

# Week 5 Lecture: Overview of Genesis

## 1. Course Objectives

- 1) Understand the structure and core message of Genesis.
- 2) Learn the foundation of redemptive history through creation, the fall, and the beginning of the covenant.
- 3) Grasp the theological foundation of Genesis as it connects to Pauline theology.

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## 2. Overview of Genesis

Category	Summary
Hebrew Title	Bereshit(בראשית) – “In the beginning”
Author	Traditionally attributed to Moses
Timeline	Covers events from around 2000–1500 B.C.
Length	50 chapters (one of the longest books)

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## 3. Structure of Genesis (Two Main Parts)

### 1) Chapters 1–11: Primeval History

- (1) Creation (Ch. 1–2)
- (2) The Fall of Man (Ch. 3)
- (3) Cain and Abel (Ch. 4)
- (4) Noah and the Flood (Ch. 6–9)
- (5) Tower of Babel (Ch. 11)

### 2) Chapters 12–50: Patriarchal History

- (1) The Story of Abraham (Ch. 12–25)
- (2) Isaac and Jacob (Ch. 25–36)
- (3) The Story of Joseph (Ch. 37–50)

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## 4. Key Themes and Theology

Theme	Summary
Creation	God created the world in order and by His word
Humanity	Created in God's image (Gen. 1:26–27)
The Fall	Sin led to separation from God (Gen. 3)
Covenant	God's covenant with Abraham (Gen. 12:1–3)
Faith	Abraham was justified by faith (Gen. 15:6)
Seed of Redemption	The offspring of the woman will crush the serpent's head(Gen 3:15)

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## 5. Connection to Pauline Theology

Genesis Reference	Pauline Connection
Gen. 3:15	The woman's offspring → Christ (Romans 16:20)
Gen. 15:6	Justification by faith (Romans 4, Galatians 3)
Abrahamic Covenant	Blessing to all nations (Galatians 3:8)
Creation Order	Fall and restoration of humanity (Romans 5, 1 Corinthians 15)

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## 6. Conclusion and Application

- 1) Genesis lays the foundation for the entire Bible and the roots of Pauline theology.
- 2) The fall of mankind and God's redemptive plan are foretold from the very beginning.
- 3) Today's believers are heirs of Abraham and part of the lineage of faith.