

# Genesis 12–50

## Israel's Birth & Preservation



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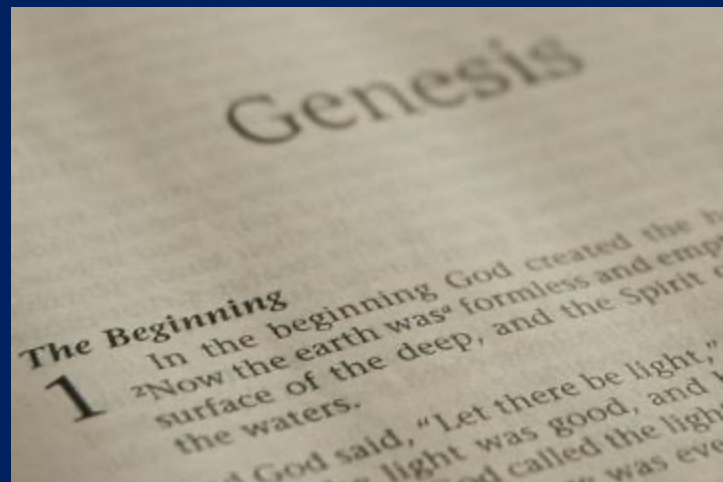
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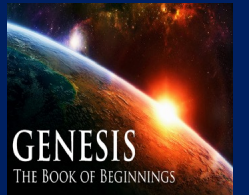


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B. Fall (3-5)

C. Flood (6-9)

D. National dispersion (10-11)

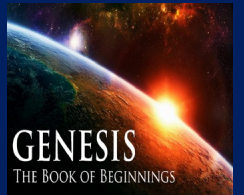


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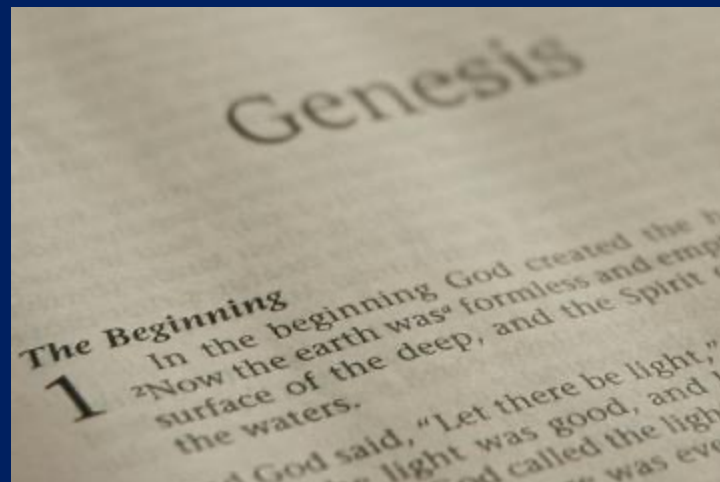
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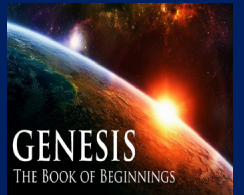
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B. Isaac (25:12–26:35)

C. Jacob (27–36)

D. Joseph (37–50)

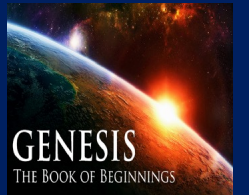


## Isaiah 43:1

“But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!'”



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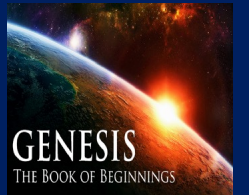
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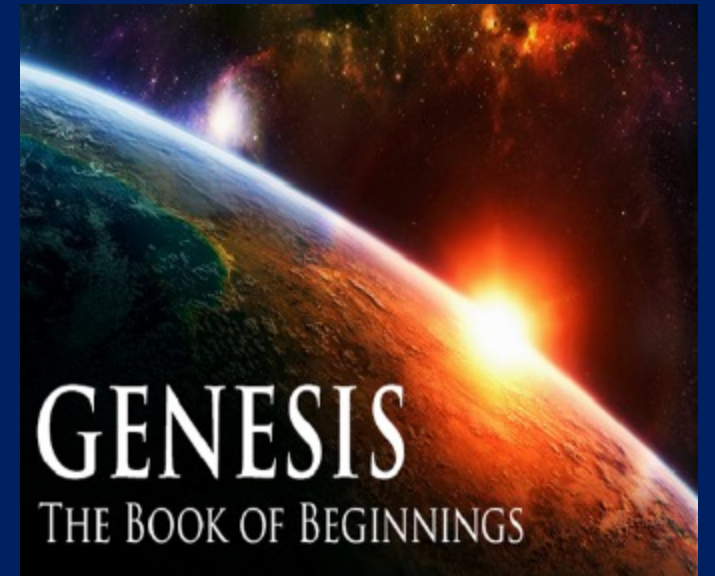
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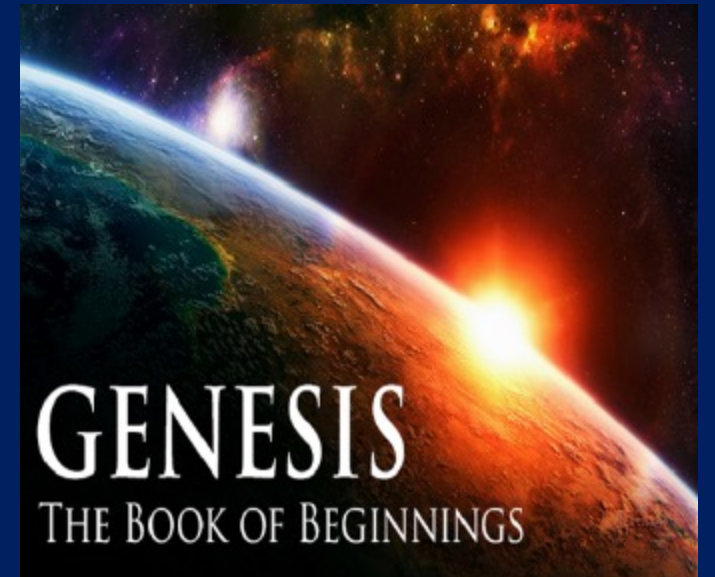
1. Abraham's movement (1)
2. Abraham endangers the seed (2)



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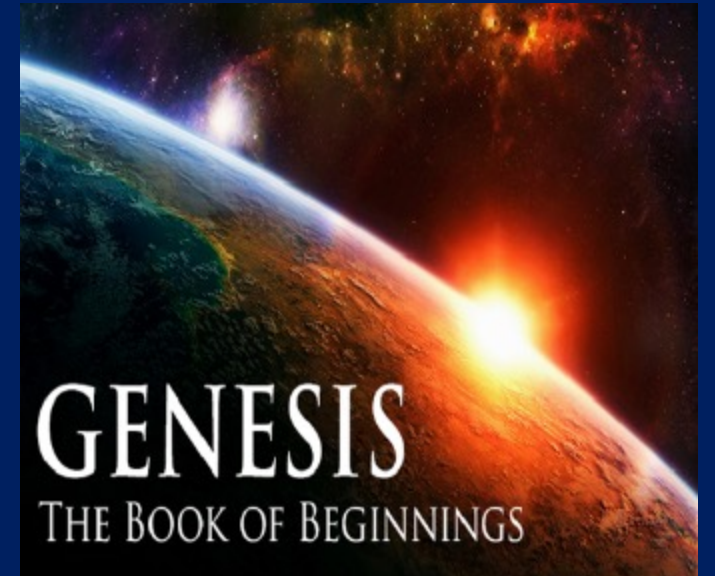
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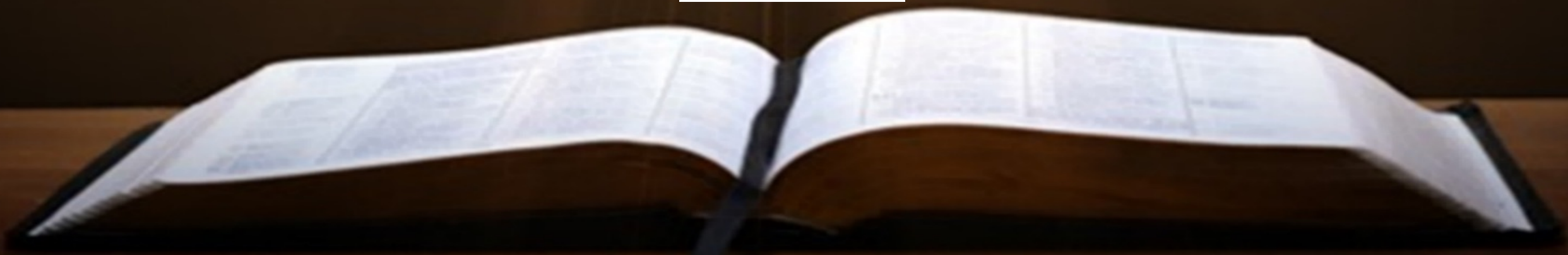
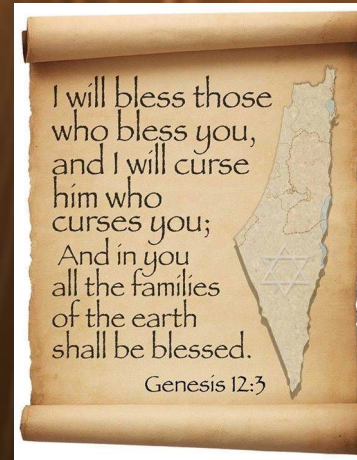
### Genesis 20:3-8

1. God's warning (3)
2. Abimelech's defense (4-5)
3. God's response (6-7)
4. Abimelech's report (8)



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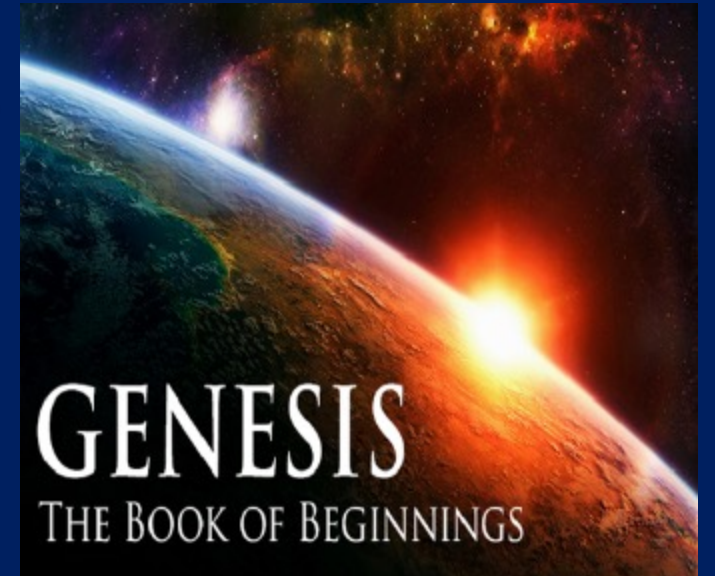
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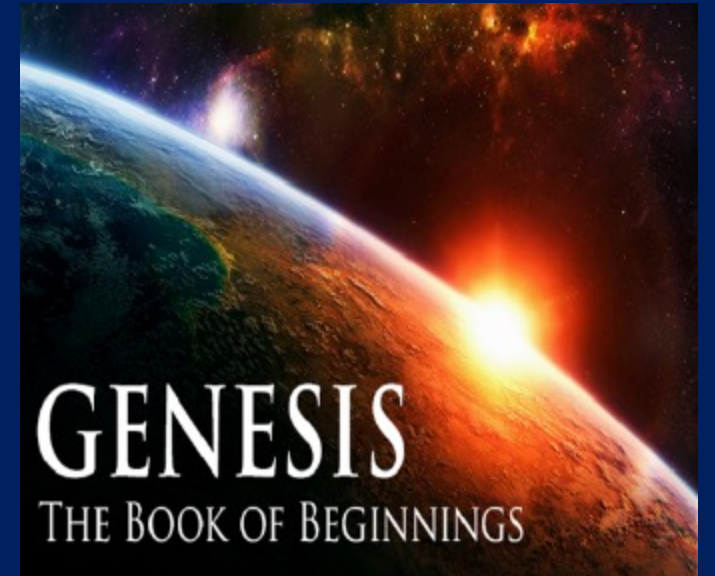
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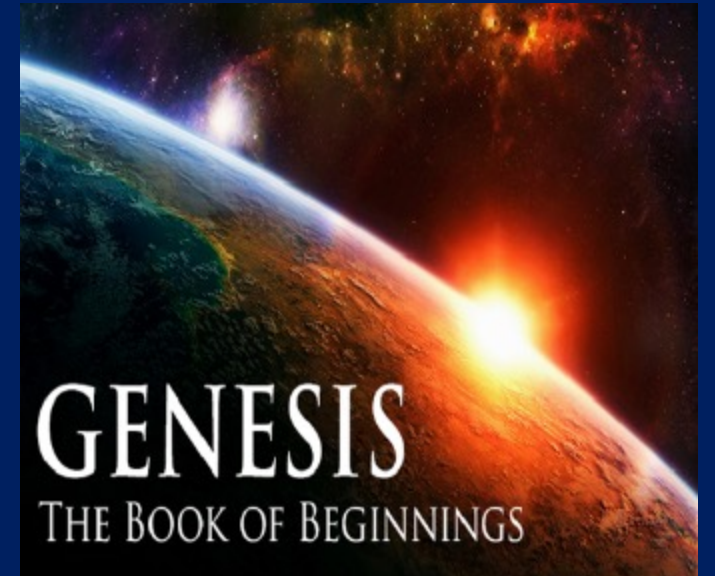
- a) Fear (11)
- b) Fabrication (12)
- c) Policy (13)



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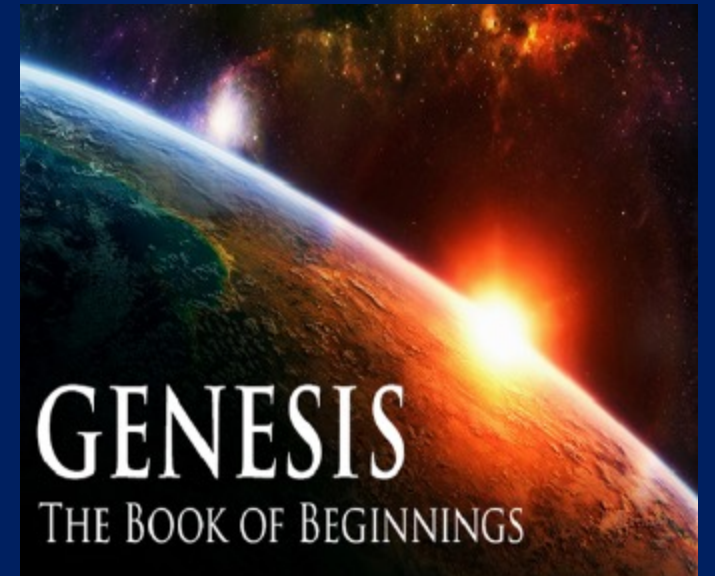
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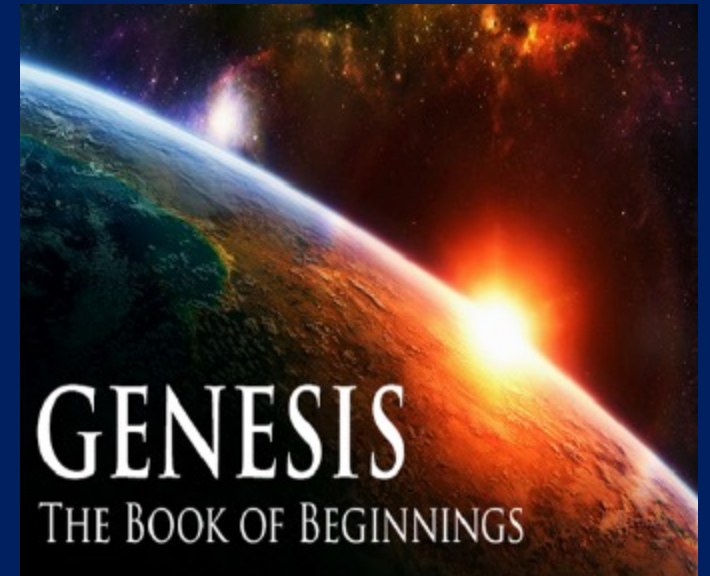
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*The Book of Genesis, 3338*



“Abimelech’s action is in keeping with Middle Assyrian Law (15th-12th century b.c.): ‘If in the case of a seignior’s [man’s] wife, one not her father, nor her brother, nor her son, but another person, has caused her to take to the road, but he did not know that she was a seignior’s [man’s] wife, he shall (so) swear and he shall also pay two talents of lead to the woman’s husband.’”

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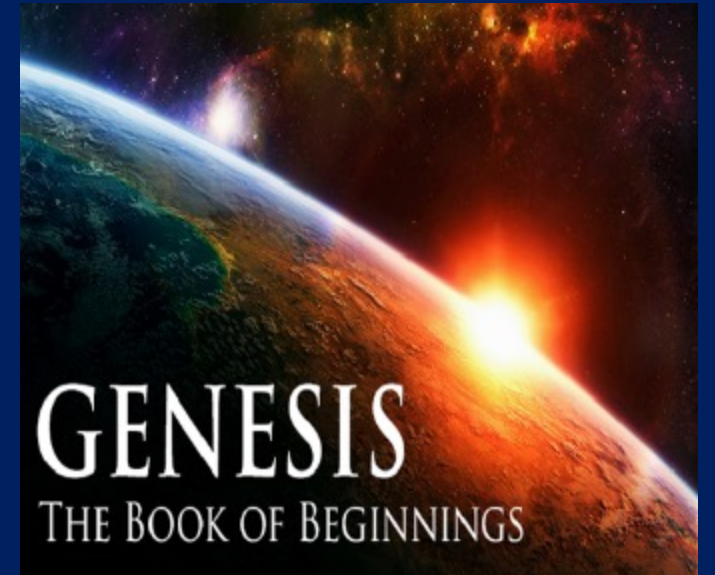
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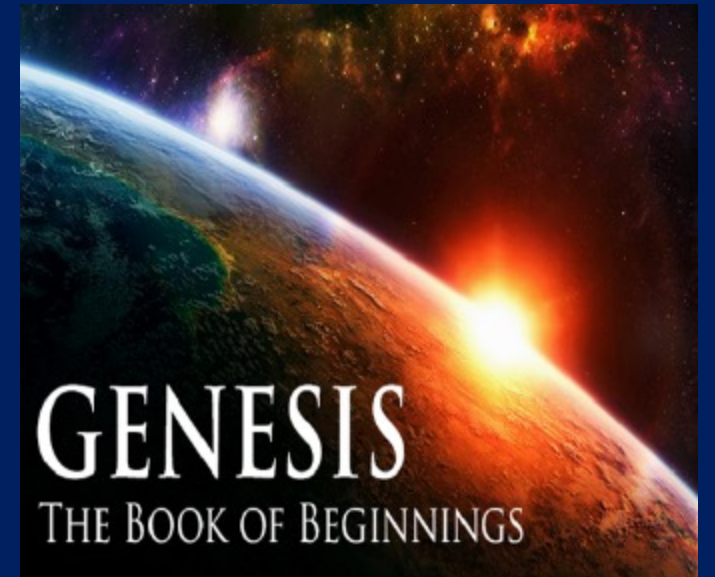
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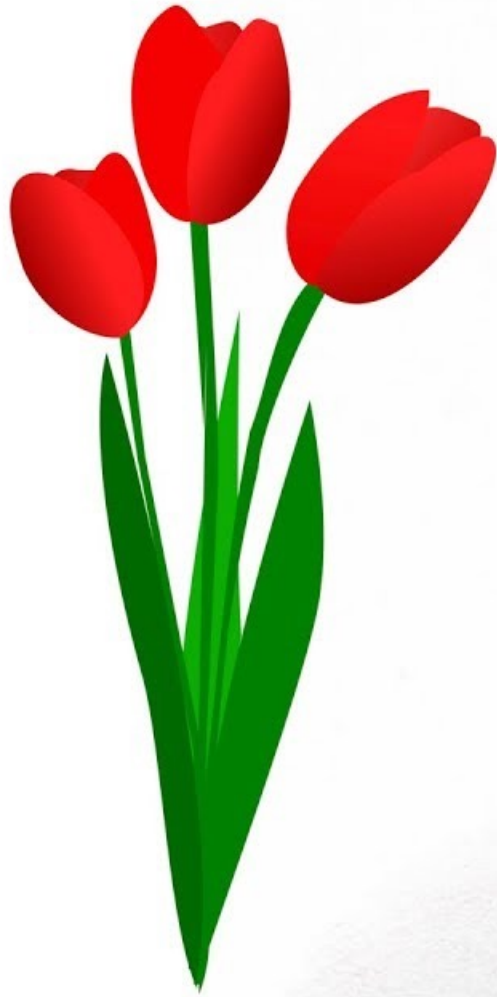


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**T**otal Depravity

**U**nconditional Election

**L**imited Atonement

**I**rresistible Grace

**P**erseverance of the Saints

# Henry Clarence Thiessen

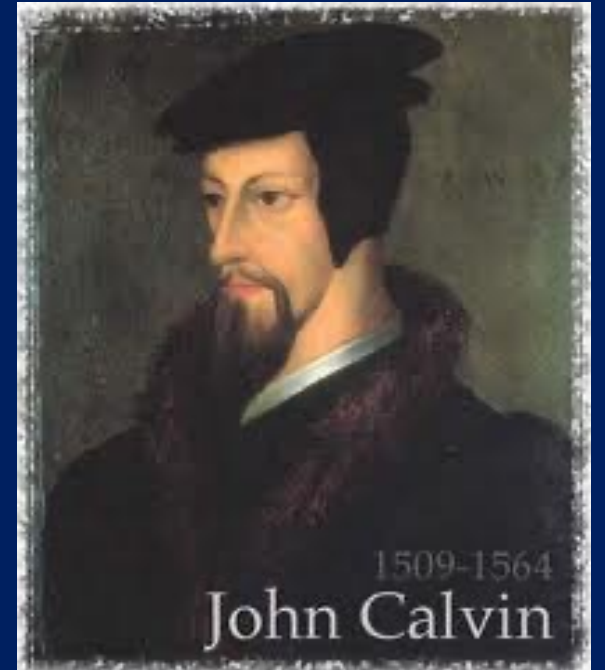
*Lectures in Systematic Theology*, rev. ed. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1979), 191.

“The Scriptures speak of human nature as totally depraved. However, the doctrine of ‘total depravity’ is easily misunderstood and misinterpreted. From the negative standpoint, it is important to know both what it does not mean and what it does mean. This does not mean that every sinner is devoid of all qualities pleasing to men; that he commits, or is prone to every form of sin; or that he is bitterly opposed to God as it is possible for him to be. Jesus recognized the existence of pleasing qualities in some individuals (Mark 10:21); He said that the scribes and Pharisees did some things God demanded (Matt. 23:23); Paul asserted that some Gentiles ‘do instinctively the things of the law’ (Rom. 2:14); God told Abraham that the iniquity of the Amorites would grow worse (Gen. 15:16); and Paul says that ‘evil men and imposters will proceed from bad to worse’ (2 Tim. 3:13).”



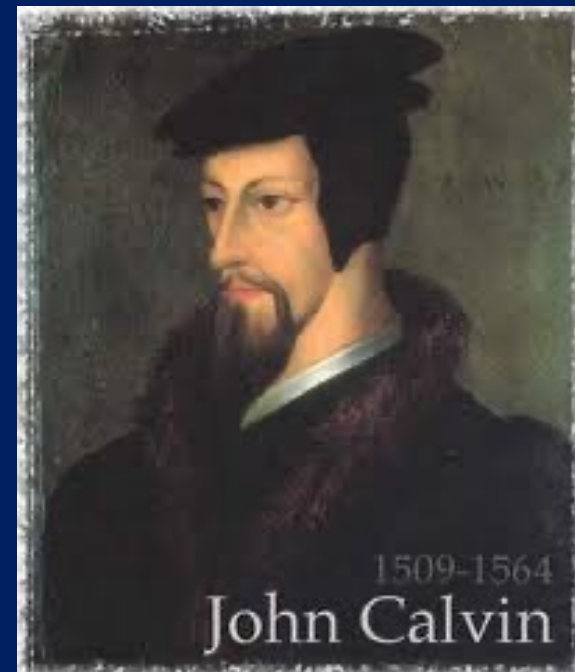
# Total Depravity

- What total depravity *is not*:
  - ◆ Man is as evil as he can possibly be & indulges every possible sin
  - ◆ Man is incapable of doing good things
    - ◆ Gen. 3:22
    - ◆ Matt. 7:11
    - ◆ Acts 10:1-2
    - ◆ Rom. 2:14-15



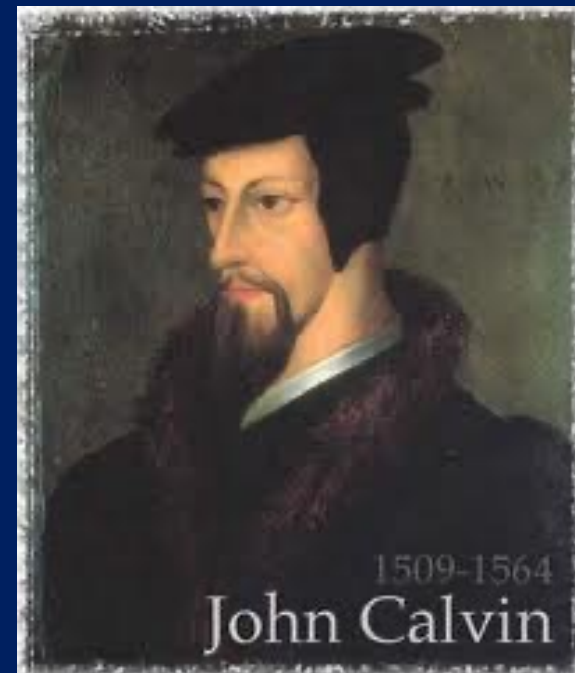
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    - ◆ Will (Rom 1:28; 3:11b)
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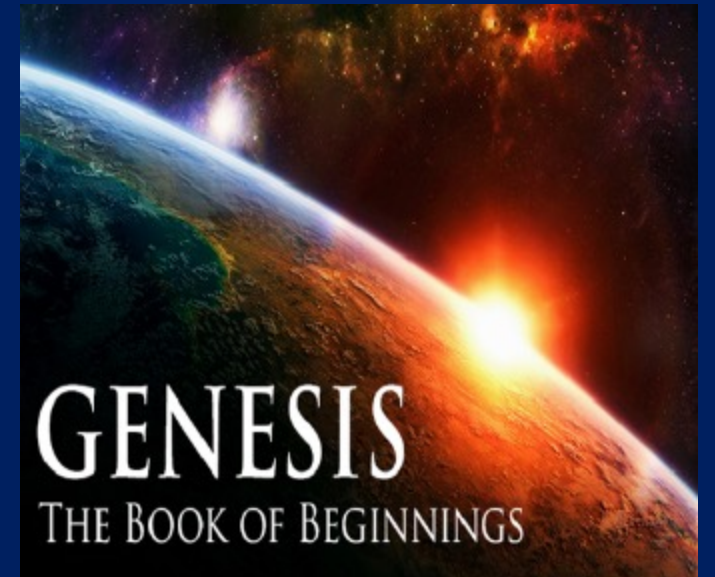
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    - ◆ Body (Gen 3:19; Rom. 8:23)
    - ◆ Total being (Rom 1:18–3:20)
  - ◆ Man is incapable of earning merit favor from God (Isa 64:6; Eph. 2:8-9)



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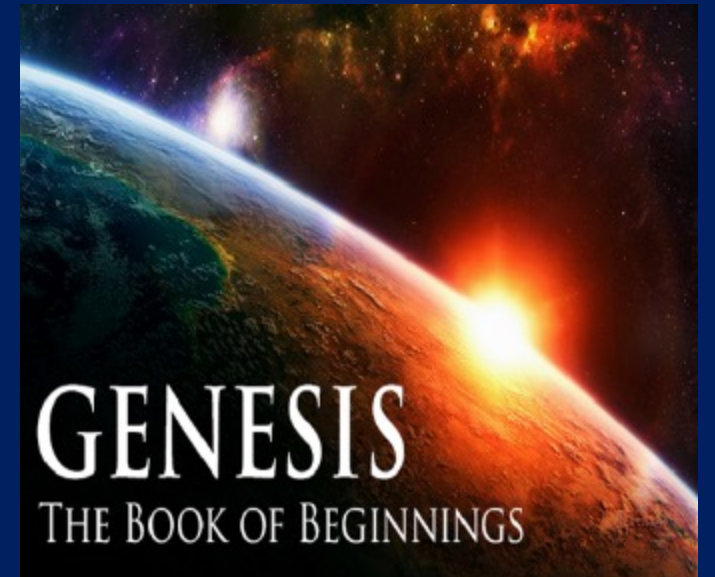
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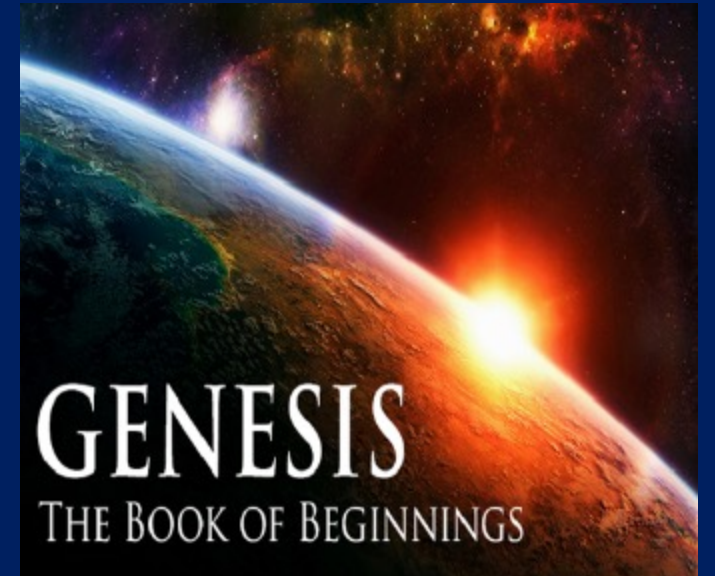
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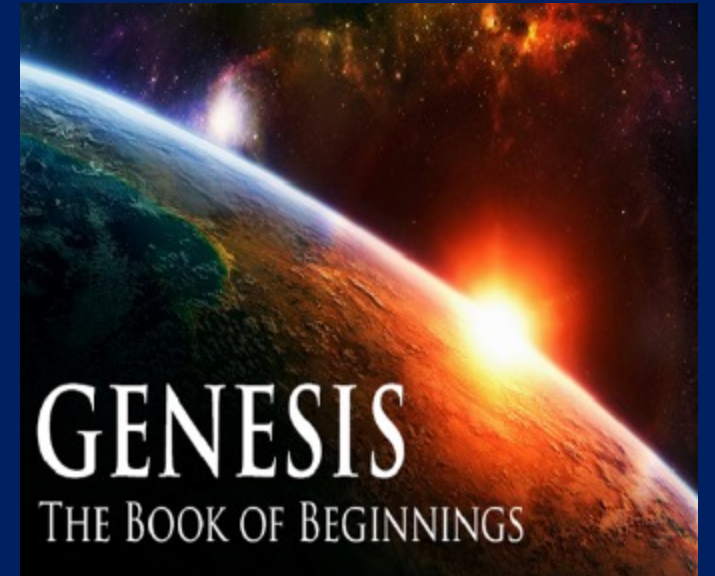
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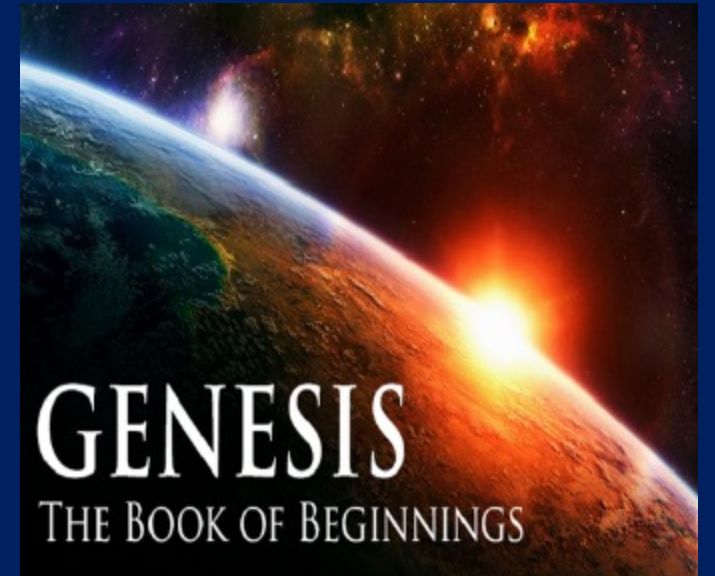
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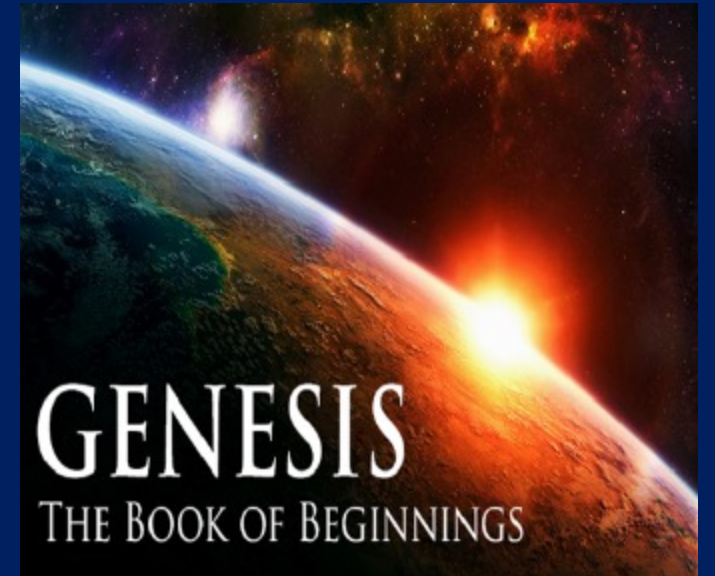
“It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; <sup>12</sup> If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; <sup>13</sup> If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.”



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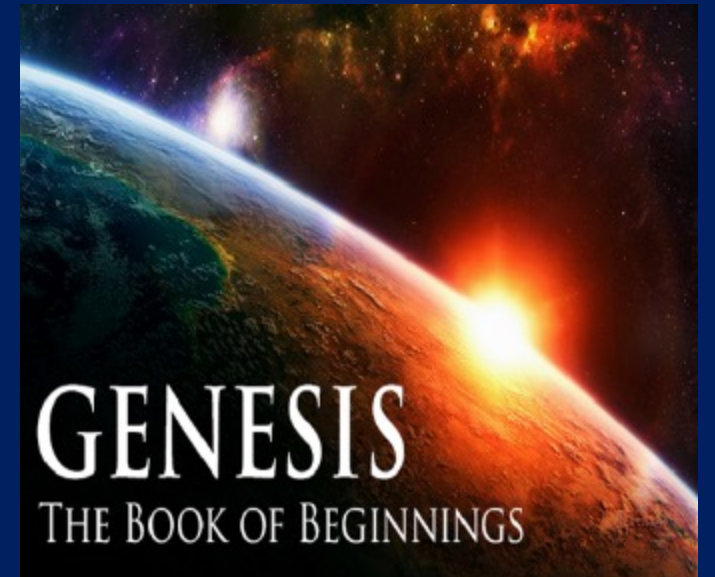
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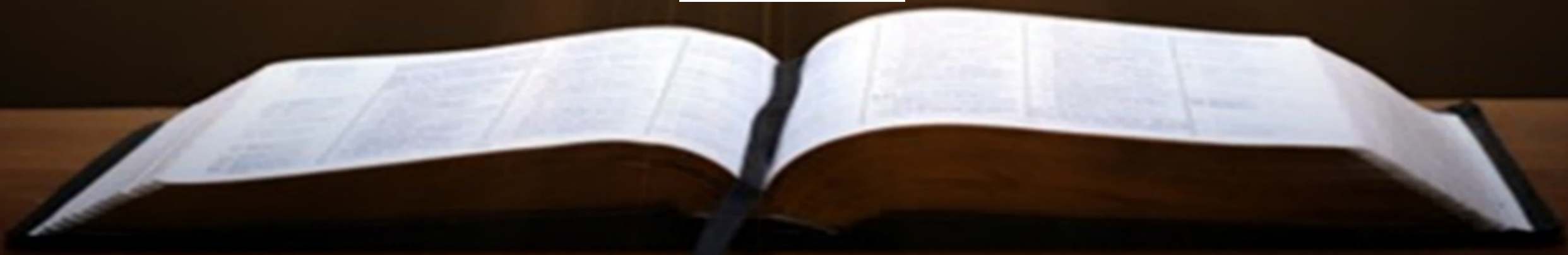
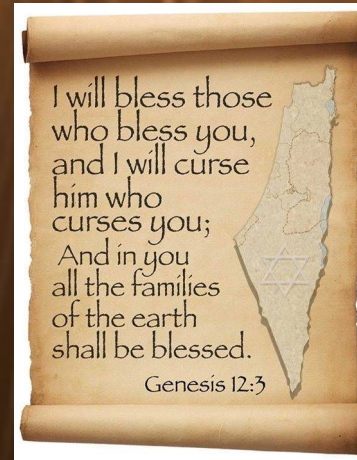
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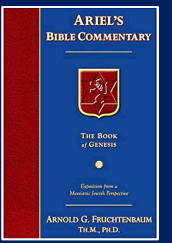






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*The Book of Genesis, 339-40*



“Finally, in 20:18, the actual curse is revealed: *For Jehovah had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham’s wife.* Here again is an example of the outworking of the Abrahamic Covenant and the curse-for-curse-in-kind principle. Abimelech’s action would have resulted in Isaac not being born, and so the specific curse against Abraham was the danger of extinction of Abraham’s line and the promised nation by keeping birth from occurring.”





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“If Isaac would not be born, the Jewish nation would then die out with the death of Abraham. If God had not reversed the curse on Abimelech, he would have been faced with the real danger of extinction because of the inability of the women in his household to give birth to children. When Abimelech restored Sarah to Abraham, the future of Abimelech’s nation is restored by God.”

Conclusion

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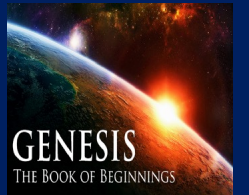
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- XIII. Isaac's birth (Gen. 21)



<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you, and keep you; <sup>25</sup> The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26 (NASB95)