

# A Synopsis of Core Biblical Theology: Genesis

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## *Prologue*

God before all and above all - Gen 1:1-2:4  
Creation & Blessing - 1:22, 28  
Humankind as “image of God” - 1:26-27; 5:1; 9:6  
Claim of autonomy & rebellion - 3:1-13  
Results of rebellion - 3:14-24  
Promise of Victorious Seed - 3:15 cp. 4:1  
Blessing of Righteous Remnant in midst of increasing evil - 4:26; 5:2, 22  
God and culture - 4:16-6:13; 9:1-11:32  
Grace & Blessing - 6:8, 18; 7:1; 8:1, 20-22; 9:1, 9-17; 9:26  
Promise to dwell in tents of Shem - 9:27

## *Promise*

Direct Promise - 12:1-3, 7; 13:14-7; 15:1, 4-6; 17:1-8  
Bottom-line = Blessing for the Nations 12:2, 3b  
Inheritance - Land - 12:7; 13:15,17; 15:7-8, 18; 17:8; 24:7; 26:3-5; 28:13-14; 35:12;  
48:4; 50:24  
Heir - Son / Seed - 12:7; 13:15,16; 15:13; 16:10; 17:7-10,13,16,19; 21:12; 22:17-18;  
24:7; 26:3-4,24; 28:13-14; 32:12; 35:12; 48:3-4  
Heritage - impact of Good News on the nations - 12:3; 18:18; 22:17-18; 26:3-4; 28:13-14  
(cp. Gal 3:8)  
Divine initiative -  
“Calling” - 12:1; 15:7  
“I [God] have chosen” - 18:19  
Justified by Faith in Yahweh and His Promise - 15:6  
Promised confirmed by Covenant - 15:9-12, 17-21  
Promise ensured via Immanuel theology - 21:22; 26:3, 24,28; 28:15; 31:38; 46:4; 48:21  
Yahweh’s “steadfast/covenant love” - חַסֵּד *hesed* - 19:19; 24:12,14,27; 32:10  
Promised Ruler - 49:10 (cp Ezek. 21:27)  
Promise-making God  
יהוה - Yahweh - Personally present God - 12:1 sqq.  
אֵל עֶלְיוֹן - 'El 'elyon - “Most High God” - 14:18-20,22  
אֵל שַׁדַּי - 'El shaddai - “God Almighty” - 17:1; 28:3; 35:11; 43:14; 48:3; 49:25 ('et shaddai)  
אֵל עוֹלָם - 'El 'olam - “Eternal God” - 21:33  
יְהוָה יִרְאֶה - Yahweh Yir'eh - “Yahweh will see to it” - 22:14

The narrative that began with a childless couple ends with seventy of their descendants migrating to a safe place where they can grow into a nation.