

GENESIS

AUTHOR:

We know that Moses recorded much, if not all, of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible), one of which is Genesis.

DATE:

If Moses wrote the Pentateuch, then it would have been recorded during his lifetime which is from 1527 B.C. to 1406 B.C.

AUDIENCE:

Genesis was written for the Hebrew people who followed Yahweh (God).

CONTEXT:

Genesis can be broken up into chronological categories.

1. Creation
2. The Fall (Adam and Eve sin)
3. The Flood
4. The Life of Abraham
5. The Life of Jacob
6. The Life of Joseph

PURPOSE:

Genesis means 'beginnings'. It gives us a historical account of the Hebrew people and shows us how God relates to them. It reveals the authority of God and the power that He gives our lives if we follow Him. Our need for a savior traces back to the experiences in this book as we read about the struggles and successes of the early people of faith.

