

INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS

GENESIS = ORIGINS — — PREAMBLE TO THE TORAH

Genesis 1 Origins of the World
 Genesis 2–11 Origins of the Nations
 Genesis 12–50 Origins of Israel

| | “These are the generations of ...” | <i>Detail/Significance</i> |
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| 2:4 | “ ... the heavens and the earth when they were created” | <i>Creation of the garden, Adam & Eve, the Fall</i> |
| 5:1 | “ ... Adam” | <i>Outside the garden, Adam’s offspring until Noah</i> |
| 6:9 | “ ... Noah” | <i>The Flood</i> |
| 10:1 | “ ... sons of Noah” | <i>After the Flood, the origins of the nations</i> |
| 11:10 | “ ... Shem” | <i>Up to Terah</i> |
| 11:27 | “ ... Terah” | <i>Origins of Abraham</i> |
| 25:12 | “ ... Ishmael” | <i>Abraham’s descendants not according to the promise</i> |
| 25:19 | “ ... Isaac” | <i>Abraham’s offspring according to the promise: Isaac’s marriage and sons</i> |
| 36:1 | “ ... Esau” | <i>Sons of Esau</i> |
| 36:9 | “ ... Esau” | <i>Origins of the nations of Edom</i> |
| 37:2 | “ ... Jacob” | <i>Joseph and how Israel came to be in Egypt.</i> |

STRUCTURE

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| | 1:1-2:3 | Prologue |
| 1 | 2:4-4:26 | History of heaven and earth & mankind |
| 2 | 5:1-6:8 | Family history of Adam |
| 3 | 6:9-9:29 | Family history of Noah |
| 4 | 10:1-11:9 | Family history of Noah's sons |
| 5 | 11:10-26 | Family history of Shem |
| 6 | 11:27-25:11 | Family history of Terah |
| 7 | 25:12-18 | Family history of Ishmael |
| 8 | 25:19-35:29 | Family history of Isaac |
| 9 | 36:1-37:1 | Family history of Esau |
| 10 | 37:2-50:26 | Family history of Jacob |