Interesting Facts About Genesis

MEANING: A Greek word meaning "origin," "source," "generation," or "beginning."

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TIME WRITTEN: 1450-1410 B.C.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:
• 1st Book in the Bible
• 1st Book in the Old Testament
• 1st Book in the Pentateuch (Genesis - Deuteronomy)
• 65 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 50
VERSES: 1,533
WORDS: 38,267

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT GENESIS:
• The events of Genesis end some three centuries before Moses' birth.
• Genesis spans more time than any other book in the Bible. Genesis covers more time than the remaining sixty-five put together.
• 4,100 years of recorded Bible history.
  • Over one-half of it (2,286 years) is recorded in Genesis.
  • The remaining 1,814 years are covered in Exodus through Revelation (65 books).
  • 2,000 of the 2,286 years are covered in Genesis 1-11.
• Genesis divides itself into three geographical settings.
  • The Fertile Crescent - Chapters 1-11 spans more than 2,000 years and 1,500 miles.
  • Israel - Chapters 12-36 covers less than 193 years in the small country of Canaan.
  • Egypt - Chapters 37-50 covers about 93 years.
• WHY God chose Israel is explained in chapters 1-11.

HOW God chose Israel is explained in chapters 12-50.
• Contains three specific promises:
  • The promise of a great LAND - "From the river of Egypt to the great River Euphrates." (15:8)
  • The promise of a great NATION - "And I will make your descendents as the dust of the earth." (13:6)
  • The promise of a great BLESSING - "I will bless you and make your name great: and you shall be a blessing." (12:1)
• Genesis relates the beginning of almost everything, including:
  • Universe  • Marriage  • Redemption
  • Life  • Sin  • Prophecy
  • Mankind  • Death  • Language
  • Sabbath  • Family  • Sacrifice
• Genesis covers:
  • The creation
  • The fall of man
  • Spread of civilization
  • The flood
• Genesis contains Messianic predictions:
  • Genesis 3:15 —— Christ is the Seed of the woman.
  • Genesis 4:25 —— From the line of Seth. (From Adam)
  • Genesis 9:27 —— From the line of Shem. (From Noah)
  • Genesis 12:3 —— The descendant of Abraham
  • Genesis 21:12 —— The descendant of Isaac
  • Genesis 25:23 —— The descendant of Jacob.
  • Genesis 49:10 —— From the tribe of Judah.