

BIBLE READING FOR 2023

<u>WEEK #1</u>	<u>GENESIS 1-26</u>	<u>01-01-23</u>
Monday - Genesis 1-5	Thursday - Genesis 18-22	
Tuesday - Genesis 6-11	Friday - Genesis 23-27	
Wednesday - Genesis 12-17		

Genesis is a Greek word that means the origin, source, creation, or coming into being of something. This is an appropriate name for the first book of the Old Testament because of its location in the Bible, and its content, which deals with a variety of origins or beginnings. In the Hebrew Scriptures, where books are named for their first few words, this book is Bereshith, which means in the beginning. The name Genesis comes from the Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. Some of the names of other Old Testament books are also derived from the Septuagint.

Genesis is the first book of the Pentateuch. The Greek word Pentateuch means five scrolls or books. The other four books included in this group are Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Another name the Jews traditionally used for this collection of books was the Hebrew word Torah. That word meant instruction, teaching, or doctrine, therefore, guidance or direction from God to His people. Later the Jews used the word Torah to include all the Old Testament, and in time, even the interpretations of God's law by the leading Rabbis. Since they treated these interpretations of the law as binding as the law itself, Christ condemned these additions to God's word as traditions of men.

The author of Genesis, as well as the rest of the Pentateuch, is generally accepted to be Moses. As is the case with all of the writers of Bible books, he wrote through inspiration, or in other words, by the power of God. Because of statements in the Bible itself, and uninspired sources both Jewish and Christian, most Bible students find the evidence overwhelming for the authorship of the Pentateuch by Moses. The following verses from the Old Testament support this view: Ex. 17:14; 24:4-8; Lev. 1:1-2; Num. 33:1-2; Deut. 31:9, 22, 24; Neh. 13:1; Mt. 8:4; 19:8; Jn. 5:46-47; Acts 3:22; 26:22; Rom. 10:5.

The date that scholars think Moses wrote Genesis, along with the other books he is thought to have authored, is sometime during the forty years of desert wandering after the exodus from Egypt. We will consider that period to be from about 1450 to 1410 B.C.. Others prefer a later date from approximately 1290 to 1250 B.C..

The purpose of the book of Genesis was originally to encourage the Jewish people to believe in and serve the one true God that had created man, and brought about the Hebrew nation, through which, He had promised to bless all of mankind.

Genesis begins with creation and closes with the development of the Hebrew nation underway in the land of Egypt during the days of Joseph.

An outline for the book would be as follows:

- 1.) Beginnings 1-11
- 2.) Abraham 12-23
- 3.) Isaac 24-26
- 4.) Jacob 27-36
- 5.) Joseph 37-50

Questions for Genesis 1-26:

- 1.) What does it mean in chapter one when it talks about man being made in the image of God?
- 2.) In 6:3 how many years did God say he would strive with man (wait before He destroyed the majority of people with the flood because of their sins)?
- 3.) To keep from getting scattered around the world what did the people do in chapter eleven?
- 4.) How old was Abraham when his son Isaac was born according to chapter twenty-one?
- 5.) In what chapter of Genesis is the death of Abraham recorded?