

## An Introduction to Genesis

**Title:** Genesis means BEGINNINGS. (Genesis 1:1)

**Author:** MOSES. (John 7:22; Acts 15:1)

**Date of Events:** Beginnings of creation - 1500 BC

1. Events that parallel events which are described in ancient Near Eastern texts (2200-1500 BC):
  1. Enuma Elish
  2. Atrahasis Epic
  3. Epic of Gilgamesh
2. Personal names found in early 2nd Millennium.
3. War in Genesis 14: after 1500 BC it wasn't possible for armies to move across the Holy Land.
4. Purchase price for Joseph (37:28): 20 silver shekels pertains to the rate of young male slaves in the early 2nd Millennium BC.

**Date of Authorship:** 1500 BC ~ The time of the Exodus

**Genre:** NARRATIVE, but also GENEALOGIES.

**Structure:**

- I. Two DIVISIONS
  - A. PRIMEVAL History (1-11)
  - B. PATRIARCHAL History (12-50)
- II. Ten GENEALOGIES
  - A. Heaven and Earth (2:4-4:26)
  - B. Adam (5:1-6:8)
  - C. Noah (6:9-9:29)
  - D. Shem, Ham, and Japheth (10:1-11:9)
  - E. Shem (11:10-26)
  - F. Terah (11:27-25:11)
  - G. Ishmael (25:12-18)
  - H. Isaac (25:19-35:29)
  - I. Esau (36:1-37:1)
  - J. Jacob (37:2-50:26)

**The Beginning of the THE Story with four parts:**

1. CREATION
2. FALL
3. REDEMPTION

4. CONSUMATION

**Geneis 1:1-2**

**I. It all started with GOD.**

- A. Deuteronomy 4:39
- B. Isaiah 40:21, 28
- C. John 1:1
- D. Colossians 1:17
- E. Revelation 4:11

**II. God CREATED.**

- A. Creatio ex nihilo
  - 1. John 1:3
  - 2. Hebrews 11:3
  - 3. 2 Peter 3:5
  - 4. Isaiah 45:7

**III. The SPIRIT hovered.**

- A. Psalm 104:1-4
- B. Exodus 28:3
- C. Luke 1:35
- D. 1 Corinthians 3:16