

GENESIS

Genre: Narrative, Epic Narrative

First, God

If we don't have a sense of the primacy of God, we will never get it right, get life right, get our lives right. Not God at the margins; not God as an option; not God on the weekends. God at centre and circumference; God first and last.

Genesis gets us off on the right foot. Genesis pulls us into a sense of reality that is God-shaped and God-filled. It gives us a vocabulary for speaking accurately and comprehensively about our lives, where we come from and where we are going, what we think and what we do, the people we live with and how to get along with them, the troubles we find ourselves in and the blessings that keep arriving.

Genesis uses words to make a foundation that is solid and true. ... There is immense significance in everything that we do. Our speech and our actions and our prayers are all, every detail of them, involved in this vast building operation comprehensively known as the Kingdom of God. But we don't build the foundation. The foundation is given. The foundation is firmly in place.

from The Message, by Eugene Peterson

Key Verse

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3

Resources

[The Bible Project: Genesis 1-11](#) [online video]

[The Bible Project: Genesis 12-50](#) [online video]

Genesis for Everyone, John Goldingay

Key Passages

Genesis 1: In the Beginning

Genesis 2: With God in the Garden

Genesis 3: Rebellion

Genesis 4: Crouching at the Door

Genesis 7: Flood

Genesis 8: Rainbow

Genesis 12: Covenant

Genesis 15: The Plan

Genesis 19: Catastrophe

Genesis 22: Abraham's Sacrifice

Genesis 27: Jacob Gets the Blessing

Genesis 28: Something Undeserved

Genesis 37: Family Battles

Genesis 41: Behind the Scenes

Genesis 45: A Long Forgiveness



Count the stars
(Genesis 15:5)

THE BIG STORY



CREATION



REBELLION



COVENANT



HOMELAND



KINGDOM



EXILE



RETURN



JESUS



CHURCH



FUTURE