh day” when He “rested” from all of His work? (Gen 2:3a)
  
- 6) Why did the Lord God take “Adam” and put him in the Garden of Eden? (Gen 2:15)
  
- 7) Why is a “female” human called a “woman” in Genesis 2:23?
  
- 8) According to Genesis 2:18, what did God say was “not good” for Adam?

**b. The Fall of Man (Chapters 3 & 4)**

- 1) What was wrong with Eve's response to Satan in Genesis 3:3? (Compare to Genesis 2:17)
  
- 2) What did Satan promise Eve she would be "like" if she ate from the tree? (Genesis 3:4)
  
- 3) Where was Adam when Satan was "tempting" Eve to eat from the tree? (Genesis 3:6)
  
- 4) Who did Adam "ultimately" blame for his disobeying the command of God? (Genesis 3:12)
  
- 5) God told Satan that He would put "enmity" between Satan's "seed" and whom? (Gen 3:15b)
  
- 6) What was the difference between Cain's offering to the Lord and Abel's offering?  
(Genesis 4:3-4; pay attention to what is said in Leviticus 17:11)
  
- 7) Who was the first man noted in the Bible as having violated God's marriage laws?  
(Genesis 4:19; compare to Genesis 2:24)

**c. The Flood (Chapters 5 through 9)**

- 1) How long did Adam live? (Genesis 5:5)
  
- 2) What happened to "Enoch" as he walked with God? (Genesis 5:24)

- 3) Why did Lamech name his son “Noah”? (Genesis 5:29)
  
- 4) What “limits” did God put on the years of a man’s life in Genesis 6:3?
  
- 5) What did God “see” about man that caused Him to decide to wipe them off the earth? (Gen 6:5)
  
- 6) What did Noah “find” in the eyes of the Lord? (Genesis 6:8a; see also Eph 2:8-9)
  
- 7) What did Noah “do” that allowed he and his family to live through the judgment of God?  
(Genesis 7:5)
  
- 8) True or False. The Lord flooded the earth by just allowing it to rain for 40 days and 40 nights.
  
- 9) How long did the waters “flood” the earth? (Genesis 7:24)
  
- 10) How long was Noah and his family living inside the ark? (compare Gen 7:6-11 with Gen 8:14)
  
- 11) Read Genesis 9:6 and Romans 13:1-4. Do you believe that Governments have the God given right to enforce the “death penalty” upon convicted murderers?
  
- 12) What was the “sign” God gave man as a symbol of His covenant with man to never again “flood the earth” to destroy all life? (Genesis 9:14-16)
  
- 13) What did Noah’s son Ham do that led to him being “cursed”? (Genesis 9:22, 24-27)

**d. The Tower of Babel (Chapters 10 & 11)**

- 1) From who do all of the nations of the world “descend” from? (Genesis 10:1)
  
- 2) From which son of Noah did the “Canaanites” come from? (Genesis 10:15-20)
  
- 3) What did all the descendants of Shem, Ham, and Japheth originally have in common? (Gen 11:1)
  
- 4) Why did the peoples of the earth decide to build “themselves” a city on the plain of Shinar?  
(Genesis 11:4)
  
- 5) What did the Lord do so that the people would stop working together to rebel against Him?  
(Genesis 11:7)
  
- 6) Why was the “tower” the people trying to build “to the heavens” called “Babel”? (Gen 11:9)
  
- 7) From which of Noah’s sons was Abram a descendant of? (compare Genesis 11:10 with 11:27)
  
- 8) Where was Terah and Abraham headed when they chose to settle in “Haran”? (Genesis 11:31)

**e. Abraham – “the man of faith” (Chapters 12 through 23)**

- 1) What exactly did God tell Abram to do? (Genesis 12:1)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) True or False. Abram originally obeyed exactly what God told him to do.

(Compare Genesis 12:1 with Genesis 11:31-32)

- 3) While Abram was traveling in the land of the Canaanites (i.e. now known as Israel), what did the Lord appear to him and say? (Genesis 12:7)
  
- 4) True or False. God told Abram to leave the land of Canaan and go to Egypt during the famine.
  
- 5) To whom did Abram trust to act in a way to “spare his life”? (Genesis 12:13)
  
- 6) Why was it getting difficult for Abram and his nephew, Lot, to stay together in Canaan? (Genesis 13:6)
  
- 7) Lot chose to pitch his tents among the cities of the plain near Sodom. How does the bible describe Sodom in Genesis 13:13?
  
- 8) How many “trained” men did Abram take with him to rescue Lot and his family? (Gen 14:14)
  
- 9) Who blessed Abram when he returned from rescuing Lot and his family? (Gen 14:18)
  
- 10) What did Abram give to Melchizedek, king of Salem? (Genesis 14:20b)
  
- 11) What did the Lord “credit” to Abram after He believed God’s Word that he would have an “offspring” from his own body and many descendants would result? (Genesis 15:6)
  
- 12) What did the Lord tell Abram that would “certainly” happen to his descendants? (Gen 15:13)



- 13) Why did God tell Abram his descendants would not possess the land of Canaan until his descendants reached the fourth generation? (Genesis 15:16)
- 14) What was the name of Sarai's maidservant that she gave to Abram to bear her a child? (Genesis 16:3-4)
- 15) Who did Sarai "blame" for Hagar "despising her" after her maidservant "conceived"? (Gen 16:5)
- 16) What was the name that "The Angel of the Lord" told Hagar to name her son? (Gen 16:11)
- 17) What was the name that Hagar gave to the Lord who spoke to her in the desert? (Gen 16:13)
- 18) How old was "Abram" when God changed his name to "Abraham"? (Genesis 17:1)
- 19) What was the "sign" of the covenant that God established with Abraham and his descendants? (Genesis 17:10-11)
- 20) What was the name God told Abraham to give his son that would be born of Sarah? (Gen 17:19)
- 21) How did the Lord appear to Abraham while he was near the trees of Mamre? (Genesis 18:1)
- 22) What did Sarai do when she heard God tell Abraham she was going to have a son? (Gen 18:12)
- 23) In pleading for Sodom and Gomorrah, what was the final number of righteous people that Abraham asked God to agree to not destroy these cities if they could be found? (Gen 18:32)

- 24) What did Lot do when he saw the two angels arrive at Sodom at the city gate? (Gen 19:1)
  
- 25) Why did all the men of Sodom (old and young) want Lot to bring the two visitors that were guests in his home out to them? (Genesis 19:5)
  
- 26) What happened when Lot “hesitated” in leaving Sodom? (Genesis 19:16)
  
- 27) What was the name given to Lot’s oldest daughter’s son born from “incest”? (Gen 19:37)
  
- 28) What was the name given to Lot’s youngest daughter’s son born from “incest”? (Gen 19:38)
  
- 29) While living in Gerar, what did Abraham say about Sarah that caused king Abimelech to take her to be his wife? (Genesis 20:2)
  
- 30) What did God say would happen if king Abimelech did not return Sarah to Abraham? (Gen 20:7)
  
- 31) What did Abraham pray to God to do for Abimelech’s wife and his slave girls? (Genesis 20:17)
  
- 32) How old was Abraham when his son “Isaac” was born? (Genesis 21:5)
  
- 33) What did Sarah ask Abraham to do to “Hagar” and “Ishmael” when she saw “Ishmael” mocking her son “Isaac”? Why? (Genesis 21:10)

34) Who “tested” Abraham’s faith by asking him to “sacrifice” his son, Isaac? (Genesis 22:1)

35) What did Abraham say to Isaac when his son asked him: “Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” (Genesis 22:8)

36) Because Abraham, by faith, obeyed God...what did God promise to do for ALL nations? (Genesis 22:18)

37) How old was Sarah before she died? (Genesis 23:1)

38) From whom did Abraham “purchase” a burial plot for Sarah? (Genesis 23:14-16)

**f. Isaac – “the beloved son” (Chapters 24 through 26)**

1) Where did Abraham send his chief servant to get a wife for Isaac? (Gen 24:4; see Gen 11:28-31)

2) What was the name of the woman whom Abraham’s chief servant chose to be Isaac’s wife? (Genesis 24:15-16, 66-67)

3) What was the name of one of Rebekah’s brothers? (Genesis 24:29)

4) How old was Abraham when he died? (Genesis 25:7)