

Genesis, the Study Thereof
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16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

Greetings dear Sisters and Brothers! We welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, who is indeed the Christ! We are pleased that you chose to study with us. Please use this outline as a guide to aid you in your study of God's word. Please feel free to share your questions and comments in our chat during our class. You may also contact me through our website at www.zioncincinnati.org.

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Genesis

- Genesis, the book of beginnings.
 - The word for Genesis in Hebrew is **"be-rasheet"**, which means, *in the beginning*. **"Rasheet"** means, *choice or first fruits*. "God set in motion His choicest work.. Genesis provides essential doctrines for the comprehension of the New Testament", or Greek scriptures.
- Some essential truths
 - God is creator
 - All things were designed and created in divine order.
 - God cares for His creation and gives humankind the capability to take care of and protect His earthly dominion.
- Science & History and Genesis
 - Genesis is not a scientific or historical textbook in the modern or postmodern sense. It must be read and understood in the spirit of God, and through the lens of a narrative of ancient Israel's traditions and concepts of the past– a mixture of myths and legends, cultural memories,

revisions of tradition and literary brilliance... Likewise, it has been written that humankind might understand God as creator and the author of His creation. It is the beginning of our story with God. Finally, it comprises 50 chapters and although Moses is credited with writing this book some scholars believe that there are a number of writers who contributed to writing this book at a later period during the monarchy of Israel.

- Chronology
 - Creation-- undated
 - Noah builds the ark-- undated
 - Abram born-- 2166 BCE
- ❖ The Story of Creation { 1:1-2:3}
- ❖ The Story of Adam {2:4- 5:32}
 - Adam and Eve
 - Cain and Abel
 - Adam's descendants
- ❖ The Story of Noah {6:1-11:32}
 - The great flood
 - Repopulating the earth
 - The Tower of Babel
- ❖ The Story of Abraham {12:11-25:18}
 - God promises a nation to Abraham
 - Abraham and Lot
 - God promises a son to Abraham
 - Sodom and Gomorrah
 - Birth and near sacrifice of Isaac
 - Issaac marries Rebekah
 - Abraham dies
- ❖ The Story of Isaac {25:19-28:9}
 - Jacob and Esau (Isaac's twin sons)
 - Isaac and King Abimelech
 - Isaac blesses Jacob instead of Esau
- ❖ The Story of Jacob {28:10-36:43}
 - Jacob starts a family
 - Jacob returns home
- ❖ The Story of Joseph {37:1-50:26}
 - Joseph is sold into slavery
 - Judah and Tamar (a parenthesis)
 - Joseph is thrown into jail
 - Joseph is placed in charge of Egypt

- Joseph and his brothers meet in Egypt
- Jacob's family moves to Egypt
- Jacob and Joseph die in Egypt, 1805 BCE
- ❖ See map of Biblical Genesis

★ General Movements within Genesis

- Creation, Divine order
- Sin and human depravity
- The generations and the origin of the Israelites as a people.

** We will use this as a guide, but the Holy Spirit shall lead our study.