

## Purpose

To record creation, man's rebellion, and God's plan to redeem him from "the Fall"

## Meaning of Genesis

"Origin" or "beginning"

## Penman

Moses

## Date Written

1450-1410 BC

## Setting

The region presently known as the Middle East

## Key People

Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph

## Key Places

Eden, Mt. Ararat, Babel, Ur, Haran, Shechem, Hebron, Beersheeba, Bethel, and Egypt

## Key Verse

"I will cause hostility between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

*Genesis 3:15*

## An Overview (50 Chapters)

- Creation Account, *1:1-2:4*
- Adam and Eve, *2:4-5:32*
- Noah, the Flood, and Babel, *6:1-11:32*
- God's Covenant with Abraham, *12:1-25:18*
- Story of Isaac, *25:19-28:9*
- Jacob & Esau, *28:10-36:43*
- Joseph in Egypt, *37:1-50:26*

## Major Themes

- *Beginnings*: God explains the origin of the heavens and the earth, of man, of sin, and of His plan to restore man through a mysterious Seed.
- *Pitiful Pattern*: After the Fall, a pattern is quickly established and repeated, one of man's sin, God's judgment, and hope.
- *Covenants*: A covenant is a promise, a contract or an agreement made between two parties. God establishes several covenants with His people (i.e. Adam, Noah, Abraham, Israel).
- *Seed*: After the Fall, God promised to send a chosen Seed to restore mankind to Himself; thus, everyone is looking for the Promised Seed.
- *Chosen People*: God chooses to work through a nation of people — Israel — in order to bring about His Chosen One; He begins with Abraham and makes him the forefather.