

# Genesis

## Tracking Christ from the Beginning - Faithfulness and Faith

“Moses . . . he wrote about Me.” Jesus, John 5:46 (also, Luke 24:44)

### Genesis

- Title: title in Septuagint, *Genesis* (γενεσις); title in Hebrew, *In the Beginning* (tyvarb)
- Author: Moses – tradition, scripture- Luke 16:31; 24:44; John 1:17; documentary hypothesis- late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Julius Wellhausen, J E D P editors; some editing and use of sources okay, inspiration must be preserved- “*men* moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God,” 2 Peter 1:21
- Structure: Introduction/Preamble- 1:1-2:3; “Toda,” *Generations of*: Heavens and earth 2:4-4:26; Adam 5:1-6:8; Noah 6:9-9:29; Shem, Ham and Japheth 10:1-11:9; Shem 11:10-26; Terah 11:27-25:11; Ishmael 25:12-18; Isaac 25:19-35:29; Esau 36:1-37:1; Jacob 37:2-50:26

### *Perspective of our study: Tracking Christ in Genesis/The Beginnings of Salvation History*

(see second handout for synopsis and study plan)

### Genesis 1:1-2:3 Creation and Man (creation, commission and provision)

*“Genesis 1-3 establishes the cosmology and framework for all the rest of the biblical message. We may say, therefore, that Genesis 1-3 is the most important passage in all Scripture. Everything else assumes and is based upon it.” J. Scott Horrell*

- Creation and science – a) Scripture must be used as the basis for faith, Hebrews 11:3; b) there is scientific support for creationism, while not proof; c) it is important to our knowledge of God (authority, sovereignty, eternity) and our relationship with Him (self image, morals, accountability)
- Pattern/Structure of Genesis 1 – repeated “formula” (poetic?): a) “And God said,” b) Let there be,” c) “it was so,” d) description (includes “God called”), e) “God saw that it was good,” f) “There was evening and there was morning.” God speaks into existence seven times before making man, then gives special attention to him.
- Purpose – a) setting/backdrop for history; b) establishes His authority (includes judgement/accountability, and responsibility to care for man), c) testimony to Himself (distinct declaration, Subject of ongoing declaration)

### Take Away

- God’s word and personal growth, Genesis 1; Psalms 33:6-9; Hebrews 11:3  
1 Peter 2:2; 1 Thess 2:13; 2 Corinthians 3:18
- God’s image and personal growth, Genesis 1:26-28  
2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 John 3:3; 2 Peter 1:4
- Points of interest: 1) “expanse . . . separated the waters,” 1:7; 2) “Us,” 1:26; 3) plants as food, 1:29-30

**“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.” Revelation 4:11 NASB95**