

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME ONE  
BEGINNINGS—A SURVEY OF GENESIS–DEUTERONOMY  
GENESIS: WHERE IT ALL BEGINS  
A SURVEY OF GENESIS



### The Heart of the Matter

Serving as God's introduction to His Word, Genesis holds a significant place in the canon of Scripture. The events Genesis describes and the themes it develops set the stage for everything that comes after. Remove it, and we are immediately confused, completely at a loss to understand the direction God is going. It is clear, therefore, why this book (more than any other in the Bible) is the target of constant criticism and attack. Disprove its validity, and we are well on our way to the destruction of our faith. But Genesis still stands! In this overview, we want to get a grasp on what the book is saying, how it fits together, and where it leads us in the next scriptural scene.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. The Name: Genesis

Genesis means "the beginning" of something, an idea picked up from Genesis 1:1 but also in the repeated phrase, "the generations of . . ."

#### 2. The Content: A Survey

The first eleven chapters of Genesis cover the beginnings of the human race, while chapters 12–50 cover the beginnings of the chosen race.



### Starting Your Journey

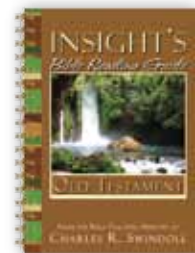
Genesis reveals five truths about human beings. First, we have been created by God. Second, we have fallen out of His favor because of sin. Third, divine judgment has fallen on us. Fourth, many continue to choose human good over God's good purposes. And, finally, God is still at work, using people of His choosing to bring others into His plan.



### Tools for Digging Deeper



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# GENESIS

	<b>Creation</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Flood</b>	<b>Nations</b>		<b>Abraham</b>	<b>Isaac</b>	<b>Jacob</b>	<b>Joseph</b>
	CHAPTERS 1–2	CHAPTERS 3–5	CHAPTERS 6–9	CHAPTERS 10–11		CHAPTERS 12–25	CHAPTERS 26–27	CHAPTERS 28–36	CHAPTERS 37–50
<b>Beginnings</b>	Beginning of the human race				⌋	Beginning of the chosen race			
<b>Result</b>	Confusion and scattering					Bondage in Egypt			
<b>History</b>	Primeval history				⌋	Patriarchal history			
<b>Chronology</b>	Over 2,000 years					Approximately 300 years			
<b>Emphasis</b>	Four major events					Four important people			
<b>Key Words and Phrases</b>	“In the beginning” (1:1) “Generations” (5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10; 11:27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 37:2)								
<b>Theme</b>	God promises to redeem and bless His people.								
<b>Key Verses</b>	3:15; 12:3								
<b>Christ in Genesis</b>	Pictured in the seed of the woman (3:15); Melchizedek, the high priest (14:18); the humiliation and exaltation of Joseph (chapters 37–50)								

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