

# GENESIS

## *Introduction*

### **Major Theme of Genesis — Beginnings**

#### **Notable Beginnings in Genesis**

- The beginning of the universe (Genesis 1)
- The beginning of mankind (Genesis 1-2)
- The beginning of sin (Genesis 3)
- The beginning of the prophecies about Christ (Genesis 3)
- The beginning of death (Genesis 4)
- A new beginning for life after the flood (Genesis 8-9)
- The beginning of human government (Genesis 10)
- The beginning of God's promise of salvation (Genesis 12)
- The beginning of the children of Israel (Genesis 30)
- The beginning of Israel's time in Egypt (Genesis 46)

#### **Four Major Sections in Genesis**

1. The Beginning (Genesis 1-11)
2. The Days of Abraham (Genesis 12-25)
3. The Days of Isaac, Jacob, and His Sons (Genesis 26-38)
4. The Days of Joseph and the Sojourn in Egypt (Genesis 39-50)

#### **Importance of Genesis**

- It shows us the power and wisdom of God as our Creator (Genesis 1-2)
- It shows us the care God gives to man as our Provider (Genesis 2:8; 3:19; 8:22)
- It shows us the justice and wrath of God in punishing sin (Genesis 6; 19)
- It shows us the love and grace of God in implementing His plan of redemption (Genesis 3:15; 12:1-3; 49:10)
- It is the foundation of the Bible (Psalm 11:3)