


Bible Training Institute

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

A scroll of parchment with the text "Pentateuch and Genesis" written on it. The scroll is unrolled, showing the text in the center. The parchment is yellowed and has a slightly textured appearance. The background is a dark red color.

**Pentateuch
and
Genesis**

Introduction to Pentateuch (Torah)

- Designations
 - Jewish— “Torah”
 - Greek— “Pentateuch”
 - Biblical Designations:
 - Law
 - Book of the Law
 - Book of the Law of Moses
 - Law of Moses
 - Law of the Lord
 - Law of God
 - Book of the Law of God
 - Book of the Law of the Lord

Introduction to Pentateuch (Torah)

- Importance
 - Foundation of spiritual insight (Ps 1:1-2)
 - Points to Christ (Luke 24:27, 44)

Major Themes of Torah

- God
- Covenant—Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Priestly
- Sin
- Election
- Exodus
- Law
- Tabernacle/Priesthood/Sacrifice
- The Land

Purpose of Torah

God chose Israel as the seed of Abraham to be the priestly nation that would restore mankind to its proper role as rulers for God over His created earth.

Exodus 19:6 “And you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

Introduction to Genesis

- Title
 - Hebrew Bible—"In the Beginning"
 - Septuagint—"Genesis"—origin, source, generation
- Author—Moses
- Date of events-- from Creation to the Death of Joseph (1806 B. C.)

Historical and Theological Themes

- Creation (Gen 1:1ff)
- Noahic Covenant
- Abrahamic Covenant . . .

Historical and Theological Themes

Abrahamic Covenant Development

- Foundation—Gen 12:1-3
- Making of the Covenant (15:1-21)
- Sign of the Covenant (17:1-14)
- Purpose of the Covenant (Gen 18:17-19)
- Blessing of the Covenant (22:15-18)
- Reaffirmation of the Covenant (26:2-5, 23-25; 28:10-17; 35:9-12; 50:24)

Historical and Theological Themes

Abrahamic Covenant Elements

1. Blessing (Gen 12:2; 24:1)
2. Nation
3. Land
 1. Noah's curse on Canaan tied to God giving Canaan to sons of Abraham
4. Seed
 1. Corporate seed—many descendants
 2. Individual seed—
 1. Isaac
 2. Messiah (Jesus)—22:15-18
 3. Universal blessing through the Seed

Historical and Theological Themes

- Creation (Gen 1:1ff)
- Noahic Covenant
- Abrahamic Covenant
- Power of God
- Sovereignty of God (Gen 50:20)
- Sin of Mankind (Gen 3,4,6,11,19)
- Judgment of God
- Grace of God (election and choice of the lowly)
- Blessing (1:22, 28; 2:3; 5:2; 9:1, 26; 12:2, 3; 14:19, 20; 17:16, 20; 18:18; 22:17, 18; 24:1, 27, 31, 35, 48, 60; 25:11; 26:3, 4, 12, 24, 29; 27:4, 7, 10, 12, 19, 23, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 41; 28:1, 3, 4, 6, 14; 30:27, 30; 31:55; 32:26, 29; 35:9; 39:5; 47:7, 10; 48:3, 9, 15, 16, 20; 49:25, 26, 28)

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The God of creation chose to bless sinful mankind through Abraham and his Seed who will inherit the Land.

Literary Structure

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- II. 12-50 = Patriarchal History

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Specific Divisions

- 10 *Toledōt* - “these are the generations of”

Literary Structure—10 *Toledōt*

Primeval History	Patriarchal History
Gen 2:4—Man's sin	Gen 11:27—Abrahamic Covenant
Gen 5:1—God's blessing	Gen 25:12—Non-Covenantal son
Gen 6:9—God's Recreation	Gen 25:19—Covenantal son
Gen 10:1—Man's sin	Gen 36:1—Non-Covenantal son
Gen 11:10—God's blessing	Gen 37:2—Covenantal son

Interpretive Issues

- Nature of Genesis—myth? symbolic theology? Historical narrative?
- Meaning of “day” in 1:1-2:3 creation account
- “Image of God” 1:26-27
- The “sons of God”—6:2, 4
- Extent of Noahic Flood—regional or global?