



OT Book:  
**GENESIS**



**Authorship:**

- The narratives of Genesis were no doubt oral traditions the people of Israel told each generation.
- Christian Tradition holds that Moses was the writer to put these oral traditions down in the form of the Pentateuch.
- Theories abound about varying authors:
  - J—Use of "Yaweh"
  - E—Use of "Elahim"
  - P—Priestly source, so called because it seems most concerned with aspects of the formal worship of the temple
  - D—The Deuteronomic source (Deut—Joshua)

**Sonar (Discussion Topics & Notes):**

1) Sacrifice (almost) of Isaac

2) Morally offensive people in the center of God's will?

- Liars
- Adulterers
- Murderers
- Cursed Children
- Married Harlots
- Committed Incest
- Often Totally Lawless
- Sought Revenge

**Brainstorming Who's Who in Genesis:**

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**Pentateuch as a Continuing Journey Story:**

Garden of Eden — The Ark — Tower of Babel Scattering — Ur — Canaan — Egypt — Red Sea Crossing — Sinai — Jordan River Crossing — Promised Land

**Famous Passages:**

1:1-2:3 — Poetic Rendering of Creation History

2:4-25 — The First People Creation History

6:5 — Only Evil All The Time

1:27 & 5:1 — Imago Dei

12:1-3 — Call of Abraham

50:20 — You intended to harm me but God intended it for good

**Themes:**

Adam as King (1:28), Priest (2:15) & Prophet

Call of Abraham — God starts the solution for sin

Covenants: Adam, Noah & Abraham

Imperfect People & God's Plan

Passing on the blessing — favoritism

Joseph's Trials and Successes — final reconciliation

**Miscellaneous:**