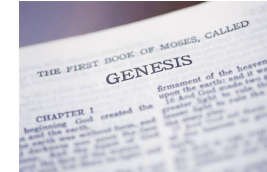


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The Book of Genesis



Genesis is the first book of the Five Books of Moses. In this book, the Jews used the Hebrew word that they first created, "beginning", as the title. The English word "Genesis" came from the Greek text of the Old Testament, which means "root" or "source."

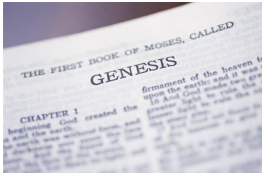
The book of Genesis is foundational to the understanding of the rest of the Bible. Its message is rich and complex, and listing its main elements gives a succinct outline of the Biblical message as a whole. It is supremely a book that speaks about relationships, highlighting those between God and his creation, between God and humankind, and between human beings. It gives us the first hint of God's provision for redemption from the forces of evil.

The first eleven chapters of Genesis show a very significant mode of behaviour: sin, punishment and redemption. This mode of behaviour can be seen in Adam and Eve, the flood, Tower of Babel, Abraham and his descendants. The Book explained who God is and told the humankind why He chose Abraham and his role in history. Chapter 12-50 talked about how God chose Abraham and his descendants to become God's vessels to save humankind and why they migrated to Egypt.

In the book of Genesis, we are going to learn together and apply God's teachings in our lives.

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創世記課程簡介



創世記是摩西五經的第一卷書，猶太人以本書第一個希伯來文字“起初”為書名。創世記英文字“Genesis”源自希臘文的舊約聖經，其意為“根源”或“來源”。

本書的目的是述說宇宙世界的開始，以色列民族的開端，上帝拯救的開始，人認識上帝的起步點，上帝與祂所揀選的人立約的開始及生命故事的起源。

創世記經文首十一章，顯示一個重要的模式：犯罪、刑罰、施恩拯救，串插於亞當，洪水、巴別塔、亞伯拉罕及其後代當中。並解釋了上帝到底是誰，上帝為何要揀選亞伯拉罕，及亞伯拉罕如何出現在世界歷史上。而十二至五十章則講及上帝如何揀選亞伯拉罕和他的後代，成為上帝拯救的器皿，他們個別的生命故事，與他們為何遷徙至埃及。

在創世記一書中，我們將一同學習、一同領受、一同遵行上帝的教導，且活用於生活上。