

Genesis Reading Plan

January - February 2024

We will begin our 2024 Bible Reading Plan with the first book of the Bible, Genesis. Genesis is where we find many of the famous/favourite stories of the Bible: The Creation Narrative, Noah's Ark, the tower of Babel, the ornate robe of Joseph, etc... While we might have the impression of Genesis being full of scattered stories, when we step back and look at the structure as a whole, we start to see how the author had intentionally arranged the stories to retell a larger narrative about the world that we live in. Our reading plan follows this narrative by looking at two 'beginnings.' The world's beginning - the stories of creation, human origins, the fall of humanity, and the relentless progress of evil (Genesis 1-11), and the redemptive beginning - God's redemption through the family of Abraham and his sons (Genesis 12-50). To help you with this reading, below are some pointers to guide you:

- **Who is God?** What is the author telling us about God through the stories?
- Pay attention to God's **grace** amid the brokenness and sinfulness of humans.
- Always keep the **main plot** in mind: God's intervention in the history of human fallenness by choosing a man and his family.

The Story of All Stories

Genesis belongs to the first of the five books of Moses (commonly known as the Torah). These five books come together to tell the story of God's redemptive work through a covenantal relationship with Israel, the sons of Abraham. Genesis, being the first book, thus gives us the setting of the story by addressing the major questions of all stories: Who are the main characters? What has gone wrong? Why has it gone wrong? How are the conflicts resolved, etc.. This story begins with God (Yahweh) creating a world that is good and flourishing. But at one point, humans decided to turn away from God and disrupt the good order. A new conflict arises, and how will this be resolved? Here, we turn to Genesis to find out.

Date	Reading	Read?
Genesis: In the Beginning		
The Beginning (1:1-11:32)		
1/1	Genesis 1:1-2:3	
1/2	Genesis 2:4-25	
1/3	Genesis 3:1-24	
1/4	Genesis 4:1-16	
1/5	Genesis 4:17-26	
1/6	Genesis 5:1-32	
1/7	Genesis 6:1-8	
1/8	Genesis 6:9-22	
1/9	Genesis 7:1-24	
1/10	Genesis 8:1-22	
1/11	Genesis 9:1-17	
1/12	Genesis 9:18-29	
1/13	Genesis 10:1-32	
1/14	Genesis 11:1-9	
1/15	Genesis 11:10-26	
The Family of Abraham (11:27-25:11)		
1/16	Genesis 11:27-12:20	
1/17	Genesis 13:1-18	
1/18	Genesis 14:1-24	
1/19	Genesis 15:1-21	
1/20	Genesis 16:1-16	
1/21	Genesis 17:1-27	
1/22	Genesis 18:1-15	
1/23	Genesis 18:16-33	
1/24	Genesis 19:1-38	
1/25	Genesis 20:1-18	
1/26	Genesis 21:1-34	
1/27	Genesis 22:1-24	
1/28	Genesis 23:1-20	
1/29	Genesis 24:1-27	
1/30	Genesis 24:28-67	
1/31	Genesis 25:1-11	

The Family of Isaac (25:12-37:1)		
2/1	Genesis 25:12-34	
2/2	Genesis 26:1-35	
2/3	Genesis 27:1-46	
2/4	Genesis 28:1-22	
2/5	Genesis 29:1-30	
2/6	Genesis 29:31-30:24	
2/7	Genesis 30:25-43	
2/8	Genesis 31:1-21	
2/9	Genesis 31:22-55	
2/10	Genesis 32:1-32	
2/11	Genesis 33:1-20	
2/12	Genesis 34:1-31	
2/13	Genesis 35:1-29	
2/14	Genesis 36:1-37:1	
The Family of Jacob (37:2-50:26)		
2/15	Genesis 37:2-36	
2/16	Genesis 38:1-30	
2/17	Genesis 39:1-23	
2/18	Genesis 40:1-23	
2/19	Genesis 41:1-38	
2/20	Genesis 41:39-57	
2/21	Genesis 42:1-38	
2/22	Genesis 43:1-34	
2/23	Genesis 44:1-34	
2/24	Genesis 45:1-28	
2/25	Genesis 46:1-27	
2/26	Genesis 46:28-47:31	
2/27	Genesis 48:1-22	
2/28	Genesis 49:1-28	
2/29	Genesis 49:29-50:26	

Additional Resources:

- Bible Project: "The Book of Genesis Part 1"
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