

## OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

### Genesis 1-11

#### Genesis

- "Beginnings" or "Origins"
- Authorship - traditionally ascribed to Moses, together with the rest of the Pentateuch (~1400s B.C.)
- Structure of the book
  - Various ways Genesis may be structured, including
    1. **Genealogical** - 'Toledoth' formula
    2. **Historical**
      - Genesis 1-11 -
      - Genesis 12-50 -

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##### Summary & Storyline

#### 1:1-2:3 Introduction - Creation of heavens & earth and everything in them

- 2 parallel sets of 3 days, involving "dividing/separating" and "filling":

<b>Dividing</b>	<b>Filling</b>
<i>Day 1</i> (1:3-5)	<i>Day 4</i> (1:14-19) -
<i>Day 2</i> (1:6-8) -	<i>Day 5</i> (1:20-23) -
<i>Day 3</i> (1:9-13) -	<i>Day 6</i> (1:24-31) -

2:4-25 "the generations of the heavens and the earth" - speaks of the 'offspring' of the heavens & earth, with a focus on the creation of man & woman

3:1-24 The Fall

4:1-24 Cain & Abel - emergence of two lineages of Mankind

**4:25-5:32      The generations of Adam through Seth - emergence of a Godly line**

**6:1-9:29      Noah and the Flood - Judgment/Destruction and Re-Creation - and Re-Fall**

**10:1-11:9      Descendants of Noah - Descent & Rebellion of Man**

**11:10-32      Descendants of Shem - A Continued Hope**

**Major Themes and Concepts Introduced in Genesis 1-11**

- God - who He is and His attributes
- Sin and its effects
- Salvation/Redemption
- God's people
- Covenants
- Sabbath
- Creation, Fall (and Judgment), Redemption, Re-Creation (or Consummation)
  - concepts that recur in various forms throughout Scripture (e.g. in the account of Noah)
  - recurring cycles, looking forward to Christ's redemption and ultimately to the day when the heavens and the earth will be re-made completely new (Revelation 21-22)
- concepts that form the foundations of the Christian worldview