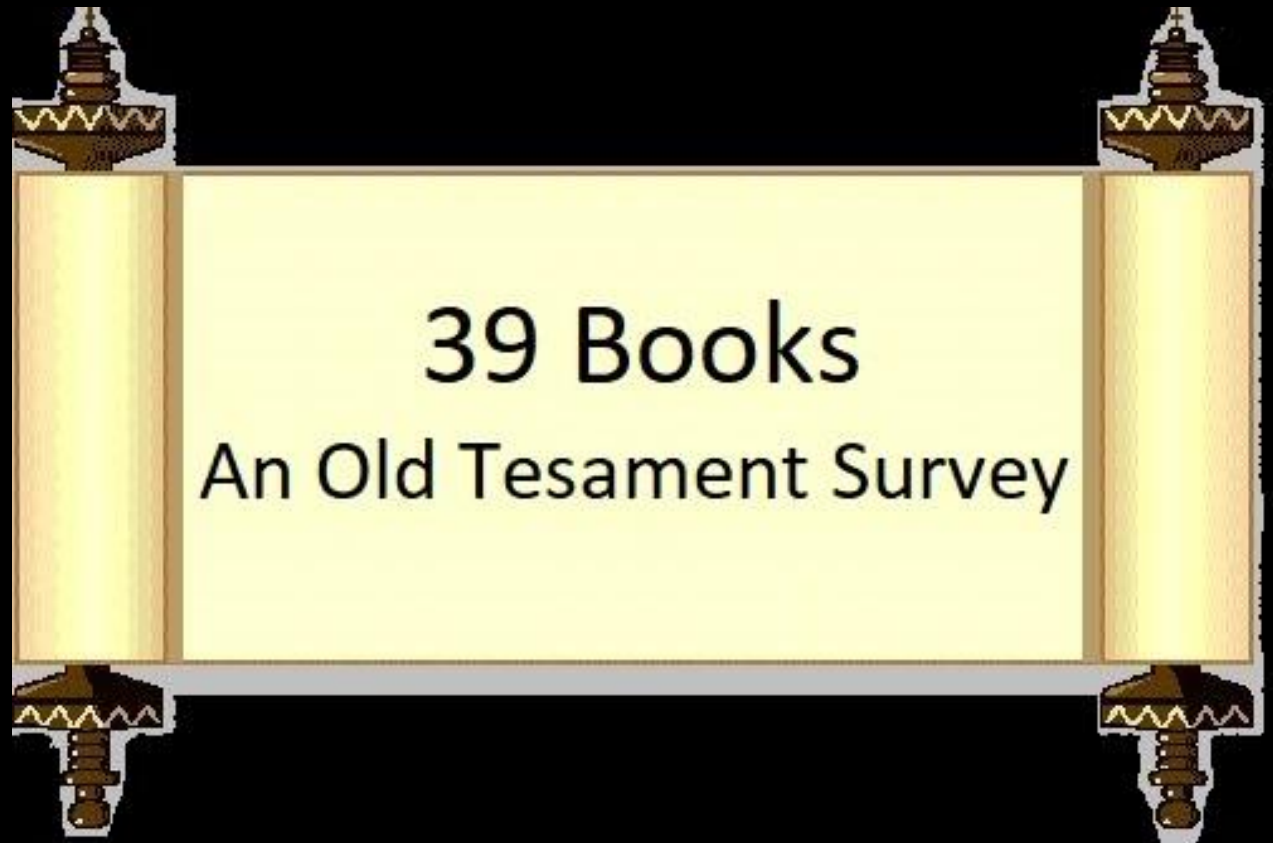


# Genesis

The Book of Origins



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- **Survey** = a general or comprehensive view of something.
- We want to examine the overall contents and personality of the Old Testament by considering it book by book.

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- The first five books of the Bible make a set, variously called,
- *The Pentateuch* – Greek for “Five Books”
- *The Torah* – Hebrew for Law or Instruction
- *The Five Books of Moses* – Moses is the traditional author.
- Though the stories go back before the time of Moses, he is the one who set them down in the basic form that we have.

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1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

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2. The Origin of Our World
3. The Origin of the Human Race
4. The Origin of Work
5. The Origin of Marriage
6. The Origin of All Our Problems
7. The Start of a Solution
8. The Origin of the Nation of Israel



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- The Bible ignores the question “Who or what made God?”
- That question, from a biblical viewpoint is confused, kind of like asking “Why is blue?” Or “When is bigger?”
- No one can create an Uncreated Being; it would be like creating a square circle or a round triangle.
- **God is eternal and created time itself.**

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- Read **Genesis 1:2-25**
- This is the Bible's take *On the Origin of Species* and more.

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- Read **Genesis 1:26 – 2:3**

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- Read **Genesis 1:26 – 2:3**
- The word “**man**” is the most generic Hebrew word for the human race.
- It is also the proper name “**Adam.**”
- We are the only creature that God made in his own image.



## 4. The Origin of Work

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- We were made to do something.
- Adam was to work in the Garden of Eden.
- Work of almost any kind gives life direction and purpose.

## 5. The Origin of Marriage

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- Read **Genesis 2:18-25**

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- Read **Genesis 2:18-25**
- God invented marriage when he created both the man and the woman.
- It is basic to God's purpose for the human race.
- It predates the entrance of sin into the world.

## 6. The Origin of All Our Problems

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- Read **Genesis 3**
- We live in a good world that has turned bad.
- This is why we find the most amazing beauty and shocking ugliness side-by-side in it.
- This is why nothing, in the end, seems quite right.



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- Read **Genesis 12:1-3**

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- Read **Genesis 12:1-3**
- A nation that springs from Abraham will bless the world.
- God's promise points ultimately to **Jesus**.
- He entered history and became a man.
- He is the rightful Ruler of the Universe.
- He came to save us from our sins.
- He came to defeat and destroy both death and the devil.

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- Read **Genesis 21:1-7**  
**26:1-5**  
**46:1-4**  
**49:10**  
**50:22-26**
- The nation of Israel is given as God's blessing to the world.
- From them (humanly, at least) we get our Bible and our Lord Jesus Christ.

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2. The Origin of Our World (**including species**)
3. The Origin of the Human Race (**That's us!**)
4. The Origin of Work (**which gives life direction**)
5. The Origin of Marriage (**before sin**)
6. The Origin of All Our Problems (**Sigh.**)
7. The Start of a Solution (**which leads to Jesus**)
8. The Origin of the Nation of Israel (**a blessing to the world**)