



The Journey Begins

ONE BOOK, TWO COVENANTS

- The Old Covenant (Collection of 39 books)
- The New Covenant (Collecting of 27 books)
 - The Greek Word Biblos (bibloj)= Book

THREE DIVISIONS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- The Law (Pentateuch- 5 Books)
- The Prophets (Former & Latter Prophets)
 - Former Prophets- Josh., Judg. Samuel, Kings
- The Writings (Wisdom, 5 Scrolls, Other Writings)
 - Wisdom: Psalms, Proverbs, Job
 - 5 Scrolls: Song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations,

Ecclesiastes, and Esther

- Other: Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Chronicles

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY TIMELINE (8 PERIODS)

- Creation
- Patriarchs
- Exodus
- Conquest & Settlement
- United Kingdom
- Divided Kingdom
- Exile in Babylon
- Return from Exile

GENESIS: THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS

A. **Author:** Moses

B. **Title:** The Hebrew word for “in the beginning” (tyv,arEB>)

C. **Theme:** An introduction to God as Creator and His relationship to humanity through both creation and redemption.

D. **Outline:**

a. **THE PRIMEVAL PERIOD** (Primeval: pertaining to the first age or ages)

- **The Creation of the World: (Gen. 1-2)**
 - God created the world in seven days (~Ay) Always literal days!
 - What about the age of the earth?
- **The Fall of Man (Gen. 3-5)**
 - Fellowship & love exist only when they are chosen!
 - Adam & Eve chose disobedience from the beginning!
- **Noah and the Flood (Gen. 6-10)**
 - God chose to start creation over, but He preserved the one righteous man and his family.
 - After the flood, humanity continued, but so did sin.
- **The Tower of Babel (Gen. 11)**
 - Man still wanted to be like God...nothing has changed.

b. **THE PATRIARCHAL PERIOD** (Period of the Fathers of Israel)

- **Abram’s Covenant (Gen. 12-24)**

--12:1-3- God made a covenant with Abram to bless all nations of the earth. Abram entered the Promised Land, but struggles began immediately.

--Had a child at 100 (Sarah was 90) and that child was Isaac

--Overcame his own deceit and that of his nephew, Lot

- **The Patriarchs (Gen. 25-50)**

--Isaac (Rebekah)

Met a wife from his homeland.

Had his own encounter with God.

--Jacob (Leah & Rachel)

Battled Esau for his birthright and blessing.

Battled his uncle Laban for his daughter Rachel.

Finally wrestled with God (From Jacob to Israel)

Had 12 Sons—the Twelve Tribes of Israel

--Joseph

Sold into slavery

Ended up in Egypt

Saved his family during the famine

Made his children promise to take his bones from Egypt

E. **Prominent Themes:**

- Creation
- Fall
- Redemption