

# GENESIS

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GOD'S SOVEREIGN PLAN UNFOLDS

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"ORIGINS"

# The "origins" of Genesis

- **Creation:** The origin of the seen and unseen world (Gen. 1-2).
- **Doctrine:** Theology of God (theology proper)
  - Creation *ex nihilo*
  - The sovereignty and providence of God
  - The transcendence of God
  - The immutability of God

# The "origins" of Genesis

- **Humanity:** The creation of humanity in God's image (Gen. 1:26-27).
- **Doctrine:** theology of humanity ("anthropology")
  - The *imago dei* ("image of God")
  - Purpose and dominion
  - Sin, free will, and responsibility
  - Constitution (body, soul, spirit)
  - Redemption

# The "origins" of Genesis

- **Sin and the Fall:** The origin of human rebellion and its consequences (Gen. 3)
- **Doctrine:** Theology of Sin ("hamartiology")
  - Original Sin (and Original Guilt)
  - The corrupted nature
  - Evil in the world

# The "origins" of Genesis

- **Israel and Covenant:** The origins of the people of God (Israel) in Abraham the Patriarch (Genesis 12).
- **Doctrine:** Salvation ("soteriology") and the Church ("ecclesiology")
  - Election
  - Justification by faith and atonement
  - End times (eschatology)

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**THE MAIN THEOLOGICAL THEME OF GENESIS**

**GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY**

## God's Sovereignty (to save)

- **The Creation.** *He creates without resistance.*
- **The Free Will of Humans.** *Free agents cannot thwart his purposes.*
- **Salvation through Abraham and Sarah.** *God uses them despite their infertility.*

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### God's Sovereignty (to save)

- **Salvation through Jacob and His Sons.** *God uses them despite their infidelity.*
- **Joseph the Redeemer.** God uses the evil of the world to set things right (redeem)

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### **Genesis 50:19-20 (ESV)**

But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

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God's providence is at  
work in your 2025.

**Romans 8:28 (ESV)**

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

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