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	DOCUMENTARY HYPOT	HESIS
•	J – Yahwist (850 B.C.)	
•	E – Elohist (750 B.C.)	Genesis
•	D – Deuteronomist (621 B.C.)	The Bestmann  The Bestmann  The Bestmann  The Design of the Service Control of the Service
•	P – Priestly code (525 B.C.)	the was and the house of the was

# Arguments Favoring the Documentary Hypothesis

- 1. Writing unknown at the time of Moses
- 2. Different names for God
- 3. Differing styles
- 4. Editorial insertions (Gen. 36:31)
- 5. Assumption of polytheism to monotheism

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# Problems with the Documentary Hypothesis

- 1. Jewish and Christian tradition
- 2. Mosaic Authorship assumed throughout Scripture (Num. 33:1-2)
- 3. Literary unity
- 4. Eyewitness testimony (Exod. 15:27)
- 5. Familiarity with Egyptian geography (Gen. 13:10)
- 6. Moses the likely writer (Acts 7:22)

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# Problems with the Documentary Hypothesis

- 7. Documents never discovered
- 8. Writing prior to 1500 B.C. (Hamurabi)
- 9. Different names for God used for different literary purposes
- 10. Editorial insertions added after Moses completed the bulk of the work
- 11. Polytheism to monotheism trajectory never proven

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Natural Training	Acts 7:23	1526–1486 B.C.	1-40	Egyptian Education
Spiritual Training	Exod. 7:7	1486–1446 B.C.	40-80	Midian Shepherding
Ministry	Deut. 31:2; 34:7; Acts 7:36	1446-1406 B.C.	80-120	Exodus, Law, Wilderness Preservation, Pentateuch Authorship

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  - B. Fall (3-5)
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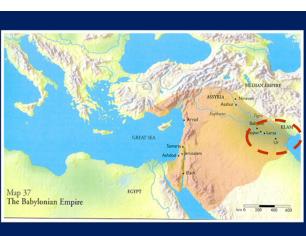
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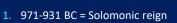
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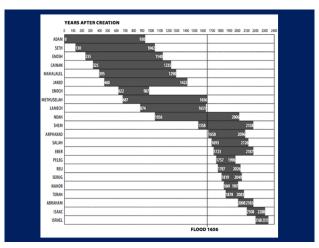
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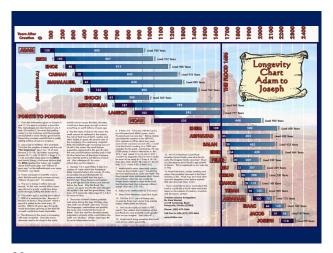
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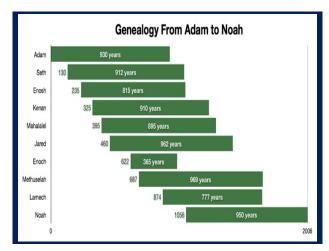
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# Matthew 19:4-6 "3 Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" <sup>4</sup> And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup> and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be...







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Israel's role of mediating redemptive blessings to the fallen world is explained through:

- a description of the world's fallen condition (1-11),
- Israel's birth through the Abrahamic Covenant (12–36),
- and the preservation of Israel in furtherance of the covenant (37–50)

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### Genesis 12:3

"And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."



### **Purposes**

- 1. A nation that does not know where it has been does not know where it is going
- 2. To explain that Israel has a right to the land (Gen. 15:18-21) and that the Canaanites are under a curse (Gen. 9:25; 15:16)
- 3. Obedience leads to blessings (Gen. 22:18)

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### Message and Purpose

At the time of the Exodus, God reveals to Israel her divinely ordained role to mediate His redemptive purposes to a fallen world. This exalted position is communicated through the revelation of Israel's unconditional covenant and God's miraculous preservation of the nation in furtherance of this covenant. Moses reveals this information so that Israel would press into her intended design during the conquest and beyond.

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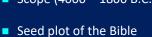
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### **Unique Characteristics**

- Election and preservation of Israel
- Covenantal faithfulness
- Book of beginnings
- Scope (4000 1806 B.C.)





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### Genesis as the Seed-Plot of the Bible

"...Genesis gives us a synoptic preface to the entire Bible. It is the seed-plot of the Bible. The germ or beginning of all truth is within this wonderful book. Genesis is the foundation upon which the entire revelation rests; the root out of which the rest grows. Truths found here are developed in successive ages."

Herbert Lockyer, *The Gospel in the Pentateuch* (Chicago: The Bible Institute Colportage Association, 1939), 25.

# Beginning Themes Universe Religion Salvation Man Language Government Evil Nations Israel

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### Themes of Genesis 1-11

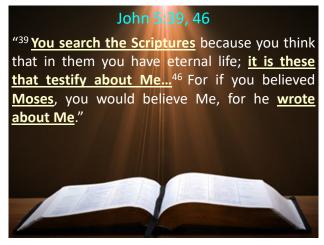
- Perfect creation and man as the pinnacle of creation
- How this perfect creation was lost leading to the terrible progress of sin necessitating divine redemption through the Jewish messianic line
- Tracing of the messianic line that would bring about this redemption (Gen 3:15 to Abraham)

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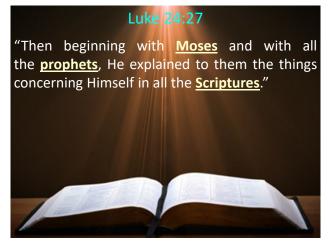
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# Luke 24:44 "27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures... 44 Now He said to them, 'These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

### Acts 17:1-3

"Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a <u>synagogue of the Jews</u>. <sup>2</sup> And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the <u>Scriptures</u>, <sup>3</sup> explaining and giving evidence that the <u>Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead</u>, and saying, 'This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ."

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# God's Messianic Purposes Beginning in Genesis

- Proto-evangelium (3:15, 21)
- Seth (4:25)
- Noah (Gen 5:29)
- Shem (9:26)
- Abraham (12:3)
- Isaac (21:12)
- Jacob (25:23)
- Judah (49:10)

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# Christ in Genesis

(Luke 24:27, 44)

Christ is typologically seen in:

- 1. Adam (Gen. 1–3; Rom 5:14)
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### Scriptural Comparisons Between Joseph & Jesus

- 13. Given visions of the future (Gen. 37:6; Matt. 24:3)
- 14. Tested people to reveal their true nature (Gen. 42:25; Mark 11:30)
- 15. Hated for their teachings (Gen. 37:8 John 7:7)
- 16. Sold for the price of a slave (Gen. 37:28 Matt. 26:15)
- 17. Falsely accused (Gen. 39:14; Mark 14)
- 18. Silent before their accusers (Gen. 39:20; Mark 15:4)
- 19. Condemned between two prisoners (Gen. 40:2-3; Luke 23:32)

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### Scriptural Comparisons Between Joseph & Jesus

- 20. Arose into a new life (Gen. 41:41 Mark 16:6)
- 21. Not recognized by their own brethren (Gen. 42.8; Luke 24:37)
- 22. Returned to their father (Gen. 46:29; Mark 16:19)
- 23. Became royalty (Gen. 45:8; Rev. 19:16)

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### Revelation 4:11

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."



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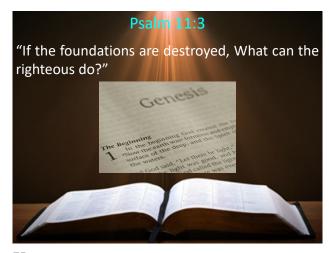
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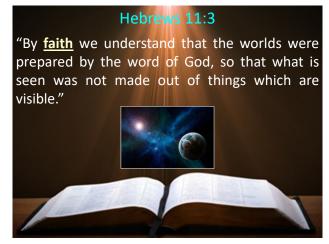
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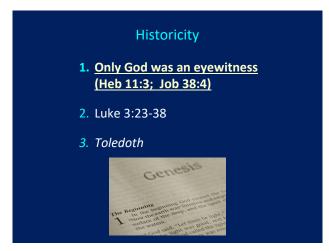
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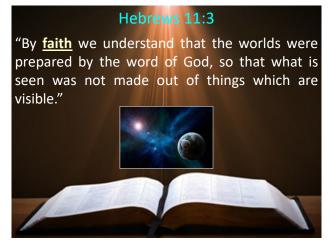
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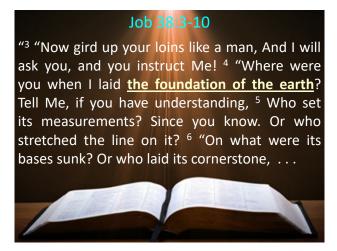
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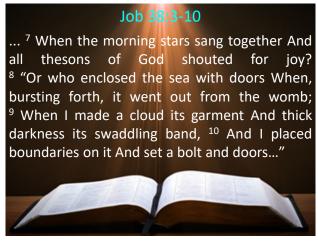


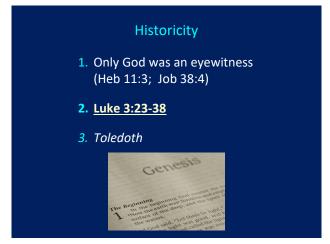
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2.	Adam	15.	Shelah	28.	Ram	41.	Jonam	54.	Melchi	67.	Nahum
3.	Seth	16.	Eber	29.	Amminadab	42.	Joseph	55.	Neri	68.	Amos
4.	Enosh	17.	Peleg	30.	Nahshon	43.	Judah	56.	Shealtiel	69.	Mattathias
5.	Kenan	18.	Reu	31.	Salmon	44.	Simeon	57.	Zerubbabel	70.	Joseph
6.	Mahalalel	19.	Serug	32.	Boaz	45.	Levi	58.	Rhesa	71.	Jannai
7.	Jared	20.	Nahor	33.	Obed	46.	Matthat	59.	Joanan	72.	Melchi
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12.	Shem	25.	Judah	38.	Menna	51.	Elmadam	64.	Mahath	77.	Jesus
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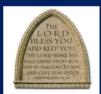
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