

The Scriptures Summarized / Book 1 – Genesis

Title – The English Title is a recurring word in the Septuagint (Greek OT) Whereas the Hebrew Title is the first word Bereshith .

Gen. 1:1 In the **beginning** God created the heavens and the earth.

Author – Moses wrote the first 5 books of the OT known as the Pentateuch and which are classified as the books of the Law .

Lk 16:31 "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to **Moses** and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

Period – We do have a verse that dates the Exodus , after which Moses was given the Law and recorded all that God commanded.

1 Kings 6:1 In the four hundred and eightieth year after the Israelites came out of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, the second month, he began to build the temple of the LORD.

Ex. 21:1 "These are the **laws** you are to set before them: ..."

The book divides into 2 major divisions

Part 1 = Chapters 1 - 11 - Primevil ; Origin & Development of the Human Race that records 4 key Historical Incidents .
1 Creation 2 Fall 3 Flood 4 Babel

Part 2 = Chapters 12 - 50 - Patriarchs : Origin & Development of the Hebrew Race that traces 4 key Human Individuals .
1 Abraham 2 Isaac 3 Jacob 4 Joseph

This first book provides the **initial** basis for Biblical Doctrine , which are **further** developed in Progressive Revelation .

Theology; (God) Cosmogony; (the Universe) Anthropology ; (mankind)
Sociology ; (culture) Harmatology ; (sin) Ethnology ; (race)
Soteriology ; (salvation)

The use of the Greek word Geneseos provides the content outline and is used 10 times. It is translated in the NIV as Account, and in the KJV as Genealogy.

- I. Earth 2:4
- II. Adam 5:1
- III. Noah 6:9
- IV. Noah's Sons 10:1
- V. Shem 11:10
- VI. Terrah 11:27
- VII. Ishmael 25:12
- VIII. Isaac 25:19
- IX. Esau 36:1 & 9
- X. Jacob 37:2

In accounts a pattern emerges which was counter -culture. Consistently, preference is shown not to the usual firstborn but rather to a younger sibling.

Abel & Seth over Cain
Shem over Japheth 10:21?
Isaac over Ishmael
Jacob over Esau
Joseph & Judah over their brothers
Ephraim over Manasseh

The book reveals humanities ...

Worth — Gen. 1:26-28 = Image, Likeness, Dominion
Work — Gen. 2:15 & 3:17 = Easy Prior to Sin, Exhausting after
Women — Gen. 2:22-24 = Same species different gender, helper
Wrong — Gen. 3:2-6 = Deception & Willful Disobedience
Wait — Gen. 3:15 = Serpent Subdued by a mother's Son promised
Worship — Gen. 4:3-7 = Acceptable vs. Inappropriate