GENESIS
The Story of the Bible in 15 Books
We will be a congregation who knows, honors, and reads the Bible.

“I grasp the story of the Bible, respect it as authoritative, know how to read it, and actually read it.”
A fun podcast to help kids learn and pray the Bible with their parents.

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Genesis is an origin story (aka grandpa story).

Where did we come from?

Who are we?

Adam + Eve (1–3)

Cain + Abel (4–5)

Noah (5–16)

Tower (11)

Abraham (12–24)

Isaac (21–35)

Jacob (75–50)

Joseph (37–50)

Judah (38–XXX)
Genesis is the first book of the Torah.

- Jews call their sacred book the Tanakh (T-N-K).
- Christians call it the Old Testament.
- T = Torah (five books of Moses)
- N = Nevi’im (the prophets)
- K = Ketuvim (the writings)
- Anarchy

+ Tyranny

Chaos

Legality

Forms

Morality.

Genesis is law.

Coercion
Psalm 1:1-3

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.
Genesis is a grandpa story.

Origin Story – “Who are we?”
Law Book – “How do we flourish?”
1. 539 BC
   Babylon - Persia

2. 1450-1350 BC
   Egypt → Canaan
When we don’t trust God’s way as the best way.
Major Themes of Genesis

1. Worship - Israel’s God is the Most High God.
2. Sin - God takes sin seriously.
3. Covenant - God keeps His promises.
4. Presence - God is with us.
Genesis 2:16-17

And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”
Genesis 3:6

The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.
KGE

Nope

EAT

LIFE
“You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”
The Root of Every Temptation

- To seize authority from God
- To redefine good and evil based on
  - the voice in your head
  - the feelings in your heart
  - and the opinions of others
Four Consequences of Sin

1. deep shame
2. estrangement from God
3. alienation from one another
4. disorientation with created world
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Genesis 12:1-3

The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”
Four Stages of the Covenant

- **Abraham’s Covenant** – (Gen 12:1-3)
  - Blessing to the world through a family

- **Moses’ Covenant** – (Dt 28-30)
  - The nation is formed outside Egypt

- **David’s Covenant** – (2Sm 7:12-13)
  - Davidic line of kings identified to rule

- **New Covenant** – (Jer 31:31-37)
  - Enablement of blessing
Moses’ Covenant - Exodus 2:23-25

But the Israelites continued to groan under their burden of slavery. They cried out for help, and their cry rose up to God. God heard their groaning, and He remembered His covenant promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He looked down on the people of Israel and knew it was time to act.
Dt 28-30

Law

Blessing

Slavery
“Furthermore, the Lord declares that He will make a house for you—a dynasty of kings! For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make His kingdom strong. He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name. And I will secure His royal throne forever.”
So it took seven years to build the Temple. Solomon also built a palace for himself, and it took him thirteen years to complete the construction.
Isaiah 9:6-7a

For a child is born to us, a Son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders. And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of His ancestor David for all eternity.
Out of the stump of Jesse will grow a shoot—yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him...
Jeremiah 23:5

“For the time is coming,” says the Lord, “when I will raise up a righteous Branch from King David’s line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land. And this will be His name: ‘The Lord Is Our Righteousness.’”
But many of the older priests, Levites, and other leaders who had seen the first Temple wept aloud when they saw the new Temple’s foundation. The others, however, were shouting for joy. The joyful shouting and weeping mingled together in a loud noise that could be heard far in the distance.
Zechariah 6:12

This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: Here is the man called the Branch. He will branch out from where he is and build the Temple of the Lord. Yes, he will build the Temple of the Lord. Then he will receive royal honor and will rule as king from his throne. He will also serve as priest from his throne, and there will be perfect harmony between his two roles...
“Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to His Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming.”
Mark 1:1-4

This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began just as the prophet Isaiah had written: “Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’ ” This messenger was John the Baptist.
Matthew 1:1

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham...
Matthew 1:17

All those listed above include fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the Babylonian exile, and fourteen from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah.
New Covenant - Jeremiah 31:31-34

“The day is coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant… I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people… And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.”
2 Corinthians 1:20

For in Jesus every one of God’s promises is a “Yes.”
Genesis 15:5-6

Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, “Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!” And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.