



# Gems of Genesis



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From the first few words of the Scriptures we gain a glimpse of eternal glory. Like a sparkling gem that has been polished and shined, the book of Genesis is a book of beginnings. Isaiah 64:4 says that “since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.” Genesis is more than just an Old Testament book to be forgotten. Genesis is not a myth or a parable. Genesis holds major truth for us to discover and apply. From the very start of creation, great things have been prepared for people of faith.

Speaking of creation, the story is told of a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So they picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him.

The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost."

God listened very patiently and kindly to the man. After the scientist was done talking, God said, "Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest." To which the scientist replied, "Okay, great!"

But God added, "Now, we're going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam." The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt. God looked at him and said, "No, no, no. You go get your own dirt!"

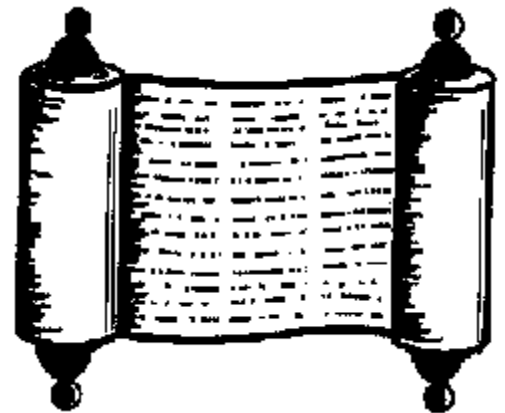
We call the first book of the Bible “Genesis.” Originally, this section of Scripture was written in Hebrew and then translated into English. In Hebrew this book is called “Beresheet” which literally means “in the beginning.” The original ancient Hebrew writing and inspiration of the Holy Spirit can give us better understanding of the Scriptures if we really desire to dig deep into the Word. Will you open yourself up to His power and presence as we go for the Gems of Genesis?

The very first verse of Genesis 1 gives us foundational concepts of God and enough insights to fill a room of bookshelves. This passage isn't just a Sunday school memory verse but a powerful portal to things past. And the very first verse of the Bible is a time machine to the future. Isaiah 46:10 says that the Almighty “declares the end from the beginning.”

The truth is that a study of origins is also a study of end times. As God first created the heavens and the earth, the LORD YHWH will end our humanity with a new heavens and new earth. On the first day, the LORD YHWH said “let there be light” and there was light even though these sun and stars were not created until day four. In the end of days there will be no sun or moon or halogen bulbs. Only the “glory of the LORD will give light and the Lamb will be the lamp,” Revelation 21:23. The end is declared in the very beginning.

The first book of the Bible is also a masterpiece foretelling of the Messiah. There are types and shadows and hints and prophecies all throughout the book of Genesis. Y’shua (Jesus) is all over Genesis – from creation to Noah’s wooden ark that saved the world to Abraham’s sacrifice of Isaac to Joseph’s betrayal by his brothers. John 1 says He is the “word made flesh.” What word? He is the Old Testament word – the only word written at that time. A study of the Old Testament is a study of the Savior. As we look into the Old Testament we are actually looking into the “first testament” of Y’shua (Jesus.) Genesis is so much more than facts and figures. It is a revelation of Jesus. Even in the first few words and letters of Genesis there is application for our lives today. This week, let’s look into the very first verse of Genesis this week and begin or study. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,” Genesis 1:1. Don’t skip past the nuances in this passage. Yes, we read this in English and we hardly have reason to stop. Yet we should pause and consider the magnificence of this one statement. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” – let these words roll over your mind and sink into your soul.

The Older Testament was originally written in Hebrew. This is the language of the Jewish people today. For thousands of years, the first five books of the Bible have been written by hand onto parchment and then rolled into a Torah scroll. While we often refer to these books as “the law of Moses” they are called the “Septuagint” in Greek and in Hebrew the “Torah.” The Hebrew word “Torah” is best translated as “teaching and instructions.” Like the driver’s training manual that a new teenager uses to learn how to drive, the Torah includes laws but is not a book of laws. The Torah is teachings and instructions and inspiration from above. Technically, Genesis to Deuteronomy is not the law of Moses but the teachings of Moses. There are lots of laws and so much more.



The book of Genesis is believed to have been written by the prophet Moses. It was not an eyewitness account but a divine revelation of what happened. And do not be mistaken, these things really did happen. There really was a Garden of Eden and a father named Abraham. The serpent did speak and the fall did occur. It is important that we do not spiritualize away the historical and actual events in the Bible. Yes, there are many spiritual applications from

Genesis, yet the Bible is best first understood as practical and actual. The plain meaning of the Scriptures should never be forgotten or cast aside for some deeper or hidden thoughts.

To get the most out of a study of Genesis, and any other biblical book for that matter, there are a few basics that we need to address. These are best covered by answering a few questions like... who, what, when, where, why, and how. Asking questions is a very Biblical concept. It's okay to question and wonder. The Almighty can handle your doubts and questions!

The Messiah often taught from the origin of a query. He would even answer questions with questions. Once the disciples came to him and asked how he planned to feed thousands of followers in the desert. His answer was a question, "how many loaves of bread do you have?" When confronted by religious leaders he once said, "I will answer you when you answer me." Later he asked his followers, "who do you say that I am?"



So, questions are good! Not having all the answers is good too. Childlike faith is a faith that believes and questions. Now, this doesn't mean we will get all the answers. We're not going to discuss the dinosaurs, but doesn't the bones of prehistoric animals make you wonder about the age of the earth or if Adam ever saw a brontosaurus? And this study isn't going to debate some of the nuances of creation, but do you ever think about why the LORD YHWH would create mosquitos or sand gnats? Often questions lead to more questions. Our study of the Bible should lead to more study of the Bible. Indeed, this is the absolute best way to interpret the Scriptures. Let the Bible explain the Bible. Referencing other Scriptures on the same subject matter helps us know truth from error. Let's look at some of some basic questions (and a few answers) with Genesis...

Who? The Holy Spirit inspired Moses to write Genesis in the kadosh lashon or holy language of Hebrew. This perhaps occurred on the mount of YHWH when the Lord passed before Moses in Exodus 33. "Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." And the LORD YHWH said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen," Exodus 33:18-23. Amazingly, Moses saw the hinder or back side of the Eternal one and then wrote about the beginning of Eternity. God declares the end from the beginning and this even happened with Moses.

Another “who” could be “who is this book about?” Well, Genesis is like every other book in the Bible and is about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first book of the Bible is all about Messiah. So is the last book. And all the 64 books in between! The Savior made this point when he said, “For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?” John 5:46-47. The Scriptures are not just a self-help guidebook or historical account. These are the very words of YHWH, about YHWH, and from YHWH God to us. Let’s be careful to remember that it’s all about Him and not us. If we really believe Moses, then our belief in Messiah will grow.

Theologians differ on the time line of when the events of Genesis took place, specifically the creation. Was it literally 6 days of creation? Where these six days thousands or even millions of years? Did the flood of Noah occur before or after the dinosaurs walked the earth? Again, questions are great! They make us wonder and dig deeper. From archeological facts is pretty clear that Abraham lived during the time of the early Bronze period around 2900 BC. If we literally accept other time frames, this places the flood around 2300 BC and creation at year zero or 4,000 before Christ. How could this be? Psalm 90:4 and 2 Peter 3:8 both agree that with the LORD a “day is like 1,000 years.” The six days of creation are a picture of Almighty’s time line. Traditional Judaism teaches the first two thousand years from the time of Adam to Abraham is known as the time of desolation. The next two thousand years are known as the time of the Law of Moses. The final two thousand years are believed to be the days of Messiah. This puts us on the tail end of days and the on the cusp of eternity changing and creation repeating itself. So, when was creation? The absolute answer is “in the beginning!” There’s lots of opinions and ideas about timing so for now, let’s just take God at his word, accept the basic meaning, and count one day as one day.

When we wonder about where the settings of Genesis take place the answer is actually pretty simple. Eden was “Gan Eden” or the “paradise of Eden” – an actual place on the Earth. It is believed that the land of Israel today is the exact same land that is spoken of in the Scripture. The very soil of Jerusalem is this same soil that supported the apostles as they walk with Jesus and found its way into their shoes. It's the same dirt that was promised to Abraham. And it's potentially even the same land where the Garden of Eden was once located. Genesis 2 says that paradise was “east” and 4 rivers flowed nearby. 2 Chronicles 6:6, Psalm 132, and Nehemiah 1:9 say there is only place on earth that the Almighty has placed his Name and chosen for His presence – Jerusalem. Again, the end is declared from the beginning and vice versa. In Revelation 22 there is a Tree of Life in the New Jerusalem. Could this be the same Tree of Life from the original garden of Eden that was located in the original Jerusalem? A good question!

To answer specifically “why” Creation and Genesis took place we need to look forward to the Book of Revelation. Here we learn that everything was created to give YHWH God glory and

praise. The Earth, the moon, the stars, the people, the animals, the plants, the mountains, everything was made for his pleasure. You were created for Him! Revelation 4:11 says "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." All of creation was fashioned as a type of dwelling place for the LORD YHWH and totally for His good pleasure. The original Hebrew writing of Genesis 1:1 clarifies this point.

Hebrew is a living language that is unlike anything else in our world. With Hebrew, every letter is a number and word picture. Hebrew is much more similar to Egyptian Hieroglyphics than English. For example, the letter "b" is the second English letter "b" and nothing more. In Hebrew the closest letter to "b" is the second Hebrew letter "bet." This letter is so much more than just a letter though. It is an encoded message to us today about God's creation and mankind. Again, each Hebrew letter is a word picture and tells us a part of the Biblical narrative. The first letter of the Hebrew Alphabet is the "aleph" which is also the number one. The LORD Almighty is one says Deuteronomy 6. He alone is God. In the beginning the problem was that He was alone. He desired to share His greatness and thus made all that we know. It is interesting that the actual first letter of the Bible is not the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, but the second letter of the alphabet.



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The first word of Genesis is the Hebrew term "beresheet" which begins with the letter "bet." The Hebrew letter "bet" is a picture of a house. In Israel today a house is a "bayit." Creation was formed to be a house for the Lord's glory and purpose. Genesis begins with a bet to tell us that everything was made for His good pleasure. This is echoed in Colossians 1:15-17, "the Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were

created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together." In a sense the Almighty one separated himself when He created the universe. Everything is from Him and reflects Him. The one became two. The writer of Hebrews agrees, "He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power," Hebrews 1:3. The letter "bet" shows us that when we seek the Lord we can experience His creation and His creation power.

Let's look further into Genesis 1:1 for more amazing insights. In Hebrew this passage reads, "beresheet bara elohim et ha shamayim va et ha erez." The English reads, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Notice a few key details here that are often overlooked. "Elohim" is the term most often translated as "God" or "gods" in English Bibles.

This phrase is not singular but plural. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were all involved with creation. God the Father spoke His Word the Son Y'shua and the Spirit hovered over the earth to bring life. (This will be discussed in further detail during the next study.)

The Hebrew word Elohim, in the very first verse of the Bible indicates the plurality in the oneness of God. "Elohim" is plural. The plural oneness of God created everything, including humanity. God said in Genesis 1:26, "Let us make man [Adam] in our image, after our likeness." And then after the fall He said, "The man has now become like one of us...." Genesis 3. When you read the word "God" in English Bibles it is usually the word "Elohim." The "Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" is three in one.

"Bara" is Hebrew for "created" or "formed." The Almighty made all matter, which according to scientists cannot be created or destroyed. He did it though in a most marvelous way – by the words of His mouth. When God speaks things happen. Scientists tell us that sound waves never dissipate or disappear. They are eternal. This means that somewhere on a divine frequency are the very first words of god when He spoke "let there be light." Wow.

Genesis 1:1 also includes a unique Hebrew term that is not found in English Bibles. Many Jewish scholars question its function and don't understand its purpose. We can only see this word in Hebrew. By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit it is clear that this word is a special message from Heaven above.

**In the beginning created God**

**the heaven and the earth.**

*B're'shiyt..... bara..... Elohiym 'et hashamayim v'et ha'aretz*

But reading right to left, let's look at this in the "modern" Hebrew script:

**בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ**

The word "ET" is not translated here or anywhere else in the Bible though it appears over 3,450 times. Imagine reading a gigantic book like "War and Peace" and finding two letters mysteriously placed together thousands of times. Wouldn't you want to know what these two letters mean? Well this is how the Old Testament is written in Hebrew. "Et" is a message for us to uncover and use to grow our faith.

The word "ET" is spelled with the first and the last letters of the Hebrew alphabet - the aleph and the tav. This phrase is actually the very first prophecy of Messiah Jesus in the Bible. To understand this let's read Revelation again... "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End," Revelation 22:13. In our English Bibles we read that Jesus is the alpha and the omega - the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. However, it may be better understood that He is the Aleph and the Tav - the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Jesus read Hebrew in the synagogues, spoke Hebrew to Paul in Acts 9:7, and embodied the Hebrew language. YHWH God calls himself the first and the last in Isaiah 41 and 44.



Jesus is the alpha/omega, the aleph/tav, the a/z, the first/last, the beginning and the end. Genesis 1:1 proves the preeminence of the Savior. It shows us His presence from the very beginning. This Hebrew clue to the Messiah is found all throughout the Older Testament as a foretelling and a focus on the Savior.

The aleph tav letters appear in the Hebrew scrolls in the most prophetic ways and places.

The aleph tav is kind of like a modern emoji symbol. Instead of a yellow smiley face we have an ancient code that speaks of Messiah. And like that wink emoji, the aleph tav of the Bible tells us a very special message. This message is that there is a "bigger picture" throughout the Bible and throughout our lives. From the beginning the Messiah was planned to enter our world and rescue us from the power of sin and death. Again, each Hebrew letter is a picture and was originally drawn as a picture. Symbolically, the aleph is a picture of strength or sign. The Tav is a covenant sign written like a cross. The aleph tav is literally "the strength of the cross" or the "sign of the cross." Imagine being able to read the Scriptures in the original Hebrew language and then finding a message about the cross of Christ in the very first verse of the Bible and thousands of times more! Here are a few examples of where the aleph tav appears...

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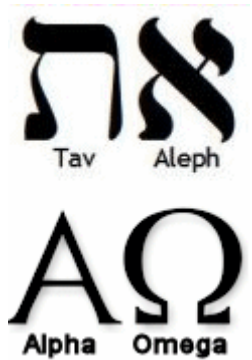
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Malachi 4:5, “Behold, I will send you ALEPH TAV (SIGN OF THE CROSS) Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD”

These Hebrew insights reveal to us why it is important to study and learn of the Biblical language and customs. Much is lost in translation and hidden from plain sight when we study the Bible in only English and from our modern mindset. Knowing Bible times and culture will help us to return the Bible to its original intentional meaning. It is perfectly okay to allow science to peak our interest and make us think about a big bang or evolutionary process. Such ideas then should be compared to Scripture as a filter. The big bang definitely occurred if we understand it from a Biblical worldview. How? Well, YHW God said, “let there be light” and BANG there was light. God said... and BANG it occurred. This isn’t exactly the scientific method you would get from NASA, yet it is true. And evolution is easily understood in light of the Scriptures. Mankind was created from the dirt of the earth. Dust we are dust we shall return – no monkeys involved. The “survival of the fittest” is clarified in Genesis when humanity is given dominion over the earth and animal kingdom.



The hidden gems of Genesis continue. Two more important words are in the first verse. In the beginning God / Elohim created the heavens (ha shamayim) and the earth (ha erez.) The prefix "ha" is equal to the word "the." Ha shamayim is translated as "the heavens." Notice the plural form of this word. Heaven is the dwelling place of the LORD YHWH and the earth is His footstool. The Bible seems to indicate in many places that there are multiple “heavens.” There is the heavenly realm of God and the angels, there is the heaven of our atmosphere, and the heavens of the galaxy. The Apostle Paul spoke of a person he knew that once visited the “third heaven” in 2 Corinthians 12. Here, Paul even calls the third heaven “paradise.” Doesn’t this sound like Eden?

"Ha erez" or "the earth" is another Hebrew term. In the Bible it is often translated as “land.” Today, "ha erez" is mostly used to describe the actual land of Israel. Could it be that the very first of creation was the little plot of dirt in the Middle East and then everything else followed? We’ll dig into that dirt further next week.

There’s so much to learn from Genesis... it is a book all about the Messiah, it is prophetic of end times, and it is full of application for us today. Genesis begins with one of the most well-

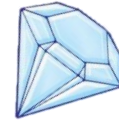
known phrases of the Bible. "In the beginning God..." You could read this, "in your beginning God." You didn't really come from your parents and you didn't come from yourself. In the beginning YHWH created you. He formed you and had you on his mind when he was stretching out the necks of the giraffe and giving the monkey that funny laugh. He made the universe His dwelling place so He could share His greatness with you. Get this point today. Though the mountain of Everest was raised to its peak and the depths of the sea were filled with all types of wild creatures, the crown of creation would be you. The Bible says that you were created in Christ to bring about his glory. For He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in His presence. "You are God's handiwork, created in Messiah Y'shua to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do," Ephesians 2:10.

Remember this week as you leave this study that though the constellations and planets are absolutely amazing, it was mankind, and specifically you who would be the precipice and the high point of all that was made. And in your Beginnings remember him. Between now and next week's class, dedicate some extra time each morning to read and study the book of Genesis. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth. Seek the aleph tav. Will you accept this challenge? We've learned a lot about creation and gleamed some gems from Genesis.

Next week, we'll also discuss the pattern of separation, how God the Holy Spirit hovering over the face of the deep is a prophecy of the divine birth of Messiah, how the creation of light on day one was not the sun or stars but something bigger and greater, and how light reflects the LORD YHWH while darkness is the absence of His presence. You don't want to miss that teaching message.



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Malachi 3:10, “Bring ye ALEPH TAV all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out ALEPH TAV a blessing, that [there shall] not [be room] enough.”

Malachi 4:5, “Behold, I will send you ALEPH TAV (SIGN OF THE CROSS) Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD”

2 Corinthians 12:2-4, “I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know--God knows. How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.”

“You are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do,” Ephesians 2:10.