



Origins

בראשית

Exploring the foundations of our faith



WHY IS THE OLD TESTAMENT IMPORTANT?

“Genesis stands second to none in its importance for proclaiming “the whole will of God” (Acts 20:27). It presents the literary and theological underpinning of the whole canonical Scriptures. If we possessed a Bible without Genesis, we would have a ‘house of cards’ without foundation or mortar... Just as we have no gospel without the cross, we would have no salvation story without the sacred events of Moses’ first book.”

Professor Kenneth A Mathews: The New American Commentary; An Exegetical and Theological Exposition of Holy Scripture – Genesis 1-11:26.

<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Quoted Passage</u>		
		Rom 4:3,9,22, Gal 3:6, Jas 2:23	Gen 15:6
Matt 19:4	Gen 1:27	Rom 4:17	Gen 17:5
Heb 4:4	Gen 2:2	Gal 3:16	Gen 17:7
1 Cor 15:45	Gen 2:7	Acts 7:5	Gen 17:8
Matt 19:5, Mark 10:7-8,1 Cor 6:17, Eph 5:31	Gen 2:24	Rom 9:9	Gen 18:10
Mark 10:6	Gen 5:2	Rom 9:9	Gen 18:14
Heb 11:5	Gen 5:24	Gal 4:30	Gen 21:10
Acts 7:3	Gen 12:1	Rom 9:7, Heb 11:18	Gen 21:22
Gal 3:8	Gen 12:3	Heb 6:13-14	Gen 22:16-17
Acts 7:5	Gen 12:7	Acts 3:15	Gen 22:18
Gal 3:16	Gen 13:15	Rom 9:12	Gen 25:23
Heb 7:1-2	Gen 14:17-20	Rom 9:12	Gen 25:23
Acts 7:6-7	Gen 15:13-14	Luke 20:28	Gen 38:8
Rom 4:18	Gen 15:5	Heb 11:21	Gen 47:31

A vintage map of the world is the background. A silver and black Kodak Instamatic 104 camera is in the top left. A dark blue passport with the United States of America seal is in the center left. A hand with a silver ring is holding a black pen, pointing at the map of Africa in the bottom right.

HEBREWS 11

Our Tour Guide of the Old Testament

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“Faith is living in accord with the reality of things hoped for...

...Through trust in God the faithful experience his power in their lives and receive his approval. Thus, they confirm his reality”

Professor Gareth L Cockerill: The New International Commentary on the New Testament: The Epistle to the Hebrews. pg 521)

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CREATOR

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Creation

GENESIS 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

GENESIS 1

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” ...

... ³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

THE PATTERN OF GENESIS 1

Unproductive becomes productive	Uninhabited becomes inhabited
Day 1: Light and Darkness	Day 4: Sun, Moon & Stars
Day 2: Sky and Water	Day 5: Birds and Fish
Day 3: a) Land and sea b) <u>Land</u> produces Vegetation	Day 6: a) Animals b) <u>God</u> creates Humans: Male & Female

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