

## Bible Study: Genesis

Dear all,

Please find the file for this coming Friday (2020-08-28) attached. The file include 3 items: 1) summary of the book; 2) the key verse we are going to study and 3) the lesson we will learn. Please review the file before coming to the bible study.

We will spend about 20-25 minutes for each study on every Friday. The way and goal for our study is to understand the entire Bible by focusing on just one verse in each book.

see you,

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### 1. Summary

The genre of Genesis is a Narrative History, and Genealogies. It was written by Moses about 1450-1410 B.C. This book was written to record God's creation of the world and to demonstrate His love for all that He created.

Genesis is the first book of the Law and also the first book of the entire Bible. The name Genesis literally means "*In the Beginning*". It explains the actual events of one of the most debated subjects of our current day...the origin of life. Genesis describes the Lord God, who is infinite and all-powerful, creating everything that exists, by the power of His spoken Word, out of nothing. He essentially creates material matter out of nonmaterial nothing.

In chapters 1-11:28, Moses explains the creation of all things, "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*" (1:1). He quickly switches to the fall of man in sin and separation from God in chapter 3; then, how God implemented His judgment on the wicked earth. Through a universal flood and by selecting and sparing Noah, a faithful man, and his family, God wipes out humanity and starts again, with one secluded family.

From chapters 11:28-36, God begins to carry out His plan of redemption in the beginning stages of establishing His own nation of Israel. It is through Abraham, again one faithful man, which God calls and promises to bless with a multitude of people and through them bless the entire world, "*...and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed*" (12:3).

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In chapters 37-50 God faithfully raises up and protects the generations from Abraham as He had promised, all the way through unto Joseph while in Egypt. God blesses Abraham's son and their son's. Through their disappointments and failures, He displays His power and sovereignty in their lives; but in at the end of the book of Genesis, God's people are in a foreign land and wondering about the promise land.

### **2. The verse:**

He believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. (15:6)

### **3. The learning:**

Salvation comes through faith – to Abraham and to us.