



SUMMIT WORSHIP CENTER STUDY GUIDE ON GENESIS

PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

The study guide provides a curriculum which ushers readers into a deeper understanding of Genesis so they may grow in their knowledge and confidence in God's word. God's revelation is infinite so this will not cover every aspect of Genesis, but we hope to provide tools and techniques so readers may grow in their ability to study the word of God with care and a critical eye. The study guide will cover main themes of Genesis over 9 studies:

Study 1: Creation

Study 2: Adam and the Fall of Man

Study 3: Noah and The Flood

Study 4: The Tower of Babel

Study 5: Abram and Abraham

Study 6: Isaac

Study 7: Jacob

Study 8: Joseph

Study 9: Summary/Reflection

Each study will include studies on historical context, a word study, study questions, and self-reflection questions to supplement the reader's toolkit on personally interpreting God's.

PREFACE

Ephesians 1:17

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

Please note there is a difference between wisdom and revelation. We obtain wisdom through our diligent study of God's word. Revelation is God's disclosure of His truths to us, manifested through the study of His word. This study demonstrates the former by providing tools for growth in wisdom of God's word. As you study, pray for spiritual wisdom - but also for God's clear revelation of His word on your life.



STUDY GUIDE INTRODUCTION

Genesis is the first book of what is called the Torah, commonly referred to as the Pentateuch, which is the first five books of the Bible. Torah in Hebrew means “instruction” and was Israel’s first written guidance from God. It is imperative we think about who is the author(s), who is the intended audience, and what is the cultural climate at the time of authorship.

Contemplation of these concepts provides clarity of the author’s intent and gives us deeper knowledge of what God wants to reveal in our lives. As you work through the study guide, ask the following questions:

Who is the author?

Who is the audience?

What are the events surrounding the particular passages?

Each section of the study guide is broken up into types of study and end with a discussion of all the questions. Begin by reading the Historical Context and Study Questions and continue to read the given passage with these things in mind. After reading, answer the questions using the Bible, search engines, the Recommended Resources page, or any other resources you may have. Happy Studying!