

**Creation &
Blessing: An
Expositional Study
of the Book of Genesis**

Wednesday,
September 7, 2011

PURPOSE OF THE BOOK

A. To provide the historical basis for the covenant of promise with Abraham whereby God will graciously bring about the solution to man's revolt.

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B. To encourage faith in Jehovah by introducing His election and separation of Israel to Himself as a resolution of the terrible consequences of mankind's rebellion.

THEME OF THE BOOK

Genesis show how God sovereignly chose the nation of Israel as the means through which He would bless all the nations of the earth.

SUMMARY OF THE BOOK

The first section, chapters 1-11, has to do with the physical universe and with creation, but in the last part, chapters 12-50, God begins to personally deal with man and his chosen people.

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God was more interested in Abraham than He was in the entire created universe.

KEY WORDS OF THE BOOK

Genesis is the book of beginnings and the book of blessings.

KEY LESSON OF THE BOOK

God created us for blessings and chose us to be a blessing to the world.

- Abram first heard the voice of God in Ur of the Chaldees. There is no hint that when God spoke to him that he questioned who God was. (12:1-3; cf. 15:7; Nehemiah 9:7; Acts 7:2-4). **Genesis 12:1**

- God's initial revelation of Himself to Abram was powerful and convincing enough that his father Terah was persuaded to join the pilgrimage and actually took the lead.

- God's call to Abram was a test of obedience. Faith that has not been tested is faith that cannot be trusted.

- God made an unconditional covenant with Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3

Leave country,
family, friends,
possessions

God's Command

I will give you
a land, a seed
and a blessing

God's Commitment

- Abram's
journey of faith

Genesis 12:4-9

- God's famine
test of Abram
was a test of
integrity.

Genesis 12:10-20