

## ***Introduction to Genesis***

### **Genesis 1:1**

#### Main Point:

Study the book of Genesis, because you *need* to know it!

1. You need to know the book of Genesis because it was written by Moses for Israel in the wilderness.
2. You need to know the book of Genesis because it gives you an accurate worldview.
3. You need to know the book of Genesis because it is foundational to the rest of Scripture.
4. You need to know the book of Genesis because it is about your relationship with God and the One who saved you from sin.

## **Cross-references and quotations**

**John 7:22**<sup>22</sup> Moses gave you circumcision ... (ESV)

**Luke 24:44**<sup>44</sup> ... "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me." (NKJV)

**Genesis 2:4**<sup>4</sup> This *is* the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, (NKJV)

**J.G. Vos** "Genesis is the book of origins, or beginnings. It starts with God, who never had a beginning, and proceeds to tell of the beginning of all else."

**Richard Belcher** "Moses laid a foundation for the people of Israel ... so that they could understand who they were and their role in the world."

**J.G. Vos** "Understanding of the Book of Genesis is absolutely necessary for an understanding of the rest of the Bible. No one can have an adequate, sound theology who does not grasp the truths revealed in Genesis. All the rest of the Bible is based on Genesis. Every book of the Old and New Testaments presupposes the Book of Genesis. It is the foundation of the whole structure."

**Genesis 17:8**<sup>8</sup> "Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." (NKJV)

**Kenneth Matthews** "If we possessed a Bible without Genesis, we would have a 'house of cards' without foundation or mortar."

**John 5:46**<sup>46</sup> "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. (NKJV)

**Galatians 3:8**<sup>8</sup> And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, *saying*, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." (NKJV)