

INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS

GENESIS 1:1

Who wrote Genesis? There are two scriptures that we should remember when pondering this question:

“For the prophecy came not in times past by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” **2 PETER 1:21**

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” **2 TIMOTHY 3:16**

THE HUMAN AUTHOR OF GENESIS?

- 1.** Moses as the author guided by the Holy Spirit
 - a.** He received it all by direct revelation from God
 - b.** He received it all by oral traditions passed down over the centuries
 - c.** He had written records of the past, collected them, and put them together into a final form
- 2.** Various writers after Moses
- 3.** Compilation of patriarchal records

GENESIS, THE FOUNDATION

Genesis is the foundation of the rest of the Bible, especially in a prophetic sense.

- Without Genesis it would be impossible to understand God's purposes and plan of redemption.
- If men are not sinners, we would not need a Savior, which is why evolution and secular humanism both attack the book of Genesis.
- One's belief concerning our origin will inevitably determine our beliefs about our purpose and destiny.

A FEW CREATIONISTS YOU MIGHT KNOW

1. Francis Bacon: **The Scientific Method**
2. Johann Kepler, Copernicus, Galileo Galilei: **Astronomy**
3. Robert Boyle: **Chemistry**
4. John Ray: **Natural History**
5. Isaac Newton: **Calculus/Laws of Gravity**
6. John Dalton: **Atomic Theory**
7. Charles Babbage: **Computer Science**
8. William Derham: **Ecology**
9. Louis Agassiz: **Glaciology**
10. James Joule: **Thermodynamics**
11. Gregor Mendel: **Genetics**
12. Louis Pasteur: **Bacteriology, Biochemistry, Sterilization & Immunization**
13. Joseph Lister: **Antiseptic Surgery**
14. Wernher Von Braun: **Modern Rocketry**
15. Leonardo Da Vinci: **Physics**

LOOKING AHEAD

The following origins are found in the book of Genesis:

- 1.** Origin of the Universe
- 2.** Origin of Information, Order and Complexity
- 3.** Origin of the Solar System
- 4.** Origin of the Atmosphere and Hydrosphere
- 5.** Origin of Life
- 6.** Origin of Man

MORE ORIGINS IN GENESIS

- 7.** Origin of Marriage
- 8.** Origin of Evil
- 9.** Origin of Language
- 10.** Origin of Government
- 11.** Origin of Culture
- 12.** Origin of Nations
- 13.** Origin of Man's Religious Nature
- 14.** Origin of God's Chosen People—Israel

THE SCARLET THREAD OF REDEMPTION

Genesis is the foundation of God's revelation of His plan of redemption for His creation.

- There are at least 165 passages in Genesis that are either directly quoted or clearly referred to in the New Testament.
- On at least six different occasions, Jesus, the Savior Himself, quoted from or referred to something or someone in **GENESIS chapters 1–11**.

Get ready to begin “in the beginning”!