

## SESSION 4: GENESIS OVERVIEW

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### A. Genesis is part of a group of 5 books.

1. The group is called the Pentateuch, Moses, Law, or Torah.
  - *Books form the foundation to the OT historical record.*
2. Group is all written by Moses at the time of the Exodus over 400 years after the last events recorded in Genesis.

### B. Genesis is the book of the beginnings.

1. Tells first of the beginning of the world.
2. Tells second the beginning of the nation of Israel
  - *Main purpose of the book is to explain the special calling of Israel.*
3. As book of beginnings Genesis is the complement of the book of Revelation.
  - *All the major themes started in Genesis are brought to completion in Revelation ( Often with direct reference to the Genesis account)*

### C. Abraham is the central character of the book and is key both in the OT and the Bible as a whole.

1. In OT the covenant with Abraham in Gen, 15 is the key to understanding Israeli history.
  - *Abraham is the father of the nation.*
2. In the NT Abraham's story is key in developing the teaching on faith.
  - *Abraham is the father of all who have faith.*

### D. Structure of the book.

- Author's structure works around a series of genealogical records.
  - ❑ Repeated phrase: "These are the generations" (2:4. 5:1, 6:9,10:1. 11:10,11:27, 25:12, 25:19, 36:1. 37:2)
    - *Key truth. Sovereign activity of God in working out a plan of deliverance.*
- Two simple outlines of the content.
  - ❑ AS TO CONTENT
    - *Beginning of the history of the world.*  
1-11

- Creation
- Fall
- Flood
- Babel
- *Beginning of the history of the nation of Israel. 12-50*
  - Abraham
  - Isaac
  - Jacob
  - Joseph
- ❑ AS TO REDEMPTION-  
What does it mean that in Abraham all the nations will be blessed?
  - **Generation 1-2**
  - **Degeneration 3-11**
  - **Regeneration 12-50**

## **Assignment**

Read chapter 1-2 of Genesis. If we did not know anything else about God, what do we discover here?