

**God's Plan Begins
The Book of Genesis
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Intro: New Beginnings, the first beginning. Why church, movie narrative.

Interog: Some believe that Jesus rendered the OT of little importance. Some say that we should dedicate ourselves to the sturdy of the life of our Savior and the teachings of those who were closest to Him. Some say the only true scripture is the Gospel record. Can this document, ancient as it is be meaningful to us despite thousands of years of separation?

It has been said that you can't know where you are going until you know where you've been. Genesis is where we have been. It is the background to the life of all of us. Today as we look at a summary of the book of Genesis, I want you to consider where you have been, and where you think you might be going.

Read Scripture: Gen 1:1, 26, 2:21-22, 3:6, 15c, 20-23, 6:12, 12:1-3

Background: Boyce quote.

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Beginnings, Genealogies, Covenants

Beginnings, read quote.

Genealogies: 2:4 The History of the heavens and the earth, 5:1 Genealogy of Adam, 6:9 Noah, 10:1 Sons of Noah, Shem Ham and Japheth, 11:10 Shem, 11:27 Terah (father of Abram) 25:12 Ishmael, 25:19 Isaac, 36:1 Esau, 37:2 Jacob

Structure of the book:

1:1-2:25 The Creation
3:1-11:26 The History of Humankind from Eden to Babel
11:27 - 25:10 The History of Abraham 21:1-28:5 and Isaac
25:19 – 31:1 The History of Jacob and Esau
37:2 – 50:26 Th History of Joseph

Themes:

God – In the beginning God – this book is from the perspective of God 1:1
Sin – Man chose to sin in the garden 3:1-6
Relationship – God walked with man Gen 2
Blame – 3:12
Redemption – God had a plan from the beginning 3:15
Companionship – God created woman and man to be a model relationship

Service – the purpose of man 1:27-28